

Planting Roots in the Community



Today the Green Team got involved with gardening on the grounds of the National Trust's Peckover House as part of their aim to volunteer on projects around the local area.

The team arrived at Peckover House in the morning and began the day discussing which trees they would be planting; the selection included elm, oak and walnut which were to be planted around the Peckover estate and along Harecroft

Road.

The Green Team, consisting of CUB employees, who work in all aspects of the business, donned their gardening gloves and started work digging and planting ready for the summer months ahead.

Holly Redden, SME account manager at CUB said of the experience: "It's great to get out of the office and in the open fresh air, working on fantastic projects for charities like the National Trust. Also to plant trees is an act for future generations to enjoy – one of my favourite sayings is 'the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now' which is exactly what we have achieved"

The Peckover House gardening team, consisting of Allison Napier, Jenny Windsor and Janet Crockford, picked out suitable spots and instructed the Green Team on how to plant the trees.

Allison said, "We were very impressed by how well the team got stuck in to the task; they had never planted trees before and did an excellent job. The estate is a rare survival of a rural landscape in the centre of a busy town and so it is imperative that we replace trees which have died or been removed".





Green Team coordinator, Derrick Hart discussed the reasons behind the idea:

‘As a local business, the idea was to build our relationships within the community, getting involved with opportunities around the area that benefit the team dynamics, as well as the local area.

We have projects planned with several National Trust organisations around Cambridgeshire, which we are looking forward to this year.’

Peckover House will be holding events later in the year such as Bee Weekend Saturday 28th and 29th June from 12pm-4pm with demonstrations and introductions to beekeeping and Music for a Summer Evening, with The Essex Blues Brothers, so bring your picnic and blankets for an evening of live music.

For further details, check the website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/peckover-house/> and for tickets for Music for a Summer evening contact National Trust Central Box Office 0844 249 1895

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