

# **Quorn Garden Club**

## **Members News: November 2023**

### **Our Next Event:**

**Change from Programme – replaces Gardening Abroad** 

## Talk: Badgers in the Garden

Thursday, 16th November 2023, 7.15pm at Church Rooms, Quorn.

We welcome Neil Hughes from the Leicestershire & Rutland Badger Group to tell us all about badgers.

We very much hope you can all come to the badgers talk and look forward to seeing you there. Lots of badgers are now out and about, and some visit our gardens making an awful mess. But I still love them! They have been into the Memorial Garden and dug up parts of the lawn there – a plea has been issued to please close the gate if you visit. It's very hard to deter these determined and strong animals which sometimes move around in family groups. They occasionally come into my garden in the middle of the night surprisingly accessing from busy Leicester Road - but I rarely see them. I am trying to establish a 'loggery' in my garden but it is slowly being destroyed as they take apart the logs in search for grubs! If you know of anyone who likes/is interested in badgers or has them regularly in their garden, please invite them along (Guests very welcome £3).



There will be a 'plants table' – an opportunity to give away any of your spare plants – contributions very welcome. If you have been having an 'Autumn sort out' don't throw those unwanted plants on the compost heap, bring them along – they just may be long sought after by another gardener! Remember: save any of your spare houseplants for our December plant swap!

#### **Trees**

Residents across Charnwood are being invited to take part in the Borough Council's great tree giveaway. The Council has 3,500 free tree saplings to give to residents to plant in their gardens as part of its commitment to plant trees and help the environment. All residents need to do is to pick them up during National Tree Week later this month.

National Tree Week is 25 November – 3 December – more information on

www.treecouncil.org.uk.

Autumn colours are now well on their way. It's the time of year to admire autumn trees: try visiting Sherwood Forest, Martinshaw Wood, Abbey Park, or Swithland Wood.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Don't forget our December meeting (21st December) when we will be having a houseplant swap at our festive social event.

No NGS gardens are opening now until next year. You can now pre-order the NGS Garden Visitor's Handbook for 2024 (£17.99, <a href="www.ngs.org.uk">www.ngs.org.uk</a>). The first 2024 attractions will be 'snowdrop' gardens in February.

### **Discount at Six Acres Nurseries**

Following Dave Stockdale's talk to us in April, Quorn Garden Club members can benefit from a generous 10% discount on purchases at Six Acres Nurseries (Loughborough Road, Costock, LE12 6XB).