**Tree Wardens scheme in Wiltshire**

Following a successful bid for almost £300,000 from a Government fund, Wiltshire Council is relaunching the national Tree Warden scheme in the county.

The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative led by the Tree Council, and Wiltshire Council is looking to recruit volunteer Tree Wardens in each Wiltshire town and parish area.

Tree Wardens will work with Wiltshire Council Woodland Officers and act as local tree champions who help plant, promote and protect trees in appropriate locations in their local area.

Projects that Tree Wardens can be involved in could include:

* Arranging local tree planting days
* Watering and caring for local trees
* Working with the local authorities and community groups to plant and care for street trees
* Rejuvenating local woodlands
* Raising funds and finding land for tree planting projects
* Going into local schools to talk about the value of trees

The Parish Council would encourage anyone interested in taking up this role in our parish, to have a look at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trees-and-woodland-in-wiltshire](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trees-and-woodland-in-wiltshire) or contact either the Parish Council or the Woodland Grant Application and Planting Support (GAPS) team on GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk(opens new window) for more information.

If you want to do more to support the planting of trees in Wiltshire, why not become a tree warden for your Town or Parish Council. As well as helping promote tree planting opportunities at a local level you can help monitor existing trees in your area; discover more about the role on the [The Tree Council: Become a volunteer Tree Warden(opens new window)](https://treecouncil.org.uk/tree-wardens/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) tree warden website. You don't need any experience or prior knowledge of trees as all training will be provided and is accredited by The Tree Council.

Download the [application form (OpenDocument text format) [118KB] (opens new window)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/11649/Tree-Warden-Application-form-Aug-2023/default/Tree_Warden_Application_Form.odt?m=638271910097930000), or contact GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk(opens new window) to register your interest.