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# Happy New Year & welcome to the start of a brand new decade!

In this issue of Livewire you'll find lots of ideas for doing your bit to help the environment this year - whilst having fun and learning new skills. The Partnership Council has supported many of the projects below, all of which are run by local volunteers.

So go on, why not get involved and make 2010 your best year yet!

## Why not become a green volunteer

If you're looking for a volunteering opportunity with a difference look no further, we've got three great projects for you, all of which are looking for volunteers.

### Fruit & Notts

The idea of local volunteer May Bate and the community group Transition Forest Fields. The project plants community fruit and nut trees around Forest Fields, Hyson Green and the Arboretum area to provide free food for local people. May is looking for volunteers to help. The first 'Fruit & Notts' trees were planted at the Red Lion pub in New Basford in January 2009 and many more have already been planted.

 Find out more visit  
[www.fruitandnotts.weebly.com](http://www.fruitandnotts.weebly.com)  
call May on - 07905 906453  
or email - [maisiebate@hotmail.com](mailto:maisiebate@hotmail.com)

### Nottingham Eco House


The Nottingham Eco House is a project being organised by the Partnership Council, in association with Nottingham Trent University. Many eco homes are built from scratch and use expensive technology. Our project aims to convert a small, ordinary terraced house into an eco home, using affordable DIY techniques and materials. We're looking for volunteers to help us achieve this so please feel free to get in touch - even if you don't know anything about DIY! The finished house will become a home for 'green' community projects.

 Find out more call Moby on 0115 970 8200  
or email [moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)

### Plan Bee

A project set up by local 21 year olds Libby and Owen with the aim of saving Nottingham's declining bee population. Libby and Owen are looking for volunteers to help them grow and plant bee-friendly plants and flowers this spring and create artificial nesting sites for bees around the city. Plus, they're also looking for people with an allotment or community garden willing to provide a 'home' for these plants and nesting sites. Libby told Livewire:

*"Bees are essential to the survival of Britain's crops and plants so everyone should take an interest in protecting them. 3 species of bumblebee have already become extinct in the UK, and a further 24 are in decline".*


 Find out more email -  
[notts.planbee@googlemail.com](mailto:notts.planbee@googlemail.com)

# Pick up some green tips

## **Sprout & Nottingham Organic Gardeners**

Sprout, our environmental project for young people, will be teaming up with Nottingham Organic Gardeners again this year to help novices learn more about organic gardening. The sessions will be held at the Whitemoor Allotments off Wilkinson Street and novices will get the chance to team up with experienced, passionate organic gardeners so that they can learn hands-on - much better than learning from a book.

**Sessions will be held on 6th & 20th February, 6th & 20th March & 3rd and 17th April.**

** To find out more call Rachel or Jabran on 0115 970 8200 or email [rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk) or [jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**



## **Forest Fields Improvement Association**

Residents' group, the Forest Fields Improvement Association, is taking on an allotment at the Whitemoor Allotments. Forest Fields residents will be very welcome to get involved once the initial planning is completed.

** To find out more please call Moby on 0115 970 8200 or email [moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**

## **Sumac Centre**

The Sumac Centre runs a food gardening club for local people, where you can find out more about growing fruit and veg and practice your newfound skills in the Sumac garden.

** To find out more please call 0845 458 9595 or email [sumac@veggies.org.uk](mailto:sumac@veggies.org.uk)**

**Don't forget, if you're aged between 16 and 25 and you have a great idea for an environmental project Sprout can help you!**



** To find out more about this or any of the projects above call Rachel or Jabran on 0115 970 8200 or email [rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk) or [jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**

# Great green ideas near you!

Local people are already involved in a great range of green projects. For example, the Forest Fields Orchard, a project currently underway in Forest Fields and Sherwood Rise, Livewire asked Jon from the project to tell us more...



The Forest Fields Orchard  
**FREE fruit trees**  
to give away!

"We've got 100 fruit trees to plant in Forest Fields and Sherwood Rise and we're looking for gardens to plant them in. So if you've got the space get in touch! The trees (apple, pear and plum) will be yours to keep and so will the fruit that they produce. We only ask that you undertake to look after your tree and we'll be on hand with as much advice as you need. If you end up with too much fruit, please get in touch with us so that we can do something useful with it. We'll also plant your tree for you. If you live in a rented property we will also need to know that you have the property-owner's permission to plant a tree.

Even if you don't live in the Forest Fields/ Sherwood Rise area, don't worry, we may still be able to help you.



**Find out more...**

To find out more please email  
[forestfieldsorchard@gmail.com](mailto:forestfieldsorchard@gmail.com)

*Livewire also asked Clare from the Friends of Forest Fields Primary School to tell us about her project...*



Friends of Forest Fields  
**Primary School**

The Friends aim to support the school by organising projects and events with the local community. For example, we promote skills-sharing, intergenerational learning and community cohesion by involving children, parents, staff,

supporters of the school and local people. In a nutshell, we make ideas happen! The Friends started 3 months ago and since then we've held several events and launched our first project The Garden Project. Funded by Nottingham City Council's 'Grab a Grand' initiative and supported by volunteers, we've begun planting containers to create a 'garden' for the school. We're also planning to plant vegetables.



**Find out more...**

To find out more or to get involved  
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For more green ideas and projects visit:  
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