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# Birmingham TreePeople

# The Droplet

## Worship of Tools Day

In the modern day, there are many different 'holidays' designated for every single day of the year. Some of them are famous, like Christmas, but others not so much, which is what brings us to this day: worship of tools day!

For urban foresters, urban forest volunteers, arborists, aboriculturalists, horticulturalists, lumberjacks, foresters, gardeners, essentially all outdoor roles come to rely of 'tools of the trade'. How would we care for and prune our orchards without shears or secateurs, or secure post ties around a tree to a stake without a hammer and nails? We couldn't!

Originally an American holiday of course, their culture creeps into the UK constantly, and without American influences on urban forestry – due to great community-led projects and programmes – we wouldn't have gotten this far. Birmingham TreePeople takes (obvious) influence and inspiration from groups such as the LA TreePeople in California, a place of wonderous municipal and involved group programmes.

Having a day to 'worship' and appreciate the tools that humans have created to make our jobs more efficient, is a day worth having. Tools are some of the oldest artifacts that can be found on Earth, proving their worth to the evolution of humanity and our many modern career paths, showing our ingenuity through history.

If you are an urban forest volunteer who wants to learn new skills, with new tools, with new trees... we not only run our free monthly training programme, but also a paid, SEG Level 2 Arboriculture course, where more in-depth knowledge can be gained to further your own career path.

"It is hard to imagine the world without tools as they are a part of our daily lives. From the hammer, the screwdriver, and the wrench to the most sophisticated tools - they are necessary. Upon their use, they sometimes get rusty and need to be shined, they get dirty and need to be cleaned, they get dull and need to be sharpened." Happy Tools Day everyone!