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## **HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL, TYNE AND WEAR**

Hazlerigg Parish Council recently agreed to take local action to respond to the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis. One of their aims is to increase tree cover and areas managed for wildlife in and around the parish.

The council has now planted two hedgerows in the village and five Silver Birch trees, with the support of Newcastle City Council, residents and trustees of the local community centre.

Silver Birch trees are thought to be one of the best trees for absorbing air pollution, which will be of particular benefit given the recent construction of hundreds of new houses around the village, which has led to increased traffic congestion and air pollution locally. Silver Birch trees are also thought to support around 300 different insect species and will provide food and shelter for urban birds.

Hazlerigg has applied for a Community pack from the Woodland Trust which includes native English trees. This should be delivered around March, the perfect time for planting! The National Association of Local Councils looks forward to seeing them plant more trees in the future.

Has your council done something similar? If so, please contact NALC through the email address: [Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk)

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