

# Birmingham TreePeople

## The Droplet



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### The iTree Eco 2023 Survey is Underway



After Ian McDermott, Arboriculturist and Trainer for BTP, completed the training with the volunteers, they spread out in groups across the plots scattered randomly throughout Birmingham, to undertake the WMCA's iTree Eco survey, in conjunction with Treeconomics, Barton Hyett and Forest Research.

The urban forest volunteers, around one hundred of them, have been diligently plotting the information from each area, and are on track to complete it faster than any other survey of its kind previously. Now that's a boast.

Ian also conducted a telephone interview with Natalie Graham, on BBC WM, for the press release of the survey, describing the details of the project, and highlighting the hard work that has been put in - giving the Wodensborough students a shout-out - like Gratas here captured hugging a tree, in true TreePeople fashion.

Visit our website for the press release and new information surrounding the survey, as well as our socials, that have been documenting the volunteers around the plots with their own photos. The links and handles can be found at the bottom of this page.



**Barr in Bloom 2023**  
Making our area a garden suburb

2023 categories for entry  
1: Best private garden  
2: Best community project  
3: Microgrants for 2024 projects

Details at: [tinyurl.com/BarrInBloom2023](https://tinyurl.com/BarrInBloom2023)  
Enter by 31st July 2023

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### Watering Plants & Trees

**Don't forget to water your plants and trees during a dry spell. Here are a few useful 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 plants and trees, 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.