

SUTHERLAND GROVE CONSERVATION AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER 2024 STREET TREE-PIT (base) PLANTING

Sunday 22ND Sept 'car-free' Sunday



SGCARA is delighted to have been awarded a Wandsworth Council 'Sustainable September' micro-grant for seeds, bulbs & plants for SGCA residents to plant in the tree-pits round our street trees.

This will take place on 'Car-Free' Sunday – 22nd Sept.

The plants etc can be collected from 8 Skeena Hill SW18 5PL during two sessions:

9.30am -12.00midday then 2.00pm – 4.00pm, **or until plants etc run out!**

All residents of Sutherland Grove Conservation Area are invited to take part

When coming to collect plants, you will just need to sign:

Your name, address & the whereabouts of the tree you are going to plant round, so we can keep tabs on which tree-pits are being planted.

You will be given a poster for your window to say that you have 'adopted' a street tree.



You will need to bring:

- a bucket for a little compost to help the plants on their way
- your own garden implements to prepare the ground round your street tree

and...

- Be prepared to give your plants a good drink of water afterwards
- Continue to keep an eye on your plants - watering when needed!
- Be sensitive to plants that other residents may have already planted in the tree-pits. Just remove obvious weeds.



Our Tree Officer Sam Morgan has given this advice:

- Young trees especially need most of the goodness from the earth round them, so just a few small plants round these.
- Only add a small amount of compost. The level of soil round the tree shouldn't be raised to cover any more of the bark

If you are planting round a Sutherland Grove plane tree, you can carefully cut back the 'basal growth' – small branches growing from the base of the tree - to access the soil. Put these in a black bag for refuse-collection or take to WRWA green waste.