

TREE CHARTER DAY CASE STUDY: LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL, WILTSHIRE



Earlier this month, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council launched their project to create a new woodland in their local area by planting over 1000 trees at Castle Hill Country Park, which will act as a First World War Memorial.

The local council called on local residents to help them plant the first 600 trees at the woodland and made it a priority to get the community involved in the project.

Cllr David Burton (Laverstock and Ford Parish Council) said “The whole County Park is being put together with community effort. That brings people together, helps people really own the place, and to love it and care for it.”

The additional 400 trees will be allowed to grow naturally from regenerating species. The local council hopes the new woodland will be a useful place for wildlife, with volunteers managing the land.

The woodland is also believed to be the first of its kind in South Wiltshire area to be managed using traditional farming and forestry techniques.

The planting of trees will be continuing throughout the remainder of the year.

This is a fantastic initiative by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council which has embedded a number of principles from the [Tree Charter](#). Have you done something similar? Get in touch with NALC and let us know by contacting Ben Murray at ben.murray@nalc.gov.uk.

NALC is encouraging all local councils to celebrate the impact woodland and trees have on their local communities this **Tree Charter Day (24 November 2018)**. There are plenty of ways you can do this from hosting or attending a local event to tweeting about what you have done over the past year to celebrate your woodland and trees and tagging @NALC and @WoodlandTrust using #TreeCharterDay.

More information can be found: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/treecharter>

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