

Burnehyll Community Woodland

We are very grateful to Oxfordshire County Council for resurfacing that part of Chesterton footpath 161/1 that is in the woodland area.

The Friends of the Burnehyll Community Woodland (BCW) planted 300 trees in Field 2 in November 2025, followed by a further 350 in Field 6 in December. The latter were supplemented by donations, including a large one by Brian Welters. David Pheasey and Paul Simpson supervised these planting sessions. This work would not have been possible without their organization of working parties and delivering the materials to the sites.

Because we had seen that trees planted at the end of a year survived better than those planted at the beginning of a year, we decided not to have a planting session in early 2026.

We were, however, asked to help Cherwell District Council with a problem. Included with the application to DEFRA for funds, for 169 apple trees for the orchard in Field 6, was one for two Tiny Forests to be planted in Banbury. The site for the Tiny Forests then became unavailable – could they be planted in BCW and could the Friends plant them. Because each Tiny Forest consists of 600 trees in an area the size of a doubles tennis court this would have been asking the Friends to plant 1200 trees. Eventually CDC contractors planted one and the Friends the other.

David Jones 27 April 2026

