

## **TREE PLANTING AT MEGGIES BURN**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to plant a tree (or trees!) on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 February. We had an amazing response and, despite the terrible weather on Thursday morning, we had a fantastic turn-out. A few people actually contacted me to book a place on the Thursday morning even though it was raining at the time!

On Wednesday 80 people came and on Thursday 100 braved the rain and wind – although it wasn't so bad in the afternoon and we had a chance to dry out a little bit. It was brilliant that so many children were involved in the planting – 84 over the two days. I think they all had a good time and I hope that they will remember it and in years to come say that they helped to plant that woodland. Everyone was so enthusiastic and it was great to meet so many people passionate about Blyth and our environment. We can't name everyone who came but we would like to mention that people from Blyth Community Volunteers, Friends of Ridley Park, Blyth Links Conservation Group, Axminster Tools and Machinery (North Shields), Blyth Riverside Project and Dyno Tots Childcare joined us.

We planted all of the trees (except the one I've kept for the Mayor as was on holiday) and we could have planted more if we'd had them! We planted 200 each of 7 varieties: Alder, Hawthorne, Larch, Scots Pine, Poplar, Blackthorn and Oak.

I would like to thank the Partnership Team for all their help and my special thanks to Tom and Mark for all their support over the two days, not to mention Jimmy Reith for identifying the area and suggesting the Town Council could plant trees there in the first place.

Thanks again.

Alison 😊