

# **The Cycling Gardeners branch out with Christmas trees**

## **Santa Helps the Cycling Gardeners deliver Christmas For Tollcross Treeworks.**

Director of Cycling Gardeners, Callum Ross, has teamed up with local farmer James Nesbit for the past three years as Tollcross Tree Works, delivering the highest quality trees and a bit of winter cheer. To make life even easier they are using their cargo bikes for deliveries in town.

The Cycling Gardeners were previously known as Andrew James gardens, but they ditched their vans, bought cargo bikes and now operate from a yard in Tollcross.

The Gardeners are dedicated to their Green agenda making the use of the bikes essential. They can carry up to four trees on a bike with a trailer meaning fewer vehicles on the road, less pollution and fitter gardeners with less hassle over traffic and parking.

The yard has freshly cut Norman Firs and Fraser Firs in stock and advise on how to choose the perfect tree: "The Norman Firs are the much loved standard classic that everyone loves. Broad and bushy and perfect for most homes. For people with smaller Edinburgh flats but who still have high ceilings the Fraser Firs are thinner while retaining a weightiness and that great Christmas tree smell."

The Gardeners moved into the Christmas tree business with James as he had family contacts in Pitlochry where the highest quality trees are grown. As with everything with the gardeners

quality product is all important and these trees deliver that in spades as does the excellent service

The yard is manned from Thursday till Sunday where you can see the selection of trees. Make your choice and one of Santa's helpers will pull it out for you to check it meets your needs. Trees can be taken away immediately, be put aside to be picked up or have it delivered when time suits.

Callum Ross said: "Santa really is impressed especially with the Cargo Bikes. A lack of snow in Edinburgh makes using the Sleigh problematic. A bike could be just the thing for him. He is so keen to try one you could find him doing a delivery shift with your tree.

"Being part of the community is very important to the Gardeners. The yard is lit up and with music being played and a great smell coming from the trees. Being open to the public in the dreich December days certainly brings a bit of cheer to the local residents as does the site of the bikes setting off with their deliveries.

"We are part of the cargo bike revolution and have had great support from charities and organisation such as Sustrans, Spokes, The Cargo Bike Movement and Energy Saving Trust."

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