

### **Tree Steward Update: (as at 04/09/21)**

Nearing the end of the growing season I would say we've done pretty well for the first year. Growing over 30 different species and with a stock ready to plant this winter of 750 trees including oak, silver birch, sweet chestnut, hazel, dogwood, walnut, wild cherry, gorse, wych elm and many rowan.

The seed collection period starts now and runs through to January. We have permission to collect from Salhouse Broad, Blickling Estate and Harrison's Woods to name a few. I will arrange collection mornings when crops are ready for the picking! Let me know if you are interested.

The tree and hedge planting season starts in November and so far this year we have an exciting project to plant a whopping **330 meters of hedgerow and trees in Salhouse** – a third of a kilometre! This will happen over a couple of weekends and **I'm seeking volunteers to help with this. If you would like to help a little or a lot, please do let me know, the more hands we have the merrier!**

The government's target is for the UK to plant 30,000 hectares of trees / hedge per year and some say even that is not enough. For Salhouse this equates to 1.11 hectares per year. The reality is Salhouse Parish is >95% privately owned land, so the plan is to network landowners, free trees, and volunteers together – a green triangle. We have an exciting opportunity to be part of the generation that re-greened Salhouse and surrounding areas making a valuable contribution to the natural and our own environment.

If you would like any trees from the nursery please ask for a full list of what we have, they are your trees and are FREE! We have many rowan trees which are perfect for the corner of a garden. Next year we will be growing whitebeam and field maple which are suitable for a medium sized spot in the garden.

The **September nursery volunteer mornings** will be 9-12 on the following Saturdays: **18th & 25th**. As always, please can you email me the Thursday before the Saturday to help manage numbers and confirm if we will be at the FARM or HOME nursery or out collecting seeds somewhere.

Thank you so much for your fantabulous support and efforts this year. I look forward to growing more with you over the next season.

Salhouse Tree Steward