

Tree Planting Strategy

Trees supplied by: Woodland Trust & other

Project Details: Tree Planting Fingle Woods

Running Deer C.I.C has worked in partnership with the Woodland Trust since April 2013, when Running Deer C.I.C found ourselves homeless for a short period of time. The Woodland Trust very kindly allowed us to use Great Plantation in Dunsford to set up camp and run our Rural Skills project and Intervention programme whilst we searched for a new and permanent home.

In August 2013 we became the proud owners of the smallest lot of the Fingle Wood estate which had come onto the market. The Woodland Trust and National Trust, in a joint venture secured funding to purchase over 800 acres of Fingle Woods, and Running Deer C.I.C played a small part in preserving this estate by purchasing Butterdon Wood.



Since then we have worked with the Woodland Trust on many projects including the installation of a deer enclosure at Fingle Woods and the planting of 2,500 native trees. Some of those trees were planting within the enclosure, with the rest planted outside the

enclosure. The experiment was to observe the impact of planting trees with smaller tree tubes for protection within the enclosure comparative to trees planted outside with larger tree tubes for protection.

This project formed part of Running Deer C.I.C's Courses for Forces 2015 programme and the enclosure was installed by veterans working alongside contractors. The Woodland Trust produced a short film about the experiment to record the project. (To view this short film click 'Allow' when prompted.)



Project Details: Tree Planting Butterdon Wood

Since 2013 we have applied for, and received a Tree Pack annually from the Woodland Trust to plant trees at Butterdon Wood. To date we have planted **2,750 trees** as part of our management plan to remove the none native plantation crop of Japanese Larch and replace with native species such as Oak, Rowan, Hazel, Silver Birch, Wild Cherry, Crab Apple and Field Maple.

We have reinstated hedgerows bordering the woodland by planting tree such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel and Holly.

In partnership with Moretonhampstead Primary School we hosted an event where several classes helped to plant over 70 additional trees that the children had grown as part of a project at their school.





Project Details: Tree Planting Middlecott

As we continue our tree planting programme we have also planted (as of March 2021) **840 trees** at our Middlecott site, creating a new small woodland of native trees with a shelter belt to protect the slower growing trees such as Oak from the prevailing winds. This was a project planned and designed by Joanna Winterburn and Chris Cotton as part of our environmental strategy for the 18 acre site which include wild flower meadows, careful management and preservation of our ancient wet woodland, introduction of bees, and the planting of native trees.

Sadly Chris died 5 days before the tree planting event was due to take place. This new small woodland was planted in his memory by staff and students of Running Deer C.I.C and Running Deer School.



