

## WHY DO WE NEED MORE CANOPY COVER IN PARKS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS?

Trees are fantastic for canopy cover, which provides shade, during the hot summer months. We asked this family if they didn't mind a photo being taken of them enjoying themselves at Handsworth Park, whilst the trustees – Dee, Tonia and Mac – using TreePlotter to map the trees along the friends of the parks' tree trail. This piece of software will help BTP in mapping the trees of Birmingham, that will indicate where we may need more cover to help with urban heating.



## OUR JOB VACANCIES HAVE BEEN FILLED!

BTP has some new staff, we would like to introduce:

**KATY HAWKINS**  
Engagement Officer

**CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT**  
Communications Officer



## WEATHER WARNING!

Don't forget to water your plants – and trees! – during this hot weather. Here are our top tips for watering your trees to keep them healthy:

- ✓ You'd be surprised how much trees love to have a hose slowly trickling water – moving around the tree periodically.
- ✓ Water your trees and plants in the morning or the evening – give them a sharp wake-up call, and a sweet goodnight.
- ✓ Sustainably sourced water works best, especially recycling your bathwater, which is perfect for young growing trees to become big and strong – you can even gather rainwater!
- ✓ It's good practice to get into the habit of watering, especially young and freshly planted, trees; they need love like we do.
- ✓ 50 litres per week? No problem! Let's feed those thirsty trees during the hot Summer months to thank them for the oxygen.

If you can think of any other tips and tricks for looking after your trees (plants and shrubs too), contact us via social media or email us at [info@birminghamtreepeople.org](mailto:info@birminghamtreepeople.org), especially if you're interested in getting involved in one of our activities.