



# An Introduction to The Tree Council and National Tree Warden Scheme

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#### The national charity working together to...

Fund, plant and care for trees and hedgerows	Inspire the next generation of young environmentalists	Use science to influence policy and support best practice on trees and the environment
WITH TREE WARDENS & THE COMMUNITY	WITH EDUCATION PARTNERS & YOUNG TREE CHAMPIONS	WITH GOVERNMENT ଫ ACADEMICS
COMMUNITY ACTION	YOUNG LEARNING	PRACTICAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH

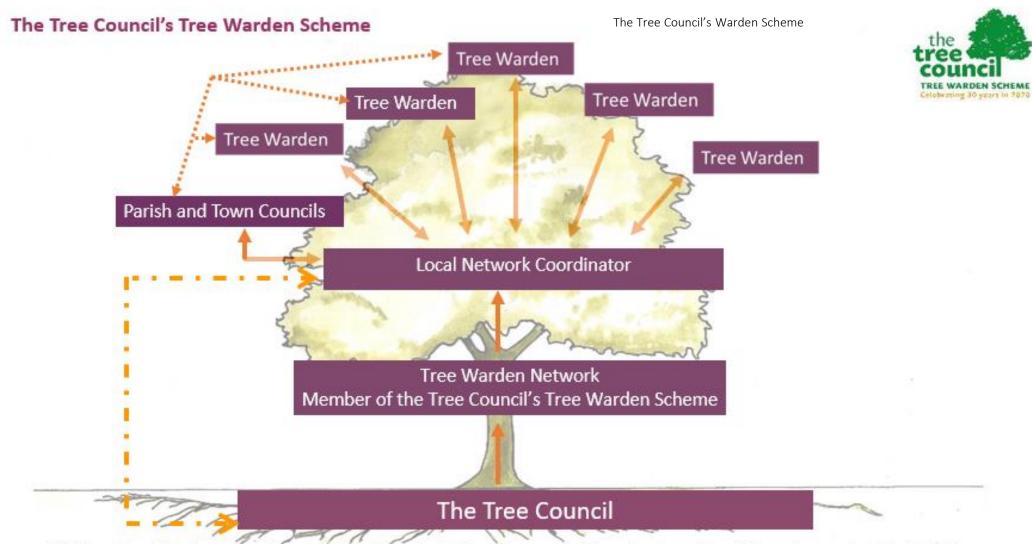
Partnership underpins everything we do. Working with our charity partners and members for the benefit of trees, wildlife, people and the planet.

## Goals of the Tree Warden Scheme

- Make trees matter to everyone
- Plant more trees, of the right kind, in the right places
- Provide better care for all trees of all ages
- Inspire effective action for trees







\* Note: Tree Wardens may be appointed by the Network organisation direct, or the Network may decide that Tree Wardens are appointed through the Parish or Town Council or other community group e.g. a Friends of Group

## The role of a Tree Warden

Act as the eyes, ears and voice for trees in your local community

- Plant trees and hedgerows
- Care for trees and hedgerows (of all ages)
- Grow trees from seed and establish CTNs
- **Record** Trees tree inventories, i-tree surveys
- Monitor trees- basic tree health and key pests and diseases
- **Map** and monitor- tree canopy cover, biodiversity opportunity mapping and habitat connectivity





# The role of a Tree Warden 2

Act as the eyes, ears and voice for trees in your local community

- Review and Comment Local Place Plans, TPOS and Development Plans
- Raise awareness and community engagement
- **Organise** community events and activities
- Celebrate trees and hedgerows in the community guided walks and events
- Willing to work positively with your local councils and tree officers and others





#### **Leicestershire Tree Wardens**





Creating community Orchards and collecting heritage fruit varieties



Mapping trees for the Ancient Woodland Tree Inventory



Data collection on trees worthy of protection



Upskilling in carrying out Tree Inspections on LCC owned Country Parks

# Community Action Focused Campaigns



- Tree Care Campaign
- Spring in your Step
- National Hedgerow Week
- Seed Gathering Season
- National Tree Week



Improving the way we care for our UK treescape



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# Pests and diseases

Our Science and Research Team are involved in

Research Monitoring and Advice

#### **Branching Out Community Grants**



Helping communities across the UK plant healthy happy trees, hedgerows and orchards.

Applications open 1 August 2024 and close 1 December 2024



Apply for grants of between £250 and £2000



We support non plastic tree protection













For more information on your local Leicestershire Tree Warden Network please contact Environmentteam@leics.gov.uk or Treewardens@leics.gov.uk

For further information on The Tree Council scheme please contact: Sam Village National Tree Warden Scheme Coordinator <u>treewardens@treecouncil.org.uk</u>

