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# Press Release

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Greenwood Grant Helps {school} to Plant!

School children from {name of school} will plant {number of} trees native to Nottinghamshire thanks to a grant from the Greenwood Community Forest Team to help make {name of school} more attractive. The trees are all native broad leaved trees like oak, ash and birch. This means that the trees will make the school grounds look more attractive and also encourage wildlife to visit our school, as native trees make perfect homes for wildlife by supplying food for birds and small mammals.

{Pupils, teachers and parents} will plant the trees on {date and time}.

Applying for the grant was easy as the Greenwood Team gave the school lots of good advice about what type of trees to plant and also where the best place is to plant them. There is also advice available for long term care for the trees.

{person involved in the project, job title if appropriate} said: "insert a quote here about the trees being of benefit to the school and also using the school grounds as an outdoor classroom to benefit pupil's education."

Tree planting at the school also has wider benefits for the whole Community Forest as each tree planted helps to join up other areas of small scale planting to create green corridors to the wider countryside. Involving children in planting the trees encourages them to look after our environment.

Nic Wort, Project Officer for Greenwood, said: "Getting children involved is great as they are always so enthusiastic, and they can watch their trees grow. School grounds benefit from tree planting in many ways. They help to block noise and filter particulates in the air. They also provide shelter and shade – an important consideration as our climate changes."

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## **Photo Opportunity**

Photographers are welcome to attend at {address/meeting point} on {day month year} at {time}

## **Further information**

Contact: {name and contact telephone number for contact person}.

To find out more about Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grants contact the Greenwood Team on 01623 827322 or email [greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk)