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## **WELLS CITY COUNCIL, SOMERSET**

Wells City Council has launched an initiative to make Wells a more Wildlife Friendly City by increasing the number of wildlife-friendly trees in the community.

On Saturday, 31 October the council set up a dedicated market stall to selling a variety of native woodland sapling for £1 each. This price also included the option of free tubes and stakes if the saplings are planted in places prone to grazing animals. A mature native woodland tree in flower can provide a large amount for food for pollinators and also other wildlife that eats the fruits and nuts produced. Given that a mature tree can provide the same amount of nectar and pollen as over an acre of land with just flowers shows how important trees can in providing extra food. Add the fact that a Hawthorn hedge or tree can support more than 300 species and it is easy to see how important these types of trees are.

Newly appointed Mayor of Wells Philip Welch said: "It is good to see this exciting idea that Councillor Joe Parker presented a few months ago start at the ideal time to plant saplings and trees. This is a great opportunity to see if we can all help our local wildlife while also offering fantastic value to residents, clubs, and businesses in and around Wells."

The city council hopes that this idea becomes part of many other actions we can take to collectively make Wells a more Wildlife Friendly City.

Has your council done something similar? Then get in touch by emailing [Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk)

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