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# Community Development Group Tree Protection and Promotion Update

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# Enforcement



Rushcliffe Local Plan

**Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2:  
Land and Planning Policies**  
Publication version



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- Training for Tree Preservation Orders was delivered at the November 2017 Town and Parish Forum
- A tree policy has been included in the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies.
- Green Infrastructure including Tree Planting has been deemed not suitable at this time for inclusion for CIL



# Publicity

- Web page established
- Press releases published by West Bridgford Wire and Nottingham Evening Post
- Articles in the Spring, Summer and Autumn Rushcliffe Reports
- Social media has been used to promote the issue and has received a lot of interest.

Free trees for Rushcliffe residents

By [WBWire](#) - Wednesday, August 22, 2018 8:30 am



Cllr Roger Upton with RBC's Environmental Sustainability Officer Paul P...



**£50,000 boost for tree planting**

**Thousands of trees are set to be planted across the borough in the next three years as part of a £50,000 project to ensure a sustainable environment in line with the borough's significant housing and employment growth.**

From this spring, further grants will be made available for groups and individuals to apply for planting trees in prominent points on gateways to the borough's town and villages and across their communities.

The initiative will also promote our Biodiversity Management Grant to support tree planting of native trees in hedgerows or open spaces for nature conservation purposes.

Our Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure, Cllr Debbie Mason joined Executive Manager for Communities Dave Mitchell, the Council's contractors Streetwise and council officers to plant one of the first trees on Collington Way in West Bridgford.

She said: "Tree protection and promotion is an issue often raised by councillors and the wider public, particularly as our communities are set to grow increasingly in the coming years."

"We want to support economic growth to ensure a sustainable, prosperous and thriving local economy whilst maintaining and enhancing our residents' quality of life."

The Council's Community Support Scheme will alert councillors to possible funding from their allocation to tree planting in their wards, in line with the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy.

Officers will also encourage individuals to join The Tree Warden Scheme in their local community, to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods with opportunities further publicised through Town and Parish Council Forums.

Visit [rushcliffe.gov.uk/trees](http://rushcliffe.gov.uk/trees) to find out more.



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# Tree Schemes



- The resident tree scheme for 2018/19 issued 391 Field Maple and 457 Wild Cherry
- The Parish tree scheme is still ongoing but is expected to plant / deliver in excess of 221 trees in 2018/19.

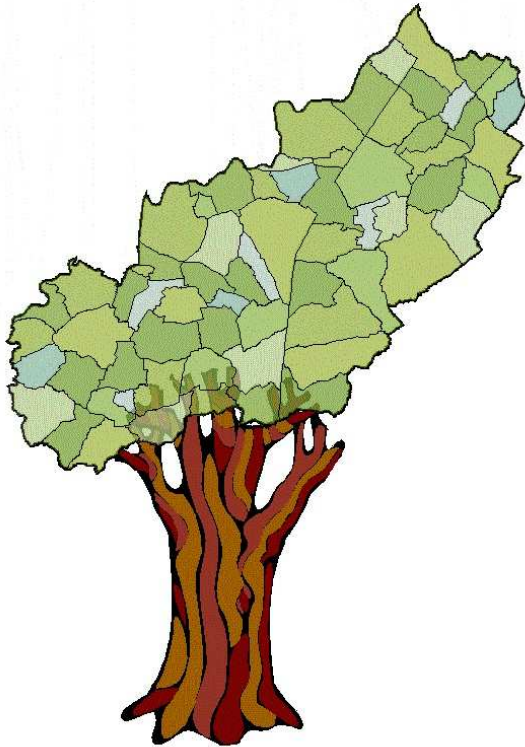


# Public Comments

- Thank you for this great idea. I always feel sad when households cut down trees. I always notice their absence
- Brilliant idea. Will encourage more birds.
- What a fantastic idea
- Desperate for a tree in a sunny spot in my garden but 30 meters is just too tall!
- I'm all for the addition of more trees ... We need to be doing more to help the wildlife in general.



# Tree wardens



- Discussion is ongoing with the Tree Council about setting up a Tree Warden Network in Rushcliffe
- It is intended that a first meeting will be held in April 2019, following consultation with parishes.



# Government consultation

- A consultation launched 30 Dec considers greater protections for trees in urban areas.
- The council is responding:
  1. Felling street trees: Extra powers an overreaction. [We encourage highways to replace and plant new trees].
  2. Reporting of tree felling and replanting: Our own trees are recorded, but planning records are not readily available
  3. Tree and woodland strategies: Contained within our Nature Conservation Strategy and Local Plan Part 2.
  4. Additional powers for the Forestry Commission: No Comment