



Sussex Central county Trefoil Guild Commemorates 80th Anniversary of Trefoil Guild amid rain & mud

In 1943 the Trefoil Guild was formed to amalgamate the various groups of 'Old Guides'. Today, the Trefoil Guild welcomes everyone aged 18 and over. Trefoil is part of the Girlguiding family and aims to support them and help others by carrying the spirit of Girlguiding into our communities. Many members support Girlguiding directly by assisting or leading units. It's a place to find friendship, to get involved in new challenges, or get active in the community. There is a network of 1000 Trefoil Guilds across the UK, online, and in other countries.

To mark this special anniversary, representatives from Sussex Central's Guilds planted 15 saplings and an Oak tree at Worth Park, Crawley. The Oak was also surrounded by daffodils. Steve Peters, Head Gardener, gave advice on how to plant the young trees, then members set to, with the spades and forks provided. Much laughter accompanied the planting as those present braved the rain & mud to complete the task. Of course, as you would expect the ladies were 'prepared' with wellies & waterproofs, demonstrating the phrase 'There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!' It was lovely to see two very young children offer their help to make a hole for one of the saplings to be planted.

Carol Pembrey, county chair said in her welcome *'We hope that the commemoration of our anniversary will have a positive impact on the environment and help to counter the damaging effects of climate change. Trees are our investment; they beautify our surroundings, purify our air and manufacture precious oxygen and they provide a hospitable place for animals to live and other plants to grow. Our thanks to Steve who does such an amazing job looking after these beautiful gardens and who has made this tree planting possible. We look forward to watching this new small copse of trees grow and mature for future generations. May they grow Strong and Healthy'*

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Carol Pembrey welcomes members to Worth Park



Steve Peters hands out the planting tools



Members get stuck in to the planting



Carol plants the Oak tree



Bulbs are planted around the Oak tree



Steve Peters prepares the stand for the plaque
newly installed plaque



Carol Pembrey with the