

From:
Sent: 11 May 2026 11:33
To: Clerk | Arlesey Town Council
Subject: Black Poplars

RE: Endangered Native species.

Dear Ms Bailey,

Please may I introduce myself: I am public artist and herbalist with many experiences in creative special projects including environmental hands on countryside pursuits; environmental landscapes and teaching, with trees and wild plants a passion. Currently, I am collaborating in a countrywide project and would love Bedfordshire to be a part of it.

In response to the plight of Britain's most endangered tree;
I decided to secured 100 native, DNA tested, Black poplar saplings (male and female). Embarking upon a mission to facilitate distribution throughout Bedfordshire and surrounding shires. These trees are currently in a secure clone bank in Suffolk and will be ready for dispatch in November.

It's these distinctive 'native trees' that are rapidly disappearing- as maybe you will be aware. This project, also invited to be part of the huge Cambridge 'Darwin tree of life project', seeks to redress the balance of hybridised Poplars -

The saplings come numbered and recorded on a national database and are DNA tested.

I'm hoping you have some suitable areas to consider?

They are perfect in flood planes , and along riverbanks.

Also I would welcome any other people that might be interested I.e. farmers, private landowners or other organisations?

It would be lovely to speak. Please give me a call.

Warmest wishes