

Community

Rangers work with schools, groups and individuals to encourage an understanding and enjoyment of gardening and the countryside. In particular it provides horticultural training for adults with learning difficulties and mental health service users, who benefit from taking part in a rewarding form of exercise and therapy. Rangers can meet curriculum needs, offer hands on activities and provide guided walks and talks for interested groups.

Preserving the future

Trees are grown from seeds and nuts collected in local ancient woods, planted out in the shade tunnel and then the tree nursery, before being used around Huntingdonshire on nature reserves, the Alconbury Weald site and by Parish Councils and voluntary tree wardens. A clone bank of rare black poplar trees is being established to enable the species to continue.

Where possible, the nursery is managed in an "environmentally friendly" way by composting green materials and utilising rain water with a series of water butts.

Volunteer opportunities

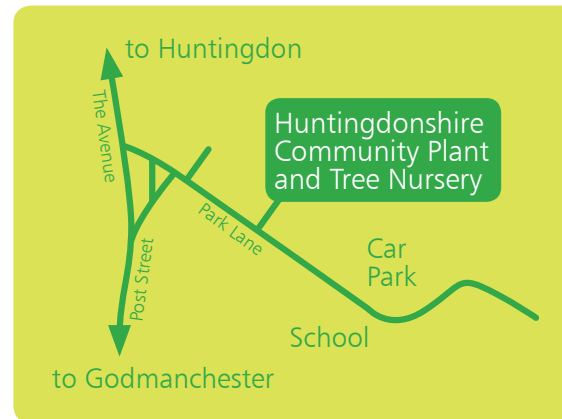
People of all skills and abilities are welcome to help with a variety of tasks. Work parties occur every Monday and Wednesday and occasionally at weekends.



Huntingdonshire Community Plant and Tree Nursery is located off Park Lane, Godmanchester PE29 2AG. There is a small car park and bike shelter on site.

Core opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am - 4pm



The Nursery is managed by Countryside Services but relies on a team of volunteers to help. Please contact rangers via Hinchingsbrooke Country Park on 01480 388666 or hinchingsbrookecountrypark@huntingdonshire.gov.uk for more details.

Friends of Huntingdonshire Community Plant and Tree Nursery

The Friends group exists to help promote the work of the nursery, raise funds to provide extra tools and equipment and help develop the nursery further. Membership details are available on site.



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Welcome to Huntingdonshire Community Plant and Tree Nursery

Facilities

Since its small beginnings in 2006, an ever increasing range of activities, areas and products have been developed.

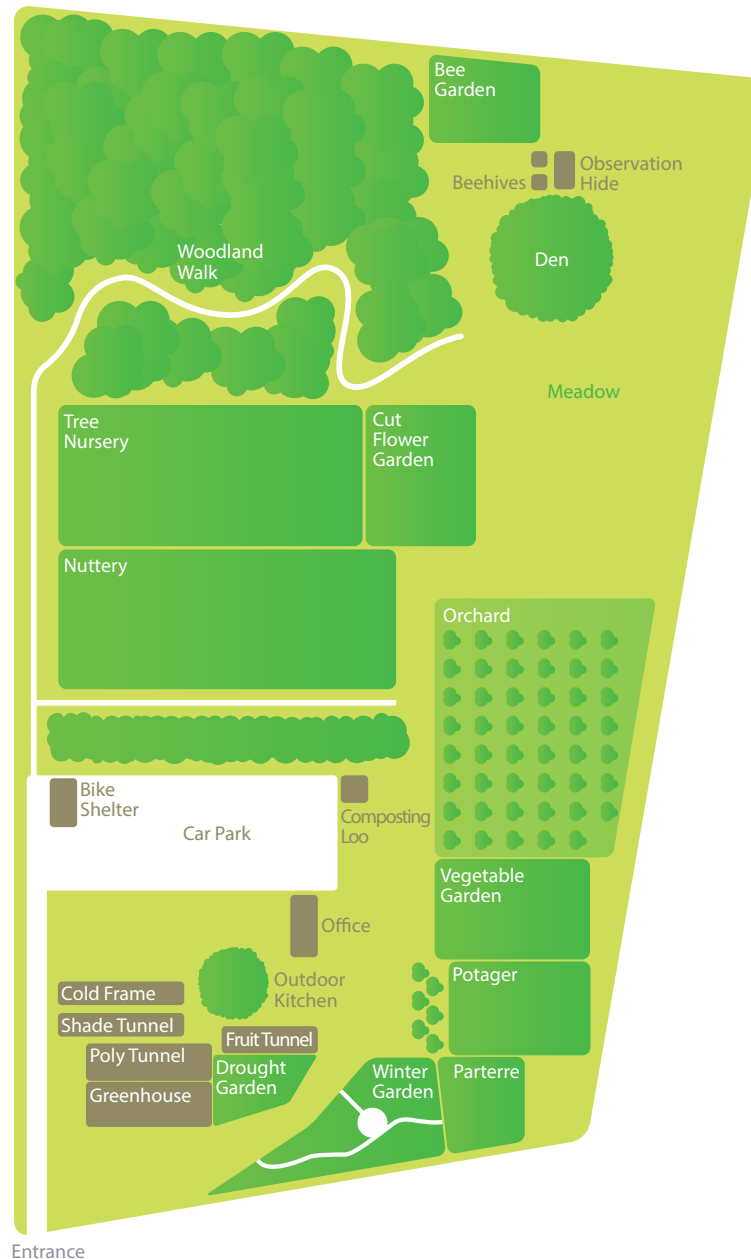
Fruit and vegetables, including salad crops, potatoes, leeks, sweetcorn, beans, apples and pears, are grown throughout the year. The produce is used in the café at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park and sold to raise funds for the nursery. A project to offer cut flowers is in its infancy.



In the greenhouse young plants and flowers are grown from seeds and cuttings to provide hanging baskets around the district.







Specific areas include a winter interest garden and a bee friendly garden with wheelchair accessible raised beds. Hives are maintained by local bee keepers, and an observation hide provides a safe place from which to study the bees. The colourful drought garden shows an innovative use of plants tolerant of dry conditions.

The orchard has over 20 varieties of local heritage fruit trees including Huntingdon Codlin apples and Laxton's Cropper plum. You will be able to spot peach and fig trees and a grape vine as well as a variety of nut trees - appreciated by squirrels and birds too!



Huntingdonshire Community Plant and Tree Nursery covers four acres with orchards, meadows, vegetable plots, flower gardens and a large variety of wildlife! Whether you are purchasing some plants and produce, or helping with practical tasks, we hope you have a chance to look around, sit awhile and rest and that you will visit again soon.

You are welcome to:

-  visit with your school, youth group or community group
-  hold a social event using the outdoor kitchen (ask for more information)
-  join work parties to help with the practical tasks
-  buy your garden plants and fresh vegetables when available
-  bring your dog on a lead and clear up if necessary
-  join the Friends of Huntingdonshire Community Nursery