



Find out how Tree Wardens can make a difference in your parish

Trees are important in your parish because they:

- provide a habitat for wildlife;
- provide shade and shelter for people;
- can muffle sound effectively and absorb pollutants;
- are appreciated by local people for their beauty and the sense of wellbeing they bring;
- and can increase the property value of homes by up to 15% or more.*

Tree Wardens are volunteers appointed by their Parish Council to:

- Be a contact and support for all things tree related in their local area;
- Protect trees by reporting on early signs of pests, disease and vandalism;
- Gather information, survey and record information about trees important for wildlife and the heritage of the parish;
- Help look out for opportunities to plant more trees in the local community, enhancing the environment for parishioners;
- Help find money to fund local tree planting projects (e.g. The tree Council has grants only available for Tree Wardens)
- Get involved in campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of trees



The Tree Council (lead organisation for the national Tree Warden Scheme) launched the Tree Warden Scheme in 1987.

The parish/ town council would be expected to support their Tree Wardens by:

- including them in discussions about tree matters;
- inviting them to attend parish/town council meetings and report any tree related matters;
- support them with any necessary resources needed to carry out their volunteering (within reason);
- and ensure that they are covered for health and safety and insurance as a parish/ town council volunteer.



Rushcliffe Borough Council will support parish councils by:

- providing support and guidance for Tree Wardens at a local level;
- providing at least two training courses and one networking event per year;
- providing links to funding schemes for community and private landowner projects;
- Acting as a link to the national Tree Warden Scheme.

For more information about the Tree Warden Scheme and how it could benefit your parish/town council contact Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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*Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment 2005

