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Photo opportunity: CPRE / Congleton Borough Council Tree planting event
Tuesday 27th February at 11 am, Congleton Park

Congleton CPRE teams up with Borough Council to plant trees

Local countryside campaigners gave Congleton's image as a leafy borough a boost this week[1], when the first of a number of trees donated by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)[2] were planted at Congleton Park.

The three horse chestnuts[3] were purchased by CPRE's Congleton District group, an organization with a long history of working to protect and enhance the Borough's environment, by campaigning for sustainable development.

'We are very conscious of the development pressures on land in this popular location, and are keen to celebrate both our rural surroundings and the key part played by green areas like Congleton Park in the urban environment.,' said Mike Bond, President of Congleton CPRE.

'Our work to promote sustainable development includes campaigning to halt the damage created by climate change, so when we heard that many trees had been lost due to the unusually hot weather last summer, donating trees to plant in the area seemed to be the ideal thing to do for our local environment, and we chose horse chestnuts as they are a quintessential element of the British countryside,' Mr Bond continued.'

'These trees are the first of a number we aim to plant in association Congleton Borough Council and other groups concerned about the local environment. Eventually, trees will be planted at Alsager, Middlewich and Sandbach, for the benefit of present and future generations,' he added.

Congleton CPRE is always interested in gaining new members from around the District to support its work or to become actively involved in protecting the local environment. For more information, contact the Secretary of the Congleton Group, Jean Bond on 01270 664003 or CPRE's Cheshire Branch Office on 01606 835046, or visit the charity's website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk

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Notes for editors:

[1] The planting of the trees will take place in association with Congleton Borough Council at Congleton Park at 11 am on Tuesday 27th February. Your photographer is invited.

[2] The Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. Its Patron is Her Majesty the Queen. The charity has a Branch in every county and a District Group in every local authority area. The Congleton Group's Patron is Lady Baker Wilbraham.

[3] The 3 horse chestnuts, costing £300, were purchased by Congleton CPRE using funds raised from various events.

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