

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A TREE WARDEN?



We are inviting people across North Northamptonshire to join the Parks and Woodlands team as a volunteer Tree Warden and be part of The Tree Council's National Tree Warden Scheme. This network is supported by the local Tree Warden Coordinator with support and guidance from The Tree Council.

Tree Wardens are local tree champions who plant, look after, and make trees matter in their local community.

## Who are Tree Wardens and what do they do?

Tree Wardens are the eyes, ears and voice for trees and hedgerows across the community and tasks can include:

- Planting and caring for trees and hedgerows
- Small woodland management
- Growing trees from seed and setting up community tree nurseries
- Monitoring basic tree health and report tree pests and diseases
- Helping map our community treescapes
- Raising awareness of the importance of trees and hedgerows
- Encouraging others to value the community's trees and help to reduce vandalism
- Leading guided tree walks and give talks to local groups and schools
- Supporting community event
- Helping to grow the Tree Warden Network
- And so much more.....

## What are the benefits of being a Tree Warden?

- Make a difference and contribute to the local and global call for more trees
- Get that 'feel good' factor knowing that the trees you care for are making a lasting impact for people and wildlife!
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Enjoy volunteering outdoors and boost your own health and wellbeing
- Learn new skills and discover more about tree planting, tree health, tree management and recording

## What do I need to be a Tree Warden?

- Have a passion for trees and be willing to serve your local community
- A couple of hours to offer each month
- You don't need any previous experience but must have enthusiasm to learn and willingness to sign up to the Tree Warden training sessions
- Ability to work outdoors in all weathers, as part of a team and occasionally alone

## What training will I get as a Tree Warden?

There is a mandatory induction course for all new Tree Wardens 'Championing your local trees' which is followed by a series of modules covering tree and hedge planting, trees and hedges and the law and threats and challenges to our trees, with more to come.

Most courses will be held in person at East Carlton County Park, with some occasional online courses. The Tree Council provides many online masterclasses and workshops as part of their Seasonal Campaigns to which all Tree Wardens are invited to attend.

There will be opportunities to learn from practical sessions too!



## How do I apply?

Please contact the Tree Warden Coordinator at: [Hannah.dunstan@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.dunstan@northnorthants.gov.uk)

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