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FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL, CAMBRIDGE AND PETERBOROUGH

Fen Drayton Parish Council, alongside Fen Drayton Primary School, picked up their spades and planted trees to help tackle climate change. They organised a collaborative tree planting event in response to a report which highlighted the need to increase the numbers of trees in the area. The report, published by Greater Cambridge Shared Partnership, shows that South Cambridgeshire villages have an average of 17% tree cover. Fen Drayton currently only has 6%.

Councillor Jackie Isden, stated “It is important to us that we are an environmentally responsible community. Historically, Fen Drayton was an agricultural village, which might explain the low numbers of trees in the area. But it also has a rich history of testing new forms of sustainable living. We knew we needed a plan to increase the tree coverage. This project is the start of that plan.”

The Woodland Trust provided 250 trees as part of their mission to support communities across the country to plant more trees, through free tree packs for local communities. The trees were planted in collaboration with The Woodland Trust’s Big Climate Fightback campaign and to celebrate The Tree Charter.

The council are delighted to be involved in a project to improve their local environment. Additionally, including young people in this tree planting event is a great opportunity for local children to be able to connect with nature. All children in the village have been allowed to plant a tree and add a personalised plaque.

Has your council done something similar? Then get in touch by emailing Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk

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