Plant
a tree

Hold a baby tree in your hands. One day it might be bigger than a house. Isn’t that just amazing? Start it on its way to becoming a giant. It will still be growing long after you’re grown up.

You will need
• Small native tree seedling (rowan, hazel and wild cherry are all good)
• Spade
• Boots or wellies
• Gloves
• Watering can

1 Look at the roots of your little tree to decide how big a hole you should dig. It should be deep enough so that the roots are not crushed. The top of the soil should be about five centimetres above the roots.

2 Dig the hole and leave the soil at the side.

3 Put the tree into the hole. Hold it upright while you put soil back into the hole. It should form a mound a little higher than the ground.

4 Press the soil down gently with the back of your heel. Don’t squash the soil down too hard or water won’t be able to get through to the roots.

5 Give the tree a drink of water. It needs it!