**Oxfordshire Trees for the Future**

***Information and resources***

This list signposts various information sources about trees and why they are important in helping to tackle climate change impacts. There is also practical guidance linked to tree planting and maintenance. It covers national, local and thematic sources. It is intended as a guide only and listing does not imply endorsement. It does not cover other online sources such as YouTube.

**NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

Two key organisations are the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council.

**Woodland Trust** [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

This charity supports a wide-ranging website covering all aspects of tree planting and management. For example:

* an online guide to 31 native tree species (including identification and maintenance) [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-uk-native-trees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-uk-native-trees).)
* an extensive online tree purchasing service (with information on selecting different species for various habitats and planting situations)
* a seasonal ‘free trees scheme’ (often over-subscribed) for not-for-profit groups
* MOREWoods, an advisory and contractor service for farmers and private landowners planning planting on a larger scale [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale/)

The Woodland Trust launched the ‘The Charter for Trees, Woods and People’ in 2017. This collaborative project forms a valuable repository of knowledge and personal stories about trees and why they are so special. Visit: [www.treecharter.uk/](http://www.treecharter.uk/)

**The Tree Council** [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk)

As the coalition body for many organisations, the Tree Council focuses on getting more trees, of the right kind, in the right places; better care for trees of all ages; and inspiring effective action. Its website offers a wealth of practical information:

* See a sample chapter from its online Tree Handbook at: [www.treecouncil.org.uk/Portals/0/TCHandbook\_4\_TreePlanting.pdf](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Portals/0/TCHandbook_4_TreePlanting.pdf)
* The Tree Council initiated the annual National Tree Week many years ago. This celebrates trees and acts as a focus for tree planting activities. 2019 dates are 23 Nov -1 Dec
* Runs a grant scheme for community groups (now closed for 2019)
* It promotes tree-related community activities, e.g. seed collecting month in the Autumn
* It is discussing the Committee on Climate Change’s targets for tree planting [www.treecouncil.org.uk/Press-News/The-Tree-Council-convenes-Forum-For-Trees](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Press-News/The-Tree-Council-convenes-Forum-For-Trees)

**The Forestry Commission** [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/forestry-commission](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/forestry-commission)

This is a non-ministerial government department responsible for the management of publicly-owned forests, and the regulation of both public and private forests in England. An overview of funding options available for landowners wishing to plant on a considerable scale is available at: [www.gov.uk/guidance/create-woodland-overview](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/create-woodland-overview)

**Friends of the Earth** [www.friendsoftheearth.uk/trees](http://www.friendsoftheearth.uk/trees)

Friends of the Earth believe one of the best solutions to protecting our environment and achieving net zero emissions is to double UK tree cover by 2045, and is campaigning nationally and locally for this goal. [www.policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/insight/finding-land-double-tree-cover](http://www.policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/insight/finding-land-double-tree-cover)

**Trees for Cities** [www.treesforcities.org](http://www.treesforcities.org)

Trees for Cities work to improve people’s lives by planting trees in cities. Projects include working with communities to create urban forests and ten years of ‘edible playgrounds’ where school grounds are turned into vibrant teaching gardens.

**Trees for Life** [www.treesforlife.org.uk](http://www.treesforlife.org.uk)

This charity’s vision is of a revitalised wild forest in the Highlands of Scotland, providing space for wildlife to flourish and communities to thrive. With a focus on rewilding, this organisation has planted nearly two million trees to date. They run a ‘plant a tree’ donation scheme.

**International Tree Foundation** [www.internationaltreefoundation.org](http://www.internationaltreefoundation.org)

This Oxford-based organisation works with communities in Africa and the UK to carry out sustainable community forestry projects which protect, regenerate and cultivate trees and forests to conserve biodiversity and enhance human and environmental wellbeing. They have collaborated with others on the Fruit-full Communities project, a lottery-funded programme linking young people with trees and community orchard planting. Teaching materials are available to download at: [www.internationaltreefoundation.org/fruitfull-communities/](http://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/fruitfull-communities/)

ITF operate a community tree planting grant scheme (for parts of the UK including Oxfordshire), up to £1000 is available, next round closes 30/9/19: [www.internationaltreefoundation.org/ukctpp](http://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/ukctpp)

**Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)** [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

The RHS offers extensive plant information for professional and lay people, and practical advice, much of which is available to non-members.

**Royal Forestry Society** [www.rfs.org.uk](http://www.rfs.org.uk)

The RFS is the largest and longest established education charity promoting the wise management of woodlands in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It offers a mix of practical resources, training courses and specific schemes, for example, engaging young people. Materials include advice on trees for a changing climate. [www.rfs.org.uk/media/530355/our-woodlands-are-changing-rfs-insight-report-2018.pdf](http://www.rfs.org.uk/media/530355/our-woodlands-are-changing-rfs-insight-report-2018.pdf)

**The Conservation Volunteers (formerly BTCV**) [www.tcv.org.uk](http://www.tcv.org.uk)

A community volunteering charity that aims to create healthier and happier communities through environmental conservation and practical tasks undertaken by volunteers. Digital versions of the well-respected practical handbooks are still available to buy (includes tree planting): [www.conservationhandbooks.com/](http://www.conservationhandbooks.com/)

**Common Ground** [www.commonground.org.uk](http://www.commonground.org.uk)

This Dorset-based charity is a small, grassroots organisation that collaborates openly on projects that reconnect people with nature and which inspire communities to become responsible for their local environment. They have a long history of promoting community orchards, apple day, local distinctiveness and cultural projects linked to trees/woodland landscapes.

**Small Woods Association** [www.smallwoods.org.uk](http://www.smallwoods.org.uk)

A national charity which promotes sustainable woodland management. It offers teaching courses on practical skills and provides advice on all aspects, including buying a woodland.

 **Sylva Foundation** [www.sylva.org.uk](http://www.sylva.org.uk)

An environmental charity (based in Oxfordshire) helping trees and people to grow together. Their work covers four strands: science; education; forests and trees. Recent work has included Forest Schools.

**Field Studies Council** [www.field-studies-council.org/](http://www.field-studies-council.org/)

Run many courses and publications e.g.

[www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/tree-identification-guide.aspx](https://www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/tree-identification-guide.aspx)

**Learning through Landscapes** [www.ltl.org.uk/](http://www.ltl.org.uk/)

**National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces** [www.natfedparks.org.uk/](http://www.natfedparks.org.uk/)

They are the umbrella organisation for Friends groups (e.g. Friends of parks) across the UK

**OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Groups creating awareness about trees and undertaking practical tasks include**:**

* **BBOWT: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust:** [www.bbowt.org.u**k**](http://www.bbowt.org.uk)
* **Oxford Conservation Volunteers** [www.ocv.org.uk](http://www.ocv.org.uk)

OCV carries out a wide variety of nature conservation work. It organises weekend work parties.

* **Wild Oxfordshire** [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk)

This local charity provides a co-ordinated and strategic approach to conservation in Oxfordshire. Its work includes a regular newsletter that includes a listing of volunteer conservation opportunities throughout the county [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/directory/](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/directory/).

* **Wychwood Project**  [www.wychwoodproject.org](http://www.wychwoodproject.org)

A project working with local people to conserve and restore landscapes and wildlife habitats in West Oxfordshire. They have set up ten community woodlands.

**THEMES AND ISSUES**

**Appropriate species to plant and tree identification**

* Woodland Trust: see general site and <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/>
* Tree Council: see general site
* Forest Research. <https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/urban-tree-manual>
* The Urban Tree Manual was prepared by the Forestry Commission for DEFRA, with input from the RHS. Its content covers choosing the right tree for the right place and resilience. It states that it is suitable for community groups.

**Community Woodlands**

* Wychwood Project Community woodlands sites are listed here: [www.wychwoodproject.org/cms/content/location-existing-community-woodlands](http://www.wychwoodproject.org/cms/content/location-existing-community-woodlands)
* Wychwood Project How to start a community woodland [wychwoodproject.org/cms/content/how-start-community-woodland](http://www.wychwoodproject.org/cms/content/how-start-community-woodland)
* Woodland Trust [www.communitywoodland.org](http://www.communitywoodland.org)

**Hedges and** **Trees**

* Tree Council: [www.treecouncil.org.uk/What-We-Do/Hedges](https://www.treecouncil.org.uk/What-We-Do/Hedges)
* [www.treecouncil.org.uk/Press-News/Hedgelink-Response-to-Net-Zero-Report](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Press-News/Hedgelink-Response-to-Net-Zero-Report)
* People’s Trust for Endangered Species:The Great British Hedgerow Survey[www.hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org/](http://www.hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org/)

**Seed and fruit gathering**

* Tree Council: [www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/Seed-Gathering-Season](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/Seed-Gathering-Season)

**Orchards**

* Common Ground: [www.commonground.org.uk/archive/orchards/](http://www.commonground.org.uk/archive/orchards/)
* People’s Trust for Endangered Species: [www.ptes.org/campaigns/traditional-orchard-project/orchard-practical-guides/planting-fruit-trees/](http://www.ptes.org/campaigns/traditional-orchard-project/orchard-practical-guides/planting-fruit-trees/)
* School orchards guide from Learning through Landscapes: [www.ltl.org.uk/resources/growing-school-orchards/](http://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/growing-school-orchards/)

**Forest Gardens and Agroforestry**

* Permaculture Association: [www.permaculture.org.uk/practical-solutions/forest-gardens](http://www.permaculture.org.uk/practical-solutions/forest-gardens)
* Agro-Forestry Trust: [www.agroforestry.co.uk/](http://www.agroforestry.co.uk/)

**Public Engagement**

* Tree Council’s Tree Wardens: [www.treecouncil.org.uk/Portals/0/TC%20Tree%20Warden%20Leaflet%202017.pdf](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Portals/0/TC%20Tree%20Warden%20Leaflet%202017.pdf)
* Forest Research: This is the UK’s principal organisation for forestry and tree related research and is internationally renowned for the provision of evidence and scientific services in support of sustainable forestry. It works with, and for many Government departments, forestry and land management professionals and environmental NGOs. [www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/public-engagement-in-forestry-toolbox-and-guidance/](http://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/public-engagement-in-forestry-toolbox-and-guidance/)

**Schools tree planting**

* Woodland Trust: [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/green-tree-school-award/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/green-tree-school-award/)
* Learning through Landscapes: [www.ltl.org.uk/resources/growing-school-orchards/](http://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/growing-school-orchards/)

**Land issues**

Community Land Advisory Service: [www.en.communitylandadvice.org.uk](http://www.en.communitylandadvice.org.uk)

**Tree Preservation Orders**

Friends of the Earth’s guide to protecting trees and woodlands is here: <https://www.oxfoe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/a_practical_guide_to_protecting_trees__woodlands_and_hedgerows_for_cags.pdf>

**MISCELLANEOUS LINKS**

* Committee on Climate Change (May 2019) [www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Net-Zero-The-UKs-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming.pdf](http://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Net-Zero-The-UKs-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming.pdf)
* An introductory article:

www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/04/planting-billions-trees-best-tackle-climate-crisis-scientists-canopy-emissions



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