

An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. The foreground shows steep, green slopes. In the middle ground, a dense forest covers the valley floor. In the background, a small town is visible, surrounded by more mountains under a cloudy sky.

Community Advocacy

Benjamin Teele



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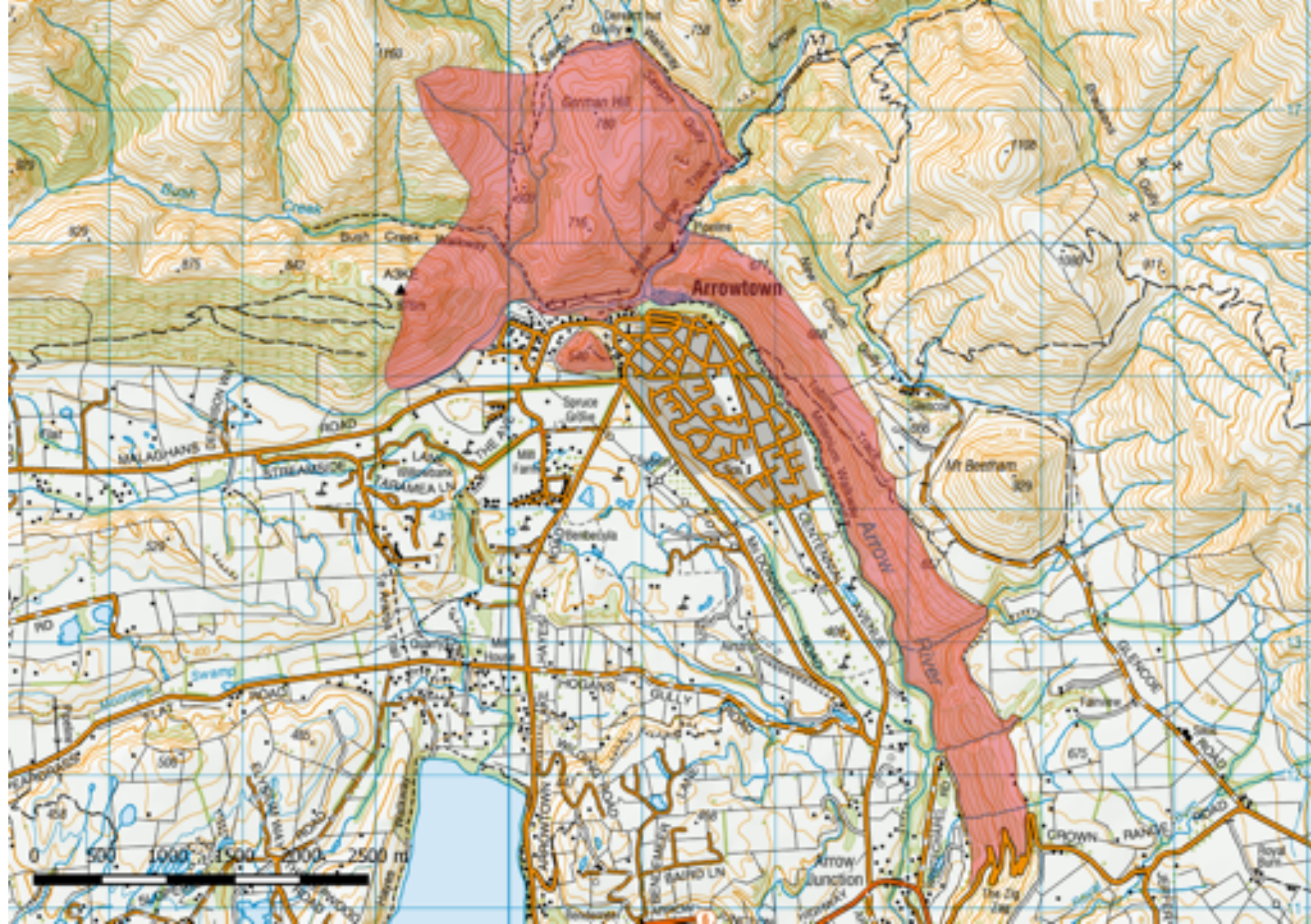
ARROWTOWN
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



Arrowtown
CHOPPERS



Arrowtown
Wilding Group
Enhancing and protecting our landscape.






PARTNERS & SUPPORT

- Local and wider community
- Private Landowners
- Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association
- Mt Soho Properties
- Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Department of Conservation
- Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Group
- LINZ
- QEII Trust



MULTI- PRONGED

- Strategy Document
 - Weekly Chopping group – Arrowtown Choppers
 - Local media
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 - Keas, Cubs, Scout groups
 - Local market
 - Local planting and trapping
 - Town meetings/Shaping Our Future
 - Business Association
 - Other Community Groups
 - Council
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ARROWTOWN WILDING STRATEGY JUNE 2018

Arrowtown Village Association in conjunction with Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association, Arrowtown Wilding Group, and Associated Stakeholders.

A vision for the eradication and management of Wilding Trees in the Arrowtown Area. The problem explained, the options available, the way forward.



Arrowtown Choppers



harvest your own christmas tree

Karl Walker of Arrowtown Choppers is encouraging local families to get themselves a free Christmas tree – and help halt the spread of wilding pines – by cutting their own from the group's control patch near the Sawpit Gully Loop. 'Why not get the kids up there, pick your own tree, chop it down and take it home?' he says.

The Choppers work close to the Big Hill Track on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 9 pm. 'If you need some help we're happy to give you a hand during those hours,' says Karl. 'If you're heading up any other time, simply find a conifer you like the look of and help yourself. Just remember it is your responsibility to be safe. You'll have to bring your own tools and appropriate clothing and footwear. And bring a hand saw – no chainsaws allowed!'


More information @arrowtownchoppers on Facebook.




Local Media

About

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 Removing of wilding trees in the SAWPIT GULLY area above Bush Creek.

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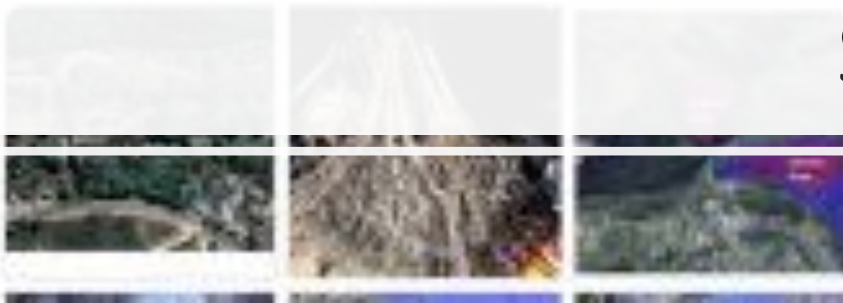
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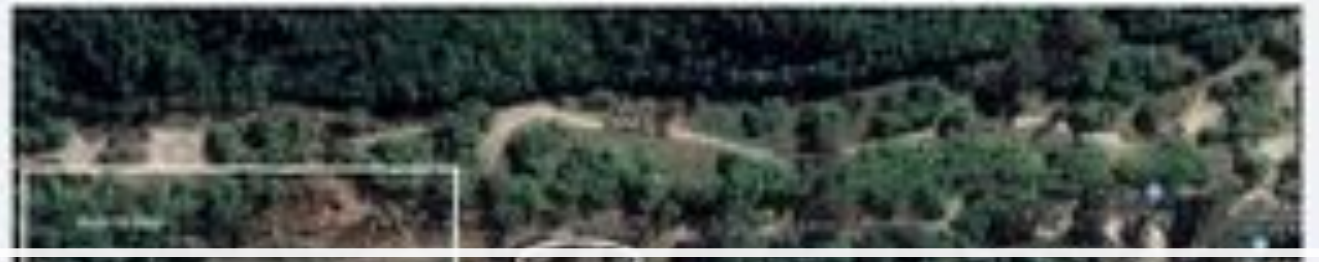


Arrowtown Choppers

19 November at 13:40 · 



Hey Choppers, we are going to bring the chopping a little bit closer to Arrowtown tonight. We will meet at the Chinese Village toilets at 6pm and head up just past the WRT plantings (See map below). Our aim is to start clearing this space for future plantings planned in 2012. Bring along a saw and loppers. We also have quite a few wildings that we need to assess and plan for removal.



Social Media





Signage



THE BIG Christmas CHOP

Arrowtown CHOPPERS

Come and help us, get yourself involved in removing Wilding Conifers from the slopes of Sawpit Gully.

Wilding Conifers (Pines, Larches, Firs, Spruces) are invasive weeds that threaten to take over our beautiful landscape.

This is a day for all age groups, families and friends to get involved. Families will have the chance to select a real Christmas Tree at the end to take home. These trees will be pre-cut to 2.4m stud and can be picked up on the day.

Any questions: arrowtownchoppers@gmail.com

Join us on our Facebook page: [/groups/arrowtownchoppers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/arrowtownchoppers)

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
The Big Christmas Chop Day 2019 10am-2pm
 Meet at Chinese Village, Arrowtown at 10am
 Bring your own tools if you have them, extra food, drink and appropriate clothing and footwear. Please remember weather conditions can change rapidly. A BBQ lunch will be provided from 12pm.

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THE BIG Spring CHOP

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

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Family Chopping Days





Keas, Cubs, Scouts



Local Market



Planting









Trapping



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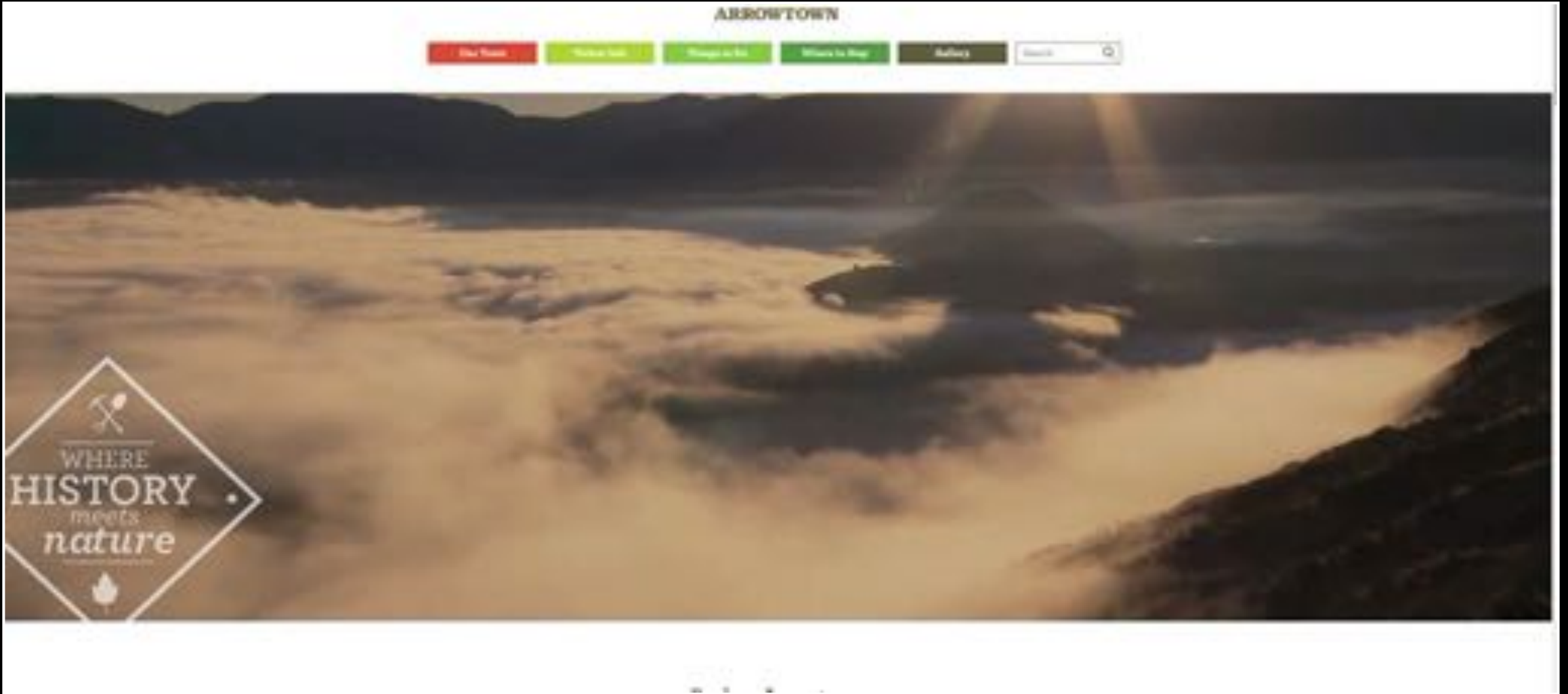


Our vision for the Arrowtown Community for 2050 and beyond is as follows:

"A vibrant, diverse community that is engaged in managing its future in a way that values and protects its heritage, character, lifestyle and the natural environment sustainably."

Based on the visioning forum, we have developed a strategic plan that is divided into four valued key areas: Heritage, Character, Community and Natural Environment. For each key area we have outlined a sub vision, objectives and recommendations towards achieving the sub-vision. More detailed work carried out by each sub-group can be seen in Appendix 1-5.





Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association

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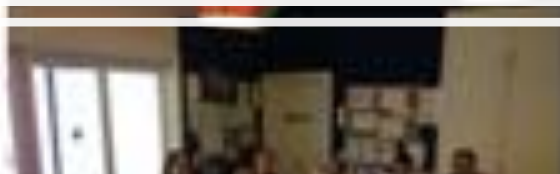


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St John's Presbyterian Church

Arrowtown

St John's Church, Arrowtown is a congregation of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church located on the corner of Durham and Berkeley Streets.



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Services planned for November

2020

Worship is held at St John's, 28 Durham Street, Arrowtown.

10am - 11am

10am - Frankton fellowship @ St Margaret's, Ross Street (across Kaniere Road from the airport)

Other community groups

Summary

- Community engagement is crucial for success
- Get the community buying into the problem using the places they see/walk/bike/hike/ride
- Time is needed to build community buy in
- Get their hands dirty – volunteer days for everyone
- Importance of showing people biodiversity
- Reliant on a few key individuals at a community level
- Think about what happens after the trees are removed