

Tree of the Month



November 2021

Is awarded by **Wild About Barrow** to
Sessile Oak (*Quercus patraea*)
Cotes Road, opposite Humphrey Perkins

For its great beauty and symbolism of wisdom, strength and meaning. How appropriate then to be standing between the school on one side and the open Soar Valley on the other! Also for supporting more wildlife than any other native tree.



Oaks provide a habitat for more than 257 species of insects, which are the food source for birds and other predators. The bark also provides a habitat for mosses, lichens and liverworts. Deadwood cavities are used by nesting birds and roosting bats. The acorns are eaten by a number of birds and mammals, including the jay, badger and squirrel. The leaves are also food for caterpillars and finally, the leaf mould supports beetles and numerous fungi. So the mighty oak plays a huge role in supporting biodiversity.

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