

Help us water trees in these uncertain times

We are appealing to the residents of Cambridge to help us wherever they can to keep these new trees going by watering them whilst they are out walking or exercising. If you can, please consider taking a watering can, washing up bowl, bucket or maybe even a few old milk bottles filled with water along your daily walk or on your way to the shops. Whilst we feel it is important to keep these trees watered, it is far more important to follow the current guidance provided by the Government on social restriction and so we do not want to encourage extra journeys – only ones that were being made in any case.

How can I help?

- If you live near to a recently planted tree (one that is still supported by a tree stake) please can you give it a good drink of water once or twice a week whilst you are taking your routine walk
- You can find where all our recently planted trees via this [map of recently planted trees in Cambridge](#), so you can plan a different route each day and help support as many trees as possible.
- Around 8-10 litres is a reasonable drink for a newly planted tree – but anything is better than nothing in these tricky times. Only carry what you can manage, please do not over stretch yourself and maybe take this as an opportunity to get your weight training in and build up to greater amounts when you feel you can manage it.
- Any water is fine to use, collected rainwater, straight from the tap or even used dishwater is absolutely fine - just make sure there's nothing stronger than washing up liquid in the mix and give any bottles which used to hold any non-food liquids a good rinse before use.
- We have lots more information and tips on watering newly planted trees on [our website](#) so do check it out.
- Continue to follow government guidance; do not go out if you feel at all unwell, and please observe the most current official guidance at all times.
- Share your efforts and post pictures of the trees you 'adopt' on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) – make sure to tag us so we can see how you're getting on and use the **#CamTrees #KeepOnWatering**.
- Log and record each watering [using our online form](#) you do so we can keep a track of which trees are being looked after.
- If you have friends, family or are in touch with your neighbours please do share and get them involved too. The more help we can get the better!

Thank you and do let us know how you're getting on - Tree Team @
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