

## **Triumphant Tree Planting Session - West Moors Community**

The Free Tree initiative in February, only saw 60 saplings rehomed in West Moors, leaving 130 still to be planted.

In addition to these, 200 extra saplings were purchased by the Council in February, to add to the New Copse behind the skate park where 105 were planted during the first Community Tree planting session on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

With the help of 30 volunteers (Councillors, local residents, a Ferndown U3A representative and her family and council staff and families) on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 200 saplings were planted during the Second Community Tree Planting session, now ready to find their way in the World!

There was a wonderful atmosphere and Community Spirit filled the air. The sun was shining with a warm wind blow, the generosity from volunteers and the buzz from the busy new skate park.

The 95 saplings that are left (Blackthorn, Rowan, Goat Willow and a few Dog Rose), are available for collection from the council office before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Those remaining will be planted in the Copse by our Grounds Maintenance team

These trees are working towards the development of a Woodland Copse, to commemorate the Queen's 70 Jubilee in 2022 and to do more to reduce our carbon footprint, as we aim to move towards being a carbon neutral council.