## **Sherwood Forest Trust**

## Press release 30th September, 2021 for Heritage Tree Project in Wellow

The Sherwood Forest Trust is an active partner in 'Miner2Major', a landscape partnership scheme funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Trust are helping deliver the Heritage Trees project within the scheme and are organising 10 community tree planting events throughout the diverse landscape of the former Royal Hunting Forest and North Nottinghamshire coalfields.

These planting events celebrate and commemorate well-known stories in local history and celebrate the contribution that trees make to our environment and culture.



The fourth event of this project took place in Wellow at the beginning of September [Above]. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, children from Wellow House School, and members of the parish council committee, schoolroom and heritage groups attended St Swithin's Church to plant a Wild Service tree. This tree will provide benefits for the churchyard itself, local wildlife and also the climate.

The children then returned to the school to take part in nature-related arts & crafts activities, creating great pieces of artwork with natural materials.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Thomas Foster, a local expert on natural history, wildlife and foraging, provided an engaging and informative guided walk & talk through Wellow Woods for members of the public. This was a part of Wellow's Heritage Open Day activities, to celebrate The Wellow Heritage Project including the opening of the recently restored schoolroom.

The next event in this series is planned for December, where we will be planting a Cricket Bat Willow tree at Nuncargate Recreation Ground, a greenspace in Kirkby-in-Ashfield nominated by the community, to commemorate local heroes Larwood and Voce.

Image caption: Wellow Tree Planting

## **Information for Editors**

**The Sherwood Forest Trust** is a registered charity based in Edwinstowe, established 25 years ago, focussed on conserving, preserving and celebrating the nature and heritage of the former Royal Hunting Forest of Sherwood. <a href="www.sherwoodforesttrust.org.uk">www.sherwoodforesttrust.org.uk</a>. Tel. 01623 821490. Email: <a href="mailto:info@sherwoodforestrust.org.uk">info@sherwoodforestrust.org.uk</a>

Miner2Major is a five-year Landscape Partnership Scheme (2019-2023), supported by a £2,450,400 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It focuses on the heart of the Sherwood Forest area from Nottingham to Ollerton, and Mansfield to Rufford Abbey, an area that has a distinctive landscape character, which is recognised and valued by local people, as well as visitors from around the world.

Further information can be obtained via: Miner 2 Major | Miner2Major (nottinghamshire.gov.uk)