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Our aim is to involve every young person in our community in planting 10,000 trees in and around Andover.

A community working together to create woodland for the benefit of all – to relax, to enjoy, to learn.

There are NO membership fees. By volunteering your time, you automatically become a member of Andover Trees United.

Volunteering with Andover Trees United offers people the chance to make a difference in the local community. Not only does it enable you to tend to the wood, raise and care for trees and wildflowers that will be planted there and get involved in events but it is also a chance to meet new people, learn new skills and give time to others.

Previous experience of gardening or growing is not necessary. Our new members are fully supported by our experienced volunteers.

There are many ways to get involved in our work. To talk to one of the team or to express an interest in volunteering with Andover Trees United, please contact us at: volunteers@andovertrees.org.uk

Andover Trees United is a volunteer-led group and registered charity working in partnership with local businesses, specialist environmental organisations, artists and other creative practitioners to promote conservation and improve access to natural wild spaces.

By working closely with 25 schools in Andover and surrounding villages, it is our aim to involve every young person in our community in 10 years of woodland creation. Every year we welcome 1,000 children and young people, their teachers, families and friends to plant trees and wild flowers. Harmony Woods is the result of this collaborative action and our flagship community wood, providing a wealth of opportunities for learning in and about the natural environment.





**Who we are,
our free workshops &
calendar of events**

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We run weekly weekday and monthly weekend volunteering sessions for adults of all ages and abilities in Harmony Wood, in neighbouring woodland to which we have management rights and at our tree and wildflower nursery. By involving the whole community in creating a resource and a legacy for Andover in the form of new urban woodland, open and accessible to all, we aim to aid the development of a sense of community and inclusivity in our expanding town.

We are at the mid-point of the 10-year woodland creation programme. On completion of the wood, planting will continue through the enhancement and creation of 'green corridors' linking Harmony Woods to other, nearby woods.



It remains a long-term aim of our project to offer a space that inspires a love of the natural world through a wide-range of creative activities, that promotes an understanding of the climate crisis and the need for environmental stewardship. One that encourages community cohesion through action that includes all, irrespective of age, ability, aptitude or ethnicity.

We have an amazing year ahead, full of exciting activities for people to come and share with us. The following is a calendar of social workshops that you can come and join. These are free for all volunteers, both existing and new, in return for time given. To find out about the many ways you could volunteer and to register your interest in any of the workshops contact volunteers@andovertrees.org.uk

Workshop Calendar

- 17 Feb** **Basket Making with Hedgerow Materials**
with *Louise Arthur* at *Harmony Woods*
- 17 Mar** **Basic Coppicing**
with *Les Brannon* at *Jonathan's Wood*
- 21 Apr** **Natural Dyes from Wildflowers & Woodland Plants**
with *Flora Arbuthnott* at *Harmony Woods*
- 12 May** **Wild Herbs and Healing**
with *Helen Ellis* at *Harmony Woods*
- 30 Jun** **Learn to Identify 6 Wildflowers – Fieldwork, Art & Games**
at *Harmony Woods*
- 21 Jul** **Willow Weaving**
with *Louise Arthur* at *Harmony Woods*
- 18 Aug** **Identifying Trees from Leaves Sculpting Metal Tree Labels**
with *Wendy Davis & ATU team* at *Harmony Woods*
- 15 Sep** **Green Woodcarving, Knife Maintenance & Safety**
with *Tim Keenan* at *Jonathan's Wood*
- 27 Oct** **Lantern Making**
with *Ruth Facey* at *The Lights*
- 10 Nov** **Winter Wreaths using Natural Materials**
with *Naomi Bakes* at *Harmony Woods*
- 8 Dec** **Winter Woodland Celebration – Music, Wine & Song**
with *ATU team* at *Harmony Woods*

In addition to practical work sessions, there are seasonal events and family days throughout the year. These include a tree-care day in late winter, wildflower and butterfly day in early summer and compost bagging in the autumn, culminating in the most exciting two weeks of the Andover Trees United year... Planting Fortnight for 1,000 local school children.



In 2018, this will run from the 17th to 30th November and starts on Saturday 17th with a community planting day. Our annual Pub Quiz falls on the middle weekend of planting fortnight and this year we will celebrate the winter solstice with lanterns and song.



This touches only briefly on what is on offer this year. For more detailed information, for maps, timings, to see other events and to register for workshop places, please visit www.andovertrees.org.uk