

One Ash



The Project

We were inspired by the Sylva Foundation's 'One Oak' <https://sylva.org.uk/oneoak/tree> which worked with children to increase understanding of sustainable forestry.

We have been working with 4 primaries and 1 secondary school on a project, where students have been visiting local woodland throughout the seasons of 2019 and connecting, in particular, with ash trees.

The project has aimed to bring to attention

the plight of ash trees due to Ash Dieback, as well as continuing the work of helping children to understand sustainable forestry. Having linked the children to one particular tree, we now wish to launch 'One Ash', a project that will begin with the felling of the tree and follow the journey of its timber, charting the many forms that we hope it will take.

Using the Wood

We are looking for as many artists, crafters, makers and end users of wood as possible to get involved.

We invite all those who would like to be part of the project to take a section of timber from the tree, however much is needed, process it and record the 'making'.

The wood can be used as part of a larger project or a stand-alone piece. Documentation will give students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding of this industry and of those who work in it. The journey of the wood, as it is transformed, can be recorded in any way you choose:

- Photos
- Video
- Written explanation... sketches... a diary
- Visits from schools, visits into schools or maybe demonstrating your craft on felling day



IF YOU KNOW THE EXACT SPECIFICATIONS YOU REQUIRE THE WOOD TO BE CUT TO, WE WILL NEED THESE MEASUREMENTS BEFORE THE DAY SO YOUR TIMBER CAN BE MILLED TO SIZE ON SITE.

Ash Tree Felling Day

We are due to fell our chosen Ash Tree on **Thursday 13th February 2020** in Ufton Park on the Englefield Estate. The Estate has kindly donated the tree and a felling team.



This will be a significant event with children attending from all the schools involved. As part of your involvement in the project, you are invited to come along and:

- Witness the felling of the ash
- Help plant new oak trees in the area (demonstrating sustainable forestry)
- Connect with children and schools through demonstrations (OPTIONAL)
- Network with other craftspeople
- Take wood and remnants of the tree
- Enjoy hot food and drink.

What Happens Next

- Let us know of your interest
- Put in a request for some of the wood
- If using the ash in the green, start making
- If needing seasoned ash... wait... then make

A major exhibition in Summer 2022 will celebrate 10 years of community tree planting and all works created from the One Ash. Dedicated web-pages will showcase the project and all who have contributed.

At the invitation of James Aldridge, lead artist for our collaborative 'Ash Tree Stream' project, there may be the opportunity to exhibit small pieces in Summer 2020, alongside work from the schools.

After exhibiting, you are welcome to use or sell the product as you wish. If your work is functional and cannot be returned for exhibiting, we would ask that photographs be submitted. We would be grateful for donations from any proceeds but the time and effort required for this project is considered sufficient.

The Legacy

Each participating school will be presented with a ring from the tree; each child attending will have a medallion and, we hope, a pencil made from some of the boughs. *(We need pencil-makers!)*

There is the possibility of a commission to carve a bench that will be installed in Harmony Woods, as a memorial to the tree *(above right)*.

As a continuation of 'One Ash', we hope to integrate the work into a wider project exploring the heritage of 'Andover's Ash' in the landscape.

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