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## **NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL, OXFORDSHIRE**

North Hinksey Parish Council organised a tree planting event to celebrate National Tree Week and The Woodland Trusts Big Climate Fightback campaign. The council looked to include its community in the tree planting event to incorporate community feeling in this activity. Joint ownership allows people to feel invested and gain the benefits of the project.

The tree planting event was in collaboration with its local Rugby Club, Oxford Rugby Club. They planted saplings of hawthorn, birch, larch, and the occasional oak. The council received 250 free trees from The Woodland Trust as part of tree packs for community groups.

Oxford Rugby Club, President Martin Walsh was thrilled with the turnout from the club and the village. He commented that: 'It is important for any sports club to be a focal point for their local community and today shows how much can be achieved when many hands make light work. When these whips become fully grown, they will enhance the environment, capture carbon from the local A road, provide a haven for nesting birds, and a safe corridor for smaller mammals'.

Councillor Chris Church praised the efforts of the community initiative, stating that in years to come the young people involved will be able to look back with pride at their endeavour.

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

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