



B2Z
TOWARDS A CARBON-FREE BRAMPTON

Brampton2Zero Newsletter March 2023



Upcoming Volunteer Events:

Please join us at one of our upcoming events for volunteers! New volunteers are always made welcome! As many volunteer events are outdoors B2Z must have new volunteers complete a short form for health and safety reasons. Please message for details here: enquiries@brampton2zero.org.uk

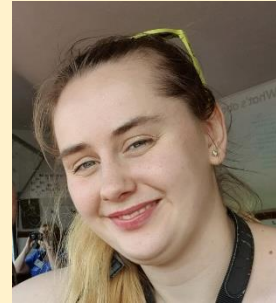
Upcoming Events and Activities:

Saturday 22nd April: Join us in an activity to celebrate **EARTH DAY !**

Sunday 14th May: Tree tending and bracken bashing on the Newton-Irthington pathway.

Meet our Student!

B2Z are pleased to be supporting a student from Lancaster University! In this Newsletter we meet Holly, photo below, who will be studying the aspects of gardens that are especially important for hedgehogs. If you have a local garden frequented by hedgehogs and would like to help Holly out please get in touch with Phil at <https://www.brampton2zero.org.uk/contact>



Spring Actions to Help Hedgehogs

Put out **water**. Food can be put out when hedgehogs are present. Dog, cat or hedgehog food may be used, but lift when not present to discourage rats.

To help increase local populations, **hedgehog holes** in fences are essential for hedgehogs in the spring seeking a mate, water or food. Please consider making these!

If strimming long grass brush through it first to check for hedgehogs and frogs.

Slug pellets destroy the hedgehog's food sources, as well as exposing the hedgehogs and wild birds to poisons.

Try to provide **shelter**. Bushes, long grass, log piles or hedgehog houses are examples. Hedgehog houses can be purchased directly from Brampton 2Zero contact as above.

1000 Trees!

1000 trees have now been planted along the Newtown to Irthington footpath with the help of Brampton2Zero volunteers. Trees were provided by the Woodland Trust and were planted with the kind permission of Seat Hill farm.



Exciting New Developments



Trees for the Future is an exciting new development with permission to plant from **Talkin Tarn Country Park**. Families will be able to apply to plant and care for a small group of trees. There will also be a scheme with commemorative/celebratory single trees. This scheme is still being finalised but if interested please contact enquiries@brampton2zero.org.uk

Hedgerow Planting is an important new development which, as well as carbon capture, provides excellent wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors. Brampton2Zero have been working with farmer Ian Bell at Hallbankgate farm and on Thursday 2nd March worked alongside Fellfoot Forward and locally housed asylum seekers planting 400 metres of hedgerow on the farm.



The Children's Forest

This project involving children from Lanercost and Irthington primary schools is being led by Lulu Guinness, building awareness and appreciation in the children of their environments both now and for the future. The next school to take part is Gilsland School.



AGM and Pot Luck Supper

An interesting and informative AGM was held on the 9th February at Brampton Community Centre, along with a much enjoyed pot luck supper and plenty of discussion.

A link to the chair's report may be found here:

https://www.brampton2zero.org.uk/shared/images/content/bus_55661/pdf/chairs_report_2023.pdf

Good food at the Pot Luck Supper:



Productive Discussion at the Pot Luck Supper:



Brampton 2 Zero Aims For the Year 2023

1. Continuing to work on the establishment of a solar co-operative and an Electric Vehicle car share club, alongside starting work on home retrofit surveys.
2. Hedgerow planting, further tree planting and tending, and encouraging spaces for wildlife in Brampton.
3. Fundraising for a biodiversity officer and a community engagement officer.
4. Continuing to develop links with William Howard School, its feeder primary schools and Lancaster University.
5. Development of 'Trees for the Future' and 'Commemorative/ Celebratory Trees at Talkin Tarn', and income generation from this.

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Thank You !