



# Media Release

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## **NEW CENTENARY WOODLAND**

A new woodland will start to take shape this weekend when Harrogate Council's arboricultural team, the Pinewoods' Conservation Group and Junior Soldiers from the Army Foundation College plant 1,500 small trees behind the Harrogate Spa Water bottling plant next to the Pinewoods in Harrogate.

The Rotary Club of Harrogate has kindly donated the trees, as one of the many projects to mark its centenary this year, so once completed it will be aptly named the Centenary Woodland.

Approximately half of the four acres will be planted with native species of tree such as Birch, Oak, Ash, Field Maple, Hazel, Hawthorn and Alder whilst 450 trees of other species such as Spindle, Buckthorn, Blackthorn and Guelder Rose will be used to form a natural hedge between the new woodland and the bottling plant, providing cover and food for the many bird species found in the Pinewoods.

After the initial work, some further planting of larger trees will start in November to complete the woodland. The other half of the proposed planting area will be left open for recreation areas, pathways and seating.

Terry Knowles, Chairman of the Pinewoods' Conservation Group said: "This woodland will be a great addition to the Pinewoods area for the next generation. With help from the Junior Soldiers to dig the holes we should have new woodland by the end of the weekend. Planting work will start from 10.30 on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> and again on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers are most welcome to join us even for a couple of hours they need to just bring a spade."

**Note to Editors:** The Pinewoods Conservation Group was formed in 2002 and is an active group of local residents committed to the conservation and enhancement of the woodland. The Group has been instrumental in raising funding and carrying out important projects within the wood

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Terry Knowles Chairman Pinewoods Conservation Group is available for comment on 01423 525014. Alan Kavanagh Rotary Club of Harrogate is available for comment on 01423 871186. Further technical information is available from Alan Gilleard, Arboricultural Officer on 01423 556756.