Bournheath Parish Council

More new trees for the community orchard and proposed new woodland and green space

As part of Worcestershire County Council's commitment to plant 150,000 trees across the County over a 5-year period, five new woodlands are being developed one of which, is to be on County Council owned land in Bournheath.

The site consists of just over five hectares of land along Claypit Lane and behind the village's community hall and stretching over to the motorway. A funding application is currently with the Forestry Commission and if successful, is scheduled to see planting commence in November/December 2025. When complete, it will have circular trails to complement the existing footpaths that already run across the site.

As well as the trees, which will consist of a wide mix of native broadleaves like Oak, Lime, Hazel, Cherry, Rowan, Sweet Chestnut there will open spaces, some flood mitigation scrapes and fruit trees.

The site will fulfil multiple roles of habitat creation and benefit local wildlife, enable public access to green space for recreation and wellbeing, whilst also helping to mitigate flooding as well as contributing to carbon reduction targets.

Once underway, it is very much hoped that residents will join in on community planting days and so feel a sense of engagement and being a part of creating this new woodland for the future of Bournheath.

Come along to find out more on Wednesday 12th February (2pm) at the Recreation Ground as we plant six new trees in the community orchard, followed by a talk on the proposed woodland at the village community centre at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th February.