

Tree of the Month



August 2021

Is awarded by **Wild About Barrow** to

**Weeping Willow (Salix sp)
Bridge Street entrance to village**

*For its graceful shape, reflection in the River Soar and gentle rustling of the leaves.
There is nothing more English than sitting in a deckchair listening to the sound of leather
on willow.*



This large, fast growing tree is often found along riverbanks and is one of many that adorn our River Soar. There are hundreds of willow species found around the world. Push a willow stick in the ground and it is likely to grow!

The medicinal value of willows has been known for thousands of years. It is used to cure a range of ailments from skin conditions to pain and fever relief from aspirin. It is also valuable in the many ways it is used to improve the environment, including stabilising streambanks, preventing soil erosion, filtering waste water and as a habitat for wildlife. Willow is also used as a biomass fuel which helps reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Contact wildaboutbarrow@gmail.com for your suggestion for another month