



Broxtowe
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Your Native

TREE

Congratulations – As one of the successful applicants for a free Native tree this leaflet provides you with some tips on how to plant and look after it so you enjoy watching it grow for many years to come.

PLANTING

- The tree needs to be planted as soon as possible.
- Please keep the roots covered until ready to plant.
- Choose a sunny, sheltered site with well- drained soil.
- The planting hole should be large enough to contain all the roots with the surrounding ground broken up to allow the roots to establish.
- Incorporate a small amount of general fertiliser e.g. Growmore into the planting hole together with organic material or compost.
- Plant the tree with all roots covered, carefully backfilling placing the soil between the roots. Firm the soil gently by stepping on it.
- Support the tree with a stake and tie until well established.



AFTERCARE

- **Water** the tree regularly from March onwards. The tree will need more water during dry spells. Continue to do this until the tree is well established.
- **Fertilising** - Top-dress in late winter with proprietary general fertiliser.
- **Weeding** - Keep a vegetation-free circle around the tree to avoid competition for water from weeds, lawns and other plants.
- **Mulch** - After feeding, apply a layer of mulch around the tree in late winter, which will help to conserve moisture and suppress weeds.
- **Pruning** - minimal pruning and maintenance required, Prune in Autumn if needed. Prunus are best pruned in April to July.

We would love to see photos of your tree either when being planted or next summer as it starts to grow. Please email your photos and stories to grounds@broxtowe.gov.uk

Your tree will be one of the 5 varieties shown below. It will have a label on it to confirm which one it is.

Prunus avium (Wild cherry)

A medium sized deciduous tree. Produces clusters of white flowers 2.5cm wide in late spring, followed by small shiny red-purple cherries. Grow in moderately fertile soil in full sun.

Corylus avellana (Hazel)

A spreading deciduous tree with rounded leaves that turn yellow in the autumn. The tree produces yellow catkins in spring followed by edible hazel nuts in the autumn. Grow in moderately fertile soil in full sun. It can be coppiced to contain its size.

Crataegus monogyna (Common hawthorn)

A small, rounded deciduous tree with glossy leaves which produce clusters of white flowers followed by dark red berries in autumn. Grows in well-drained soil in open, sunny sites or partial shade.

Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan, Mountain Ash)

A small to medium upright deciduous tree with flat clusters of white flowers in late spring followed by orange-red berries in early autumn. A perfect tree that has great value to British wildlife, leaves are eaten by caterpillars, flowers provide pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinating insects. The berries provide autumn food for birds. Grows well in most soils in sun or partial shade.

Acer campestre (Field Maple)

A medium sized deciduous tree with small dark green and shiny leaves that turn rich golden yellow in autumn. Flowers are small cup shaped that hang in clusters that develop into large winged fruits that disperse in the wind. Another tree that has great value to British wildlife. Grows well in most soils in full sun or partial shade.

PLASTIC BAG DISPOSAL

Whilst unfortunately you cannot recycle the plastic bag protecting the tree roots, there are lots of opportunities to recycle in Broxtowe. **Here are the items you can recycle in your green – lidded bin.**

PAPER	CARD	PLASTICS (without lids)	TINS AND CANS
Any paper items	Any card items	Any plastic bottles, any Yoghurt pots, any Margarine & butter tubs.	Any food tins, drink cans & empty aerosols

Please note that we only accept items that are 'clean'. Paper or plastic with grease or food residue, such as pizza boxes would make your bin contaminated.

Glass Recycling

To recycle your glass, please place your glass items in your glass bags (free) or a red lidded bin (if purchased).

Garden Waste Recycling

Garden waste can be recycled using a brown lidded bin (subscription only) for more information visit. www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-collections