



# NEVILLE FUNERAL SERVICE

## Commemorative Tree Planting 2017



It was a very cold and blustery day. We served over 200 cups of tea and coffee and 230 pieces of assorted cake along with a few platters of fruit. We were delighted to reach our target of planting 400 trees. There was a huge amount of emotion on the day, with a few tears and much laughter, creating a wonderful memory.

We like to think of our event as a tree dedicated to the memory of someone special, a wonderful living tribute which is also helping care for and nurture our environment for generations to come.

From the many lovely comments received, we know that our clients really appreciate the sentiment of the day and feel this is a very special way to remember their loved ones, and it provides an opportunity to gather together, share memories and make new ones.

Nearly all the trees planted in the Forest in recent years have been raised from seed collected locally.

The trees planted this year are Oak, Maple, Birch, Cherry, Hazel and Hawthorn.

**Here is a small selection of the many wonderful comments that were written in our books on the day. These and the photographs overleaf show what a very enjoyable day we all had.**

### A very special way to remember..

- A very special way to remember. Life goes on. As trees grow older memories become special.
- What a nice way to remember my husband and his sister, well organised both side by side, an oak for him and a wild cherry blossom for her.
- A wonderful idea and a very cathartic experience. Thank you for everything.
- A wonderful way to remember loved ones, something positive to focus on. Thank you so much.
- This is a great way to commemorate our parents - mum, dad and father-in-law. Staff were as ever very good, what a fantastic day.
- A fantastic day! The staff as always wonderful! I love the idea there will be a tree there for my dad forever which is great. Such a fitting way to remember him. Miss you dad.
- Really nice idea and looking forward to visiting the forest when the trees have grown. Lovely way of remembering my grandfather.
- It was a really thoughtful idea, thank you Nevilles. This gave us the opportunity to do something that dad would have enjoyed, being such a keen gardener, and gave us a few laughs seeing as we are not gardeners! Thinking of you dad.
- Greatly helps to recall all the loving memories of a long life.
- It was a very thoughtful, moving experience. Lovely to think I have a tree planted to my late wife, that I can visit and take the grandkids to see grow. Thank you all the staff from Nevilles and the Forest of Marston Vale.



- Beautiful and thoughtful. The kids enjoyed it and there's now somewhere to go for a nice walk. The plaque is a great idea.
- Thank you for organising this tree planting - a lovely idea and the trees will bring happy memories for everyone.
- Thank you so much for entertaining us today. We will come back some day and do it again and it was a lovely idea to let us plant the tree. I will miss my grandad so much but today you put my hopes up. Thank you. - Tom, aged 8
- Thank you for letting us plant a tree. Our grandad has died, sadly we miss him loads. But we will see him in heaven again. Anyway, thanks for letting us do it. And we miss you loads, grandad, Bye! - James, aged 8



'Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the deep green woods.'