

Care for your willow structure



Willow is a living thing and needs care and attention!

Don't

- ✗ Allow the planting trench to become overgrown. Competition with grass will lead to a large reduction in growth from the stems and can lead to some stems drying out completely.
- ✗ Allow the willow stems to dry out in hot weather. Willow is a living thing and needs water to survive and flourish.
- ✗ Spray ***any*** chemicals on or around the willow as this will get into the root system and also kill the stems
- ✗ Accidentally catch the bases of the willow when strimming as this will also lead to stem loss.



Dead stems through grass competition



Examples of how trench should be kept, Ideally with a covering of bark chippings



Do

- ✓ Regularly weed the planting trench by hand / cut edges with grass shears
- ✓ Empty 2 or three buckets of water into the trench, at least once or twice a week or every couple of days in hot weather
- ✓ Watch for any stems getting wind damage and tie them in again if necessary
- ✓ Care for and enjoy you willow structure.