



# 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

