



The Brentham Society
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Tree Bed Planting – After Care

We hope you enjoyed our Tree Bed Planting event. Thank you so much for joining in and helping the Brentham Garden Suburb be a more connected neighbourhood as well as a more attractive one!

We left the labels of the plants in the beds so neighbours could see what it was we all planted. Please collect them during this week so they don't inadvertently litter the area (we recommend making a note of the plant for your reference and if any neighbours ask, in the future). If you want more information about them or their care, information is freely available on the internet with credible sites like the RHS for example (other sites available!).

Some of you are excellent gardeners and already know what to do. Just in case you are not sure, please ensure that you water the tree beds every day for the next week and longer if the heat persists (in many cases they may need twice a day in the heat we currently have and particularly those in direct sun). It is best to water in the morning or early evening as if watered in the middle of the afternoon most of the water is likely to evaporate or create a hard crust to the surface of the soil, making it more difficult for the water to penetrate down to the roots.

Once they get settled in, after the first week, you may be able to water less often. Use a large amount of water every other day or every few days is better than a tiny bit every day (the plants tend to tell you they are thirsty by their leaves drooping). Dead head spent flowers as this encourages more flowers although towards the end of the season you can leave them to form seeds as, in some cases, they may self-seed and create new plants in the spring. Most are perennials and will come back year after year. Some, like the Cosmos, may self-seed or may leave a gap and an opportunity for you to fill it with a favourite of your own next year.

We would love to hear how you are getting on and send us updated photos in a month or two to show off how they are developing.

We will be back in touch later in the year when it may be good to plant some bulbs for those that would like to and again, in the spring, when good to plant seeds (although you can shake seeds like poppies, on your bed anytime if you like them and have them.

Our hope was to gain connections between neighbours that will increase a sense of cohesion and safety in the neighbourhood with the benefit of neighbourhood beautification. We hope it encourages more residents to plant more tree beds near their homes and increase the neighbourhood's involvement and amount of planted tree beds. Thanks again for taking part!

Happy Tree Bed Gardening!

Tamara, Nita, Sheila and Jane