



Wanderlands

Quarterly Update July 2021

Welcome to our second quarterly update!

We wish to thank you for your continued support with the adoption of new native broadleaf trees and surrounding biodiversity at our first two restoration locations – Croscombe Hill and Paradise Hill, near Wells, Somerset.

In this edition, we will update you on our progression since April.

First off, here's our **2nd Quarter Fact for Reflection** to help remind us all of the good we are doing by supporting natural solutions to our climate crisis:

Without drastic emission reductions in the next few years, the planet will likely exceed 1.5 degrees of warming as early as 2030, with devastating consequences.

- Climate Reality Check (2020), Net Zero Report.

What does net-zero mean in practice?

There's a lot of buzz around the concept of 'net-zero', with more and more businesses declaring a commitment to achieving it. Net-zero refers to the balance between the amount of greenhouse gas produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. To combat climate change, carbon dioxide emissions need to fall to zero.

The longer it takes to do so, the more the climate will change. We must meet the 1.5°C maximum temperature rise set against pre-industrialisation global temperature levels. As agreed in the United Nation's 2015 Paris Agreement, global carbon emissions must reach net-zero by 2050.

We must continuously strive to take action. Governments, companies, and groups of individuals (like yourself) are making all the difference by acting now to remove CO₂ from the atmosphere through woodland creation and biodiversity restoration.

So, what have we been up to on Croscombe Hill?

Livestock visited the upper area of Croscombe Hill to graze and prepare the land for the Autumn planting of new flora. The species-rich environment will soon be nurturing increased biodiversity, supporting pollinators such as bees, butterflies and other magnificent fauna. A complete study of the onsite Edwardian dew pond was recently conducted. Its restoration will be underway in September with the help of local secondary students from Whitstone School and the Mendip Society.

How about Paradise Hill?

Paradise Hill has seen a lot of activity over the summer months. You'll remember from our last newsletter that 3,600 native broadleaf trees were planted at the start of this year, yours included. These have since grown very well - native broadleaf trees will grow half a metre per year on average! Despite being in their early days, the beginnings of your piece of climate restoration are there to be seen. Our team recently went to the site to photograph all the trees. They've since been placed on our database in preparation for transference to our digital tree tracker and engagement web app, which is in its final stages of testing. Natural flora has been planted around the site boundaries.



Paradise Hill is nearly ready to visit!

Our designer has put together a series of information boards for Paradise Hill about the site and the trees planted, the ones for Croscombe Hill are in progress. There's now a footpath too so that guests can enjoy a stroll through the avenue of silver birch trees and around the woodland, all the way down to the flora hedgerows. To the right is the sitemap and key for Paradise.

When you come to wander around and enjoy the site, remember to make a day of it! We recommend that you finish your day in the heart of Croscombe village at award-winning The George Inn. This is where our team ended up for a nice glass of crisp cold rose and a fresh plate of fish and chips after a rather long day of tree tagging.



New partners working with Wanderlands

We've had several new partnerships develop with local independent businesses and multinationals looking to reach carbon net-zero status. Over the last couple of months, Paradise Hill has played host to several client visit days to illustrate what a site looks like in the early stages and prospect the future design of their own sites. One of our latest clients, Acorn Property Group, enjoyed an onsite media day to capture videos of the trees that they have purchased to offset their residue carbon footprint from the previous 2019-2020 fiscal year. Keep a lookout on our social media pages for some fantastic drone footage - you might even be able to spot your adopted tree(s) and surrounding biodiversity!



In the Press – partnership with Stantec

We are delighted to be partnering with Stantec, a prestigious international environmental consultancy, to develop and deliver carbon reduction strategies for our clients as they embark on their sustainability journey to reach net-zero. Check out the full piece here: <https://environment-analyst.com/uk/106965/stantec-partners-with-uk-habitat-consultancy>

Stantec partners with UK habitat consultancy

International design and consulting firm Stantec partners with Wanderlands to invest in tree-planting and habitat creation in the UK to offset carbon emissions

3 June 2021 / Business, UK

Edmonton, Canada-headquartered international professional services consultancy has announced a partnership with UK-based Wanderlands.

Based in Bristol, Wanderlands is a specialist consultancy which assesses the carbon footprints of businesses and provides offsetting through planting. It has a biodiversity site near Wells in Somerset and is securing further sites across the South West. The partnership will allow Stantec and Wanderlands to develop carbon-neutral strategies and carbon removal offset solutions to support clients with social impact targets through nature-based solutions.



Tim Oliver, Wanderlands co-founder and commercial and marketing director, said that through their partnership, Stantec and Wanderlands would regenerate biodiversity by creating and enhancing habitats such as native broadleaf woodland, wildflower meadows and grassland habitats.

On behalf of Team Wanderlands, thanks again for your support.

Remember to check out our website www.wanderlands.earth for more information as it's constantly evolving, and we just went live with the third release! We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and would be pleased to hear from you at info@wanderlands.earth with any ideas/thoughts/comments for future editions.

Best wishes, Alice
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Three final facts about our trees:



Hazel

Hazel is so bendy in spring that it can be tied in a knot without breaking.



Downy birch

Its range is more northerly than any other broadleaf species.



Field maple

Pollution fighter, autumn stunner, syrup maker. This is the only maple native to the UK.