

The Warren Tree Planting Project

The Estate is delighted to offer you the opportunity to contribute to the establishment of a new native woodland on the Chatsworth Estate. You can donate £180 towards the cost of this new woodland and help create a legacy which will endure in the landscape for many centuries.

Donations can be made in memory of loved ones, who will be commemorated in a bound Memorial Book kept on display in Edensor Church inscribed with the name of the person in whose memory the donation has been made.

Donations can also be made to celebrate special occasions, such as anniversaries or birthdays and will be marked with a certificate.

Donations are put towards the following costs:

- Planting of 10 saplings within the Warren
- 'Maintenance' of saplings to ensure their successful establishment and continued public access within the Warren
- Protection of young trees from browsing by animals

Trees are planted during our planting season in March each year, with donations being taken on a rolling basis.

The Project

Chatsworth Forestry and Arboriculture (part of the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees) are responsible for the stewardship and management of all woodlands and individual trees across the Chatsworth Estate, comprising nearly 4,000 acres of woodlands. Trees are an integral part of the Chatsworth Estate and since the eighteenth century, the Dukes of Devonshire have been very interested and involved in their management.

The woodlands we see today are a result of long term planning and reflect a vision of the development of the whole estate over many generations of the Devonshire family. This vision continues today and a project has been developed to establish a new native woodland on an area known as The Warren, just south of Chatsworth. This is one of the largest plantings of new woodland undertaken on the main estate for over 90 years!

The original proposal was to establish native woodland tree and shrub species over the site over the first ten to fifteen years. We are now 10 years through this initial phase of planting with it starting to create a diverse woodland habitat suitable for many species as well as a place people can visit and enjoy.

Although the planting is a large feature within the landscape, the Warren includes many smaller features within such as open glades and areas of native shrubs to encourage woodland birds to forage and nest, alongside individual specimen trees planted to become the veterans of the future.

There is public access throughout the Warren along a series of public footpaths. Once the woodland starts to mature and is fully established, views out onto the wider landscape will be enhanced by framing key viewpoints with appropriate planting.

Donation Details

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please fill out the details below.

Name:

Address:

Memorial or celebratory planting (please circle)

Fill out as applicable:

Memorial Book information

Name:

Date of birth:

Date of death:

Celebratory Certificate information

Name(s):

Occasion:

Date:

Please sign to confirm you agree with the Terms and Conditions for The Warren Tree Planting Project.

Signed:

Date:

Please enclose a cheque for £180 payable to 'Chatsworth Settlement Trustees' and return to:

Assistant Forester
Chatsworth Settlement Trustees
The Estate Office
Edensor
Derbyshire
DE45 1PJ

Planting Terms and Conditions

1. The donation is towards the planting and establishment of this new woodland area. Donations will, at the Estates discretion, but put towards planting native trees and shrubs; either groups of ten small (40-60cm high transplants) or a single 2.5m tree (known as a standard). Groups or individual trees will not be allocated to any one contributor, nor can they be adopted by individuals.
2. Stock proof protection will be provided for the trees planted outside the main fenced area. The choice and erection of the tree protection will be the responsibility of the Estate.
3. The Estate will take reasonable steps to ensure the continued health of the trees planted and ensure the long term establishment of the woodland.
4. The trees will be planted by Estate staff or suitable contractors to accepted silvicultural standards
5. Following planting, the ownership of the tree will be vested in the owners of the land, the Chatsworth Settlement Trustees and their successors in title. Any normal silvicultural maintenance required from time to time will be carried out by the owners at their expense.
6. This area is designated as part of a national heritage landscape. Placing of flowers or cards or planting bulbs around the base of trees is forbidden.
7. The addition of any form of plaque is prohibited.
8. The Estate may agree to requests to scatter ashes within the Warren, but not the burial of caskets containing ashes.
9. Please note that the normal admission charges will apply when visiting the Estate
10. The cost to join the scheme is £180. This includes entering an inscription into the Memorial Book in Edensor Church or the issuing of a certificate.
11. The estate may limit the amount of new planting per year to ensure the long term development and vision of the woodland is maintained.