

[The Path to Net Zero Energy – creating jobs and more affordable energy](#)

Northern Ireland's new energy strategy – The Path to Net Zero – will create jobs and lead to more affordable energy, Economy Minister Gordon Lyons said today.

[Tree planting event at Riverside Nature Park – all welcome!](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



Update from the Friends of Riverside Nature Park :

“Tree planting time this Sunday – 23rd January – from 1pm to 3pm.

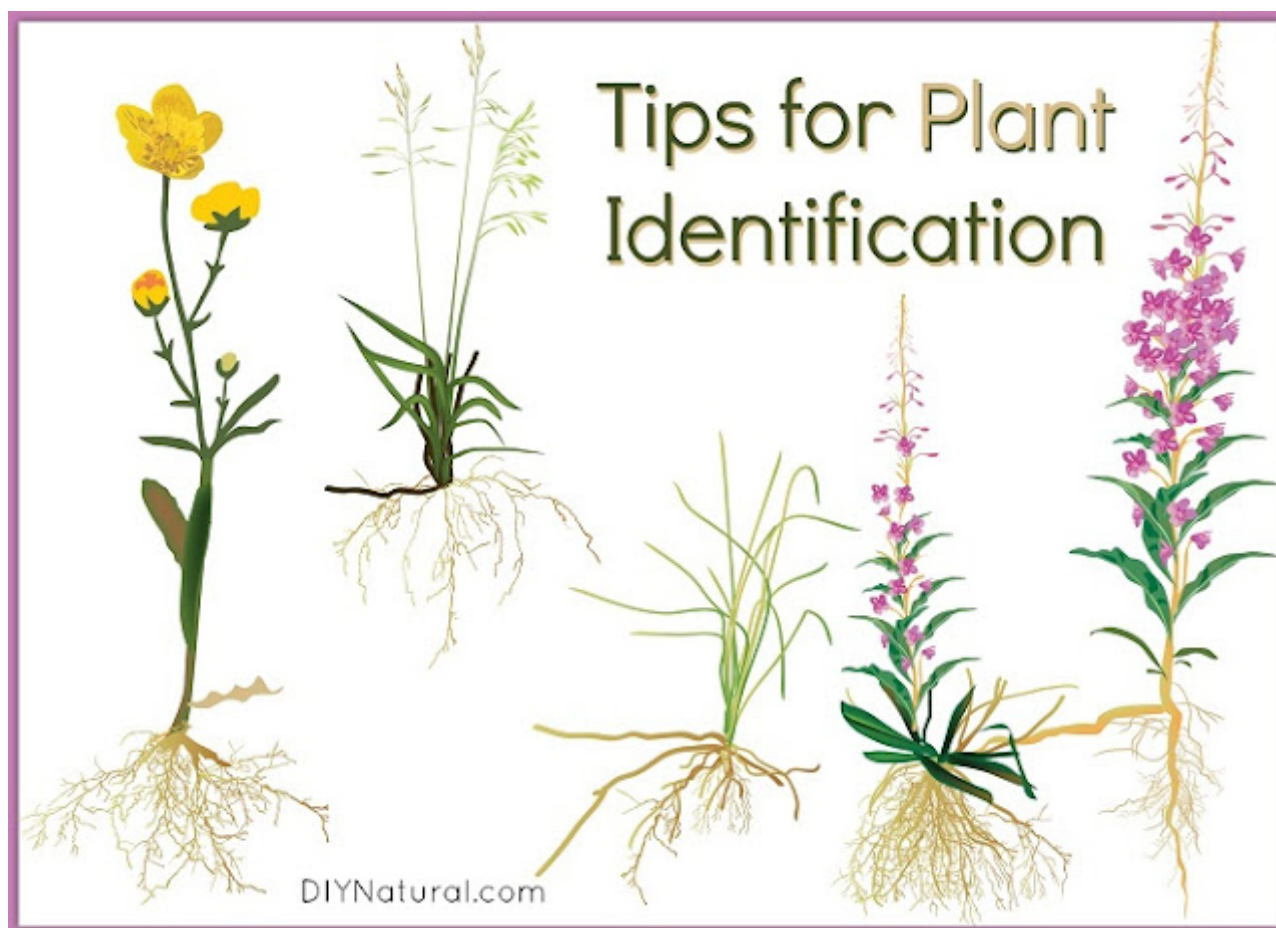
Meet at Riverside Nature Park, Wright Avenue. Check the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/riversidenatureparkdundee on Sunday morning in case bad weather makes us postpone.

After your help planting 420 trees before Christmas, we're asking for your help again to plant 250 Alder trees to increase the nitrogen in the soil before we plan a large orchard.

Families and all ages welcome as you can see from the last tree planting. Bring warm clothes, gloves and a SPADE but we will have plenty of sanitised spades too, thanks to support from Dundee Ranger Service.

No need to book but we'll observe Covid regulations."

[Friends of the University of Dundee Botanic Garden online event](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



From the Friends of the University of Dundee Botanic Garden :

"After a long gap, we are delighted to say we have arranged our first talk, via Zoom, next Sunday, 23rd January at 4.30pm.

Professor Lyn Jones will look at the various Plant ID apps available and make his recommendations for you. There will be time for questions at the end.

If you would like to attend, please let us know, and we will let you have the Zoom link – e-mail fudbg.committee@gmail.com

Prepare to enjoy and learn from the comfort of your own home, cup of tea in hand.”

[Taking action to get the council to remove controversial car parking charges #dundeewestend](#)



Following my strong criticism of Dundee City Council’s lack of action to suspend parking charges in residential areas of the West End, despite the First Minister’s instruction to work from home if possible due to the latest COVID situation and the Omicron variant, I have now placed an item on next Monday’s council City Development Committee (24th January) to allow me to move that the charges are suspended meantime.

The council’s current position on this is ridiculous.

The West End car parks are the only Dundee car parks in residential areas with parking charges but without any form of residents’ parking scheme. Local people are being charged to park near their homes given the ‘work from home’

directive of the Scottish Government.

The council's lack of action on removing the parking charges creates a disincentive for people to work from home. The council should be supporting the Scottish Government advice and should act to make sure it is not more difficult for people to work from home.

Many of the seven affected car parks are half empty as a result because residents are forced to try to find on-street spaces to avoid the parking charges which he said was a totally unacceptable position for the council to have created.

If my motion is agreed next Monday, parking charges in the West End will be suspended while the 'work from home' directive is in place. This is the responsible thing for the council to do and I hope it will find support in the council chamber.

[Weekly Road Report – West End Ward](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022

Perth Road (between Riverside Crescent and Riverside Place) – rolling 2 way temporary traffic lights from Monday 17 January for 2 days for City Fibre works.

Greenmarket (at MSCP) – temporary traffic lights from Wednesday 19 January for 2 weeks for electric charging point power installation.

Taits Lane – closed from Friday 21 January for 2 weeks for footway resurfacing.

Forthcoming Roadworks

Perth Road – westbound lane closure (off-peak) between Blackness Avenue and

Windsor Street from Monday 24 January for 10 days for Road Safety works.

Riverside Approach (Riverside Drive to Magdalen Yard Road) – closed overnight (10.00pm – 9.00am) on Saturday 29 January for Scottish Gas Network works.