



# How to care for your own Globe Willow

New willow trees can be grown easily from cuttings. Simply take a length of healthy willow branch, about 25cm long and the diameter of a pencil, remove all of the leaves and place in a pot of water. In a few weeks, roots will develop from the base (you might need to top up the water). You can then plant your cutting in a pot of compost where it should take root, after which you can either transfer it into a larger pot and keep it there, or plant it in the ground (ensuring you pick a sensible location and have the permission of the landowner!). Alternatively you can cut a length of willow, remove the leaves and insert directly into a pot of compost. Your tree will be a genetic clone of its parent, the Globe Willow.

The Stonehouse Tree Charter contains five key principles that should govern the management of trees in our town. These are:

- Trees will be regarded as an asset, not a liability.
- Existing trees will be cared for and managed appropriately.
- New trees will be established responsibly and sustainably.
- The urban forest of Stonehouse is a Community Arboretum, for everybody.
- Collaboration will be at the heart of urban forest management.



To download the Stonehouse Community Arboretum Management Plan and learn more about trees in Stonehouse, please visit [stonehousetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://stonehousetowncouncil.gov.uk)



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This information sheet was produced by the Arboricultural Association to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Globe Willow and the launch of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum Management Plan on October 3rd, 2021.



HAPPY  
100<sup>th</sup>  
BIRTHDAY



Circa 1930



Circa 1969



Image taken from Gloucestershire Life, April 1969.

# The Globe Willow 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

## October 3rd, 2021

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We know that the Globe Willow was planted in 1921, and the Town Council has decided to celebrate its birthday on October 3rd, also the launch date of the first ever Stonehouse tree strategy – the Stonehouse Community Arboretum Management Plan. Appropriately enough, the Globe Willow features on the front cover of the new document.

The willow tree was planted under the instruction of longstanding Stonehouse Parish Councillor, and Chair, Charles William Hill. As well as being a member of the Parish Council for 39 years, Charlie was head gardener at Haywardsfield, Wycliffe College, and his knowledge of landscaping – and presumably arboriculture – was of great practical use to the town.

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Metalwork can be seen in the canopy – historic attempts to ensure that the branches held together and the tree did not fall apart. Right at the base of the tree a selection of fungal fruiting bodies can be seen, most noticeably the large brackets of *Rigidiporus ulmarius*. This is an indicator of significant decay in the stem of the tree, as might be expected in so old a specimen.

When planting a tree we are improving things not only for people who live in Stonehouse today, but in future generations. It is thanks to the foresight of the Stonehouse community in 1921, and to a century of tree care and management, that we are able to enjoy the Globe Willow today. It is hoped that the trees we plant in 2021 will be celebrated by our descendants, one hundred years from now.



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