

CERTIFICATE

When you donate £5.50 (minimum) to the Tree Planting and Conservation Fund, the Network can provide you with a simple but elegant certificate. This can state the name of the contributor, the number of trees or the amount donated (if desired), together with the date and



the occasion, as well as the name of any person or people if the donation should be made payable to The Druid Network and sent to the office.

The Druid Network Tree Planting and Conservation Fund donation form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation: £ _____ Would you like a Certificate? Yes _____ No _____

Number of trees to be planted _____ or £ _____ contributed to the Fund

by: _____ for : _____

on the occasion of : _____

Address Certificate to be sent to: _____

The Druid Network Environment Pages Co-ordinator and the Environmental Projects Co-ordinator can be



reached through the relevant web pages, via office@druidnetwork.org or the main office address.

For further information please send an SSAE, international reply coupon or email address to :

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is a gift for someone else. If you would like a certificate, please fill in the information below and send it along with your cheque. (While the Network does print on recycled paper, please think carefully about the certificate option to ensure there is no unnecessary use of resources.) Cheques

The Druid Network DRUIDRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Our relationship with the Earth

It is easy to see how the environment and environmentalism are at the heart of Druidic practice. For many, the essence of Druidry is the reverential and honourable relationship between the people and the land.

Holding the land as sacred, the Druid perceives all nature as integrated, existing as interdependent and overlapping ecosystems. Each relationship connects, weaving into beautiful complex patterns of which humans are a part. By paying attention to

these relationships, awareness grows; it is no longer possible to deny our responsibility to the world around us.

Honouring nature, the Druid perceives deity as and within nature, as the sun and moon, the seas, rivers and rain, the land, skies, wind, and so on. Providing the opportunity for life, these forces also have the power to extinguish it. For the Druid to consciously harm

or be thoughtless towards the environment, denying the impact of their actions, is to disrespect their gods and the spirits of the land.

The realities of modern life mean

that difficult choices have to be made, with the knowledge that every decision holds the potential for detrimental effects on the environment. Even the simplest actions, like getting to work, require compromises to be made between human comfort and the well-being of the

planet and all who inhabit it. For the Druid, these compromises are ultimately informed by individual relationships with the spirits of nature.

The Druid Network seeks to facilitate awareness of the issues surrounding these difficult personal decisions through the ideas and information provided on the Environment and Ethical pages of our website.



INSPIRATION AND HONOUR

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

One of the objects of the Druid Network is to promote 'the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment, and the understanding of how individuals might live with conscious personal responsibility with regard to the environment'.

The Network actively supports and promotes reduced consumerism, reforestation, organic agriculture, fair

trade and recycling as well as conscious personal responsibility within each of these areas.

The Network's Constitution states that the organisation and its office will run on environmental and ethical principals. A few examples include offering paper-free membership, reducing and recycling our office waste, as well as using renewable energy.

INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

Believing that learning is most effective through shared inspiration, one of the key functions of the Network is expressed through the lively community of the members' forum on the website. Adding to this free exchange of ideas and inspiration, on the webpages there are a growing range of contributed articles and links to information on environmental subjects.

As personal connection with nature is so important to Druidry, specific pages on the website has been devoted to people

sharing their relationship with their local environment. This project is called 'Your Local Patch'; it is a gently growing

collection of thoughts, pictures and poetry, each page telling the story of the close connections forged between people and local places with which they have a special relationship.

Some may be about woodland groves, others about back yards, parks or urban gardens. Yet all tell of those special places that become sacred, places where

inspiration can be found, often right outside one's own door.



GLOBAL IN SCOPE

The work of the Network's environmental projects is global in scope, echoing growing British leadership in world ecological issues. Through the

global pages of the website, the Network encourages and supports environmental ethics and actions in Europe, North and South America, and Oceania.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Through its Tree Planting and Conservation Fund, the Network is engaged in both contributing to existing tree planting and conservation projects as well as directly sponsoring small

scale projects.

In the autumn of 2005 the Network supported the Woodland Trust's Trafalgar project, not only with a donation but by actively encouraging members and local

groves to get involved. Several affiliated groves took part in their local planting days and are now involved in helping to look after the newly created woodlands.

More recently the Network have been working closely with Trees for Cities, a charity dedicated to creating natural environments in urban settings. In early 2007, it funded the planting of over 300 trees at a site in Sidcup, Kent, ensuring the protection of a vulnerable urban green space from the ever present threat of development. One of the Network's local groves was actively involved in the planting and will be helping to look after the site in the future.

Perhaps the most important use of the money raised, however, is through the Project Support programme. This offers financial support to small scale projects, where a local group wants to plant trees,

CONTRIBUTING TO THE TREE PLANTING AND CONSERVATION FUND

Raising funds for the planting of trees, conservation of ancient woodlands and for small local projects is an important part of the work undertaken by The Druid Network. It provides a focus that allows individuals to contribute significantly to the health and strength of our environment and the re-creation of woodland where it is needed most, and thus to the well-being of our society as a whole.

Organisations and projects awarded funds hold the ethics and integrity that the Network feels are most suitable and in keeping with Druid theology and philosophy, as well as the tenets of The Druid Network. Where possible, funding is used to support tree planting and conservation projects that Network members can be directly involved with, through volunteering and stewardship of sites. Information about developing

to help create natural sacred space, to protect somewhere under threat, or to restore an area that has become polluted and misused. A good example of this is in the creation of new sacred space at Sentry Circle near Thornborough, North Yorkshire. The Network provided much needed funds to help get the project off the ground with the planting of native trees.

Any project that will be of benefit to the local community, honours the land, and is in keeping with the ethics of the Network, can be considered for funding. Full terms and conditions are available on the website.

If you have any ideas for future projects or would like to volunteer time, energy or expertise to Druid Network tree planting projects, please contact the Environmental Projects Co-ordinator.

projects and organisations we are working with can be found on The Druid Network's Environmental Projects web pages.

Many feel that it is more valuable to contribute to a broader fund that will be spent on conservation, protection and natural regeneration, and not necessarily to pay for the planting of new trees. For this reason, the Network welcomes donations to the Fund generally.

However, if you would like your donation specifically to go to planting a tree, for each £5.50 you contribute for this purpose, the Network aims to plant one tree. Some projects require much more for each tree and its subsequent care, while others cost much less. (Please note that we do not offer the option of having your 'own tree' set out in a specific location on a map. Other organisations do provide this service and to a much better standard than we feel we are able to at this time.)