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Plant!: frequently asked questions

Here are the questions that you ask us most often, and their answers. It includes details of why we have planted trees in different parts of Wales.

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Do I need to confirm I would like a tree planted for my child?

No. A tree will be planted automatically for your child.

Will this cost me anything?

No, the tree will be planted at no cost to yourself.

Why can't the tree be planted nearer to my home?

I live in south Wales but the woodland site allocated to my child is a long way from where I live.

The tree planted on behalf of your child is planted in the current woodland to be created as part of the Plant! programme in south Wales. As the trees are not marked with names in any way, you can check where all the Plant! woodlands are located on the visit your site page and visit the one nearest to you if that is more convenient.

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I have recently been blessed with a new Grandson and would like to sponsor a tree planting as a thanksgiving gift.

I would like to plant a tree for an older sibling.

There are organisations which offer a tree planting service, such as Coed Cadw (The Woodland Trust) who operate the dedication of a tree in memoriam. The websites below provide more information:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/dedications/>

<http://www.nationalforest.org/sponsor/plantatree/>

Could you tell me if your 'tree for every child' info that is sent out is printed on recycled paper please?

The paper we use for the letters and certificates are all from FSC sustainable sources. These forests are managed responsibly and are grown with the specific intention for the wood to be used for paper and other timber products. The trees are replaced when they are felled continuing to maintain forest areas. The carbon dioxide that the trees absorb in their lifetime from the atmosphere is now locked up in the paper, card and other wooden products and the replacement trees will continue the process of removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. We are currently rewording the letter to include this information to inform parents of the paper source.

Why do you not print on both sides?

We have previously looked into changing to recycled paper and double sided printing, but printing problems resulting in excessive paper wastage and ink run have arisen in the past. As a result we have chosen to use paper from a sustainable resource.

We have also looked into using e mail as a method of communicating the project to new parents, but currently this data is not legally required when births are registered and therefore we have no access to this information.

I have read that my child has had a tree planted in Mbale. Please could you tell me more about that tree?

Since April 2014 the Welsh Government have worked with the charity Size of Wales to plant trees in Mbale, Uganda as part of their Wales for Africa programme. A tree has been planted in Wales and another in Mbale to mark the birth/ adoption of your child. Have a look at [Size of Wales](#) for more information.

When can I expect to receive my certificate?

The certificates are posted out once the child is three months old. If you have not received it by the fourth month please contact us:

plant.requests@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Sadly my baby was stillborn, will I still be able to receive a certificate and have a tree planted?

Sadly the Plant! programme will not be sending out a certificate, however our Plant! partner the Woodland Trust do offer a memorial tree service if you feel this would be appropriate for you.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/dedications/>

My baby was born in Wales but we live just over the border into England, why haven't I received a

certificate?

The programme uses a data set from the Office for National Statistics whereby the address given by the mother at the time of birth is the baby's registered address. If this is in England unfortunately the baby won't receive a tree or certificate. If you would like to plant your own tree, the Woodland Trust offer a memorial tree planting service:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/dedications/>

How can I find my tree?

You will receive a letter alongside your certificate informing you the name of the site where your tree has been planted. If you go to the [Plant! woodland sites](#), you can find the postcode for the site and have a look.

Will there be a plaque on my child's tree to identify it?

Each tree represents a baby's birth or adoption. The trees are not marked in anyway but the number of trees on the site marks the number of births allocated to that site and is monitored. You are welcome to visit the site and choose a tree you would like to say is your child's tree and visit it regularly to see it grow alongside your own child!

I am interested in having a Plant! site on my land. Can I / How can I do that?

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I would like to bring the children in my class at school/ Cub / Brownie pack to visit the site can I do this?

We would be delighted if you could bring a group to visit. We would also be grateful if you could let us know when and which site to ensure there is no clash with an event being organised. If we are able to have any photographs of the children with the trees which we would have permission to share we would be thrilled to use them in our wider Plant! Communications!

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