

Bonsai Demonstration by Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group

There were 5 members of the group and 10 members of the public at the demonstration on Saturday 5th February at Thorngrove.

I had selected a large Hornbeam from the garden centre stock, and proceeded to look at the tree to see what needed to be removed.

I cut the top down quite considerable, and then removed some more branches. I also removed most of the leaves as they were in the way for me to decide on a style.

I also asked for and had some input from members of the audience.

I then with some difficulty removed the tree from its large pot.

Fortunately I had a saw with me as I had to cut through the tap root. This alone took me half an hour.

I then removed some more of the roots, and gradually was able to fit it into the pot which I had selected. It was not the first choice, but I did not want to remove any more of the roots.

I then added the soil, and wired the tree into the pot.

It will remain in this pot for probably 2 years.

I advised the audience that I would be watering after I got home, and start fertilising in about 4 weeks time with the Bonsai fertiliser that I use.

There was time for several questions and then time to pack up.

I enjoyed the event, and I think that those there also did.

I am going to do another demo on the 5th March.

Our meetings are at the United Church Hall in Bell st Shaftesbury on the first Friday of the month.

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