

Ashington Town Council Tree Recording Motion

Background to Proposal

- To achieve net zero Ashington needs more trees to sequester more carbon from the atmosphere
- Approximately 10,000 trees were lost due to Storm Arwen in November 2021
- To achieve net zero Ashington needs to engage with all community organisations, schools, businesses, and residents in Ashington.

To agree to:

Set a tree planting target and to engage with residents, businesses, schools, and community organisations to encourage tree planting.

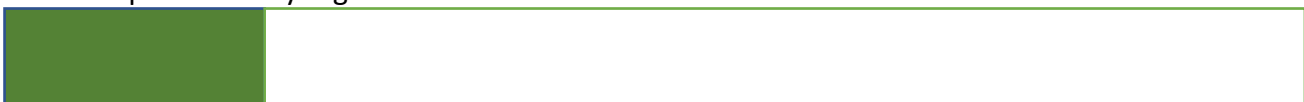
To develop a system to record and monitor the trees being planted in Ashington, and to showcase and celebrate planting achievements.

In doing so the Council can:

- Engage with residents, businesses, schools, and community organisations to encourage tree planting.
- Set achievable tree planting targets that consider the loss of trees due to Storm Arwen.
- Find easy and engaging ways to monitor the number of trees being planted across the town.
- Find exciting and innovative ways to record the number of trees being planted across the town.
- Enable residents, businesses, schools, and community organisations to take an active part in the journey to net zero for Ashington.
- Use the town council’s website to showcase these targets and ambitions, by creating a monitoring tool like those used on crowd funding websites (see below).
- Celebrate these achievements together.
- Capture data which can be used to give further information and advice on Ashington Town Council’s climate action plan, residents actions to mitigate against climate action and other information about Ashington Town Council.

An example of the monitoring tool:

Last tree planted 3days ago



0 200trees

Target:1000 trees

Or: • 200trees of 1000 tree target