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**PRESS RELEASE**

# Help bring back the forests of Bradford at the next cathedral tree-planting day



*At the tree planting site in 2018.*

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Following last year's successful tree planting day, Bradford Cathedral will be once more encouraging people to come and help bring greenery back to parts of the city.

The concept began with the Bradford Cathedral Wood Project about three years ago and so far over 800 trees have been planted already in the area, with so many now on the previous site that a new space is being used for 2019.

The tree planting day is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 10am – 3pm and anyone can come along and take part, and there will be people on hand to help with plenty of spades and tools to help: all you need to bring along is yourself and a good pair of shoes.

Some of the trees which will be planted have been provided by Government grants, and include oak, ash, birch, walnut, hawthorn and Guelder-rose.

Mike de Villiers of the EcoGroup:

“Trees are the natural cover of this country, and we really need to reinstate them and overturn the damage that we, as humans, have done over the centuries. We cleared trees. We think of this country as a green and pleasant land of fields, but if you think about the Roman era, they had to battle through forests. We need to put forests back as we're now experiencing more extreme weather conditions and trees hold back water.

“The Government is giving thousands of pounds towards flood alleviation in Airedale, and that's mainly for planting trees. But it's also about restoring biodiversity; the whole of the eco-system relies on the trees.”

**You can find out more about the day and to express your interest at [tree-planting-day.eventbrite.co.uk](https://tree-planting-day.eventbrite.co.uk). You can join the team any time between 10am to 3pm on Saturday 23rd November when they'll be planting near Denso Marston Nature**

**Reserve, Otley Road, Baildon. There is a bus service No. 737 – dismount at the stop after St James Church or the Halfway House. By car, turn into Sapper Jordan Rossi business park for additional parking. Look for GREEN signs to the planting site.**

**PHOTO CALL:**

**Please join us at the site ready for 12noon for a team photo of all those involved.**

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Notes for Editors

**About Bradford Cathedral**

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

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