



Twice as tall as us!



Sky high: Ernie and Rufus beneath the sunflowers

Brothers Ernie and Rufus enjoyed watching the spectacular bed of sunflowers on Church Lane, N2, grow high above their heads on their way to nursery over the summer. The bed is watered and cared for by volunteers, who will next

be planting bulbs for the spring and tidying up a large area of vegetation on the corner of The Walks. To find out more about the community garden project or to get involved email Mary and Judith at churchlanegardens@gmail.com.



Growth potential: Youngsters plant small saplings to create three Tiny Forests Photos Earthwatch Europe

This is how a forest starts

Children from four schools helped to plant three new 'Tiny Forests' along the route of the Mutton Brook, which flows from East Finchley to Hendon. Each tennis court-sized plot holds around 600 native trees, creating vibrant pockets of biodiversity in urban surroundings, in this case alongside the North Circular Road.

They join an existing Tiny Forest and a wildflower meadow already in place to form a green corridor that is designed to improve air

quality and attract wildlife. Children from Brookland Infant and Junior, Kerem Primary, Henrietta Barnett and Moss Hall Nursery all took part in the tree planting, supported by adult volunteers and GoodGym Barnet, whose community action runs will

take them back to the growing woodlands for future watering and maintenance sessions. The Tiny Forests project is organised by Earthwatch Europe, Barnet Council and local tech firm Pure Data Centres.

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Sweet success for Luna's lemonade



Lip-smacking: Luna advertises her summer lemonade sale in aid of Finchley Foodbank

By Luna, aged seven

In August I decided to sell home-made lemonade to my neighbours on Hertford Road. I juiced 12 lemons with my mum. I really enjoyed making the drinks to give out, meeting

new people, and chatting to everyone about their holidays. Thanks to the generosity of my neighbours, I raised £45. All money raised went to Finchley Foodbank. Find out more about them at www.finchleyfoodbank.org.uk



All ears: Kate Brown leads the storytelling in the nature circle in Cherry Tree Wood

Butterflies in the storytelling circle

By Diana Cormack

At the end of July, the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood organised another storytelling session for eight-year-olds and under. Set in the Children's Nature Circle next to the playground in the park, the topic was 'Five Butterflies of Cherry Tree Wood'.

Through her story, Kate Brown skilfully introduced the Brimstone, Holly Blue, Orange Tip, Peacock and White butterflies to the appreciative young audience and their accompan-

ing adults.

The children's contributions and interaction increased when *The Big Hungry Caterpillar* book appeared, with the read-

through causing many comments and suggestions from the youngsters. Amazingly, one nine-month-old in their buggy was particularly enthusiastic.