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New Guinness World Record for largest tree hug at Delamere Forest



Forestry Commission England has been awarded a new World Record for the largest tree hug, which took place on 11 September 2011 at Delamere Forest in Cheshire.

Over 700 tree huggers joined forces on the day eager to set a new record, with participants gathered from as far afield as mainland Europe to join in the event and share the excitement.

Teams in America and Nepal have attempted a largest tree hug record before but this is the first time it has actually been achieved.

The world record attempt was organised as part of the Forestry Commission's celebrations of the UN's International Year of Forests. The Forest Discovery Day took place simultaneously at 28 of our major sites, with a host of different events taking place across England.

On learning of the good news, Pam Warhurst, Forestry Commission Chair said;

"I am really delighted that we've achieved the world record. The tree hug was a fun way for people to get involved with us and share their love for trees and the environment."

Josephine Melville-Smith, Marketing Manager, Forestry Commission England, added;

"Congratulations and huge thanks go to all the people who turned up to enjoy the day and share the incredible experience of setting a world record. It was absolutely overwhelming to see so many people hugging the trees at Delamere Forest at the same time!"

Tree hugging is not a new idea. It became famous in the 1970's after women in a village in India used the symbolic gesture to protect local trees.

Julie Mogan from DTM Legal who verified the attempt said;

"It was great to be involved in such a fun day and to see everyone from very young children to grand parents cheering when the attempt was over was just incredible."

