



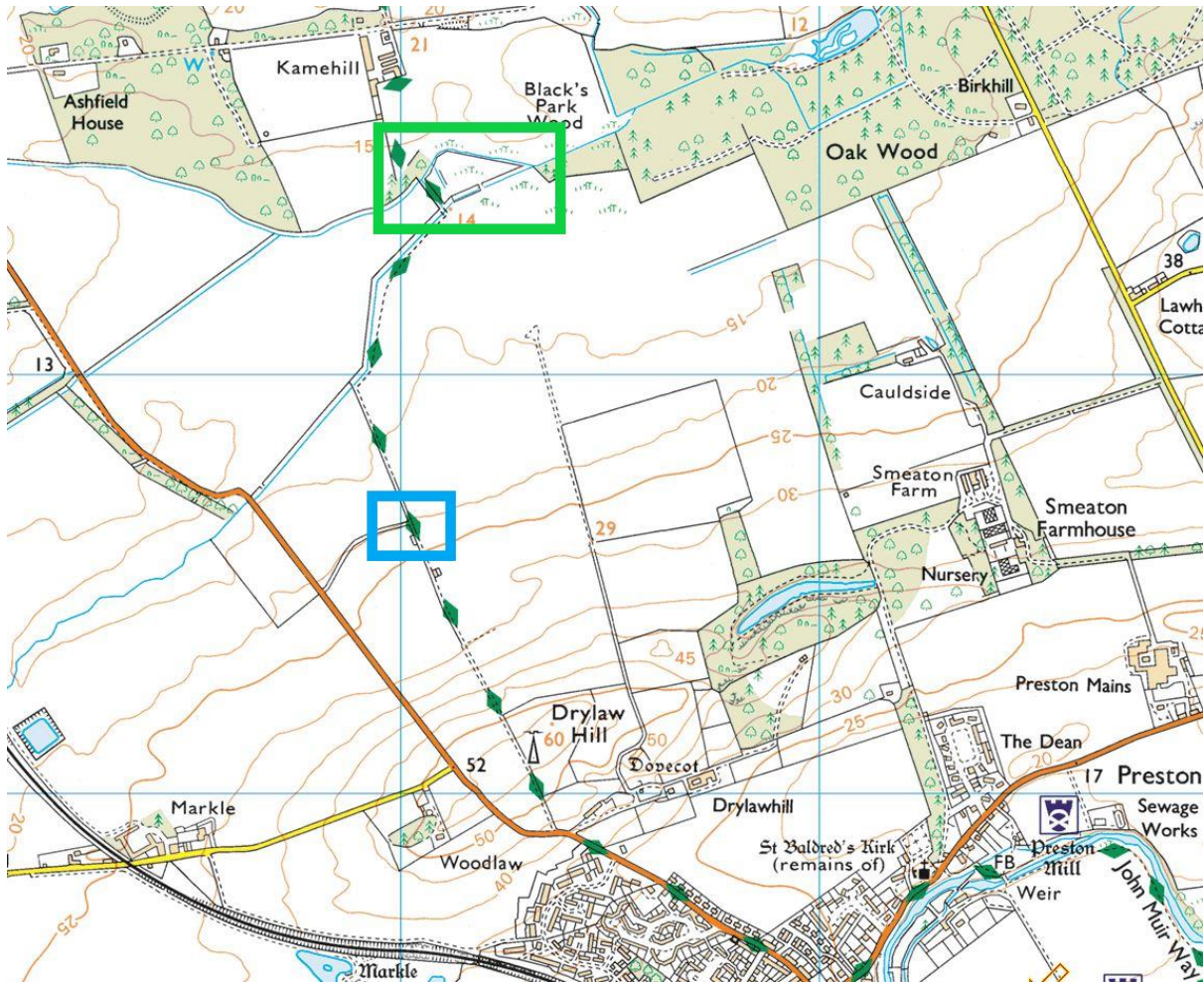
## Planter's Information Sheet for Twa Burns Wood

Climate Action  
East Linton

Thanks for your interest in the project!

### Where is it?

It's the green box below



### Meet point & parking

At the composting site. That the blue box above.

Please come on foot or by bike if you can. If you need to park, go to Drylaw Hill composting site and park safely (avoiding works vehicles on weekdays), before making your way down the John Muir Way to the site. Do not walk around inside the composting site.

## Induction

There will be 30 minutes orientation at the start of each session, just on the site, adjacent where the John Muir Way runs past (red dot below). You will be introduced to the site and the equipment, and shown an example of how to plant a tree.



## Description of the work

- We have about 700 trees to plant at the moment and this will take several sessions.
- Main species: rowan, crab apple, hawthorn, alder, hazel.
- We also have some silver birch and grey willow which are important pioneer species and suit the ground on the site, but which will probably be felled before reaching full height.
- The plants will be planted in a random pattern with an average spacing of 4-5m, but we want some clumps and some open areas.
- The young trees we plant will be 30-60cm high. Some are in "plug" form with a root system about the size and shape of a bandage roll. Others just look like sticks with sparse roots flying free on the end.
- All will grow!
- They are planted by:
  - Clearing an area 50cm x 50cm of existing vegetation using a boot, spade blade etc.
  - Cutting an "X" in the ground with two cuts of your spade about 15-20cm deep.
  - Opening up the "X" a bit by wiggling the spade back and forth.
  - Insert the stake into the end of one arm of the "X" and bang it in.
  - Putting the plant carefully in the middle of the "X", at the full depth.
  - Tamping the ground firmly but gently down with your boot.
  - Dress the area with compost mulch
  - Then wrap the plant and the stake with a chicken mesh protection tube.

- The tube may require a secondary bamboo stake opposite the main stake to hold it in position around the plant.
- You are welcome to bring your own hardy, native, trees to plant, perhaps like the species above, BUT they must be a species that will mature under 10-15m tall. We don't want to create vantage points from which crows and birds of prey can watch the ground nesting birds on Drylaw Hill, with unwelcome consequences.



## **Equipment**

- You will need to be dressed as for gardening and a walk in the country.
- Please wrap up warm, bring waterproofs, boots, work gloves, hot drinks and food for yourselves.
- Please bring a spade and a lump hammer if you have one.
- If you have any stakes, anything from stout garden canes up to 4cm x 4 cm posts, please bring them.

## **Sessions**

These last three hours and we are looking for 15 adults per session. We would like you to plant for 2-3 hours. We need to plant 150 trees per session. That's about 5 trees per hour per person, which is quite easily do-able for a moderately fit person of most ages.

## **Aftercare**

You can go back to site any time you like to do aftercare on your trees and anyone else's, but we will be issuing a formal rota in due course for those interested. Aftercare consists of keeping an area about 3ft x 3ft around the trees free of other plants and making sure the protection tubes are in place.

## **Covid**

The ScotGov exemptions for volunteers meant that we would have been compliant in our activities anyway so the recent relaxation of the restrictions are somewhat additional.

However, the activity planned is permitted and safe, should that need saying.

When on site, please maintain social distancing in line with current regulations, wear gloves and avoid sharing tools outside your normal Covid-safe grouping.

## **Insurance**

Insurance is in place to cover you, and CAEL, while you are on site and engaged in this activity.

## **CAEL membership**

It's no barrier to participating but if you aren't a CAEL member, please join! Get in touch via the website.

## **Comfort**

There is no shelter on site, or toilet facilities.

## **Questions**

Please email, text or phone, 8am-9pm, 7 days a week. We're on 07825 304302.