

How to host a Tree Party!

So, you've taken the plunge and are raring to get going with planning your Tree Party! We're so happy you want to join in the tree loving fun, and we've jotted down a few starting points to consider...



1. Your venue or planting site Anyone who's ever hosted a party knows that the venue is everything! Consider:

Accessibility Does your venue enable as many people as possible to attend? This might include ramps, toilets, parking, or paved paths...

Shelter If it's outside.

Refreshments Can you serve them? Or should you bring a brew kit box containing a flask, cups, teabags? Importantly, is there somewhere to serve cake?



If you're planning on planting trees at your Tree Party, you might also want to consider:

Where you will store your trees If you're planting young whips, the roots need to be kept moist in a bag or bucket as they can die very quickly if left exposed.

Is there water on-site to keep young whips moist and to water young trees?

Mulch! To give newly planted trees the best start, you might want to arrange a delivery of mulch to the site. Have a think about the best spot for this to save too many wheelbarrow trips!

Permission Make sure you have the landowner's permission.

Tools! What will you need and do you have sufficient?

A plan of where your trees /whips will go before you start digging.

A wet weather plan For example, a gazebo, spare waterproofs, or cancelling if necessary.

2. Invitations and audience

Who is your party for and how will you invite them? Is it open to the public? Consider different types of invitations – you could make an event on social media, or put up posters in your local library, you could even post invitations through your neighbours' letterboxes. Do you need to know how many people are coming? Is there an email address that people can RSVP to, or could you use an online form to collect this information?

3. Risk assessment

The fun bit! Only joking. It's not exciting, but it is vital! Knowing what risks are associated with your event can help ensure that it runs smoothly and is a success. Some things to think of when considering the risks:

First aid Ensure you have a well-stocked, up to date first aid kit, and that you know where it is at all times! And rope in a first aider or two.

The weather & potential cold Make sure you inform your guests that they will need appropriate attire for the weather, time of day, site and activities.

Working with tools If you're planting trees, be aware that it might be people's first time and they might need guidance or supervision with that spade.

Additional needs Ask people beforehand if they have any additional needs. Don't feel shy about briefing people on safety and tree care.

4. Decorations & signage

Well, it is a party! Use our bunting and signpost to make sure everyone can find it and to create a festive mood.

5. Leaf no trace!

Take bin bags, signpost them well and be prepared to do a final sweep of your site or venue before you head home after a wonderful Tree Party. And most importantly... have fun!

Tree Planting Kit List!

Your trees
Gloves
Spades
First aid kit
Wheelbarrow
Mulch
Warm drinks!
Tasty treats!

