



THE TREE  
COUNCIL



## Tree Warden Update

### Autumn 2010

IN THIS ISSUE

TPO consultation

TWS anniversary

Urban tree wardening

Green Monuments

Tree trails

Championing local trees

Technical update

Tell us your news

### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE UPDATE DIRECT

Tree Wardens can sign up to receive

*Tree Warden Update* by visiting

[www.treecouncil.org.uk/](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=UpdateSignUp)

[?q=UpdateSignUp](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=UpdateSignUp) and completing  
the simple form.



### NEW SECTION FOR TREE WARDEN HANDBOOK

Hedgerow Harvest is the theme of the latest section of *The Tree Warden Handbook*, reinforcing The Tree Council's Hedge Tree Campaign that Tree Wardens are spearheading.

The leaflet gives hints on where, what and how to plant to create different kinds of fruitful hedges, as well tips on foraging the resulting harvest.

The idea is to encourage more people to seek free food on their doorstep, with the aim of building a network of hedgerow foragers who can inspire their neighbours, share their favourite recipes and carry out projects to plant productive hedges in their

## Dear Tree Warden

We're gearing up for a really special National Tree Week – the culmination of the 20th Anniversary of the national Tree Warden Scheme. The Government is also planning to launch the National Tree Planting Campaign during the Week – and that's something in which Tree Wardens have an important role to play.

The new national campaign will help communities to improve their environment and people's quality of life, echoing the concerted push of the Plant a Tree in '73 campaign that was the genesis of The Tree Council.

We were founded to encourage action for trees and to run National Tree Week, and for two decades Tree Wardens have played a vital part in all of this.

You have proved to be a very effective way of helping to make a community more liveable by planting and looking after its trees, making you a thriving example of what the Coalition Government wishes to see on a wider scale – Big Society.

The Tree Council launched its national Tree Warden Scheme in September 1990 with eight local Tree Warden networks in place – in East Sussex and Leicestershire, whose existing tree volunteers were an inspiration for the national scheme, plus Cheshire, East Hampshire, Kent, Mid Suffolk, and Surrey at county level and in South Hams District.

Now there are 8,000 volunteer tree champions in 150 local networks in England, Wales and Scotland, acting as the "eyes and ears" for trees in both rural and, increasingly, urban areas – in communities which particularly need trees and the benefits they bring.

There will be further information for Tree Wardens, via network co-ordinators, on the National Tree Planting Campaign as soon as more details are available.

In the meantime, thank you for all you are doing to green your local communities.

*Margaret Lipscombe & Jon Stokes, The Tree Council*

communities.

The leaflet is being sent via local coordinators to Tree Wardens in networks run by members of The Tree Council.

See also the Hedgerow Harvest website, going live in National Tree Week: [www.hedgerowharvest.org.uk](http://www.hedgerowharvest.org.uk)

## DIARY DATES

Community Action Programme  
Over the next few months The Tree Council's Community Action Programme will be stressing the importance of trees for the future. Tree Wardens are currently gearing up to celebrate National Tree Week in their communities including, for example, in **Plymouth, Portsmouth, Surrey, Wakefield, Walsall.....**

[Read more](#)

The calendar for the forthcoming month is:

### National Tree Week

27 November to 5 December 2010  
Plant trees, make a greener future

### Tree Care Campaign

21 March to 21 September 2011  
Healthy trees for a healthy future

### Walk in the Woods

Throughout May 2011  
Enjoy trees, enjoy the future

[Read more](#)

For more details of The Tree Council's Community Action Programme and tips on organising activities, to download free National Tree Week posters for advertising local events or to register your events for free publicity on The Tree Council website go to [www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=community-action-programme](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=community-action-programme)

## FUNDING

### Tree Futures grants

Tree Wardens have until 31 March to apply for the 2011 round of The Tree Council's Tree Futures planting grants for school or community group projects that actively involve children under 16.

The idea of the Trees for Schools and Community Trees funds is to encourage people to plant trees locally and make a greener future, with The Tree Council's National Tree Week as the focus.

Find out more on The Tree Council's website

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

## Free community tree packs

## TPOs: have your say

There's a deadline of 20 December for responding to the consultation paper, *Tree preservation orders: proposals for streamlining*, which is on the Communities and Local Government (CLG) website ([www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/treestreamliningconsult](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/treestreamliningconsult))  
[Read more](#)

## Anniversary celebrations



Tree Wardens have been celebrating 20 years of the national Scheme at regional forums this autumn.

At each regional forum, tree champions from different local networks gathered to hear from tree experts, share project ideas and discuss the important contributions

that Tree Wardens can make to their communities over the next two decades. [Read more](#)

## The urban perspective

One of the particular successes of the past five years has been the development of urban Tree Wardening and The Tree Council has drawn out some of the lessons learned from the experience in a report to Communities and Local Government (CLG). [Read more](#)

## Green Monuments

### Help save special treescapes

Concerned about the number of trees disappearing from conservation areas, **Worcestershire** Tree Warden Cliff Willmot is campaigning for protection for their treescapes as a whole – and he is calling on others to follow his example.

[Read more](#)

### Go nuts for ancient trees

The Tree Warden Recorder of the Year will be announced during National Tree Week, following an autumn when the Ancient Tree Hunt put a particular focus on sweet chestnuts. [Read more](#)

Tree Council member the Woodland Trust is offering a choice of free tree planting packs for community groups. Community tree planting packs come in a choice of themes – jams, jellies, chutneys and cordials; wildlife; wood fuel; and year-round colour.

There is also a choice of 105 or 420 trees. The large pack is ideal for roughly an acre of land and comes with canes and spirals.

To find out more or apply for a pack of trees to plant in spring or autumn 2011 – as a hedge, in copses or as a small woodland – visit

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees)

## RESOURCES

### Oak processionary moth

A Guidance Note on the problem of oak processionary moth can be downloaded from the London Tree Officers Association website

[www.ltoa.org.uk](http://www.ltoa.org.uk).

It gives recommendations for those who manage trees and woodlands to help them formulate search and treatment plans and to understand the background to this serious pest.

### Hedge habitat survey

The Opal Biodiversity Survey aims to find out more about the importance of hedges to nature by asking people to identify the insects that live in them and upload their findings on the survey website

[www.biodiversitysurvey.org](http://www.biodiversitysurvey.org)

[Read more](#)

### New books

*Queen Beech, King of the Forest* (oak) and the *Lady of the Woods* (silver birch)

Three photographic essays by Bronwen Coe.

RRP £6.50 each or three for £17.00 (+ p&p). Price for Tree Wardens: £4.50 each (+ p&p). Available from

[www.BronwenCoe.com](http://www.BronwenCoe.com) or

tel: 01308 428 374.

These little books are called “tree biographies” and are a personal view by the photographer Bronwen Coe.

[Read more](#)

*Whitebeams, Rowans and Service Trees of Britain and Ireland.*

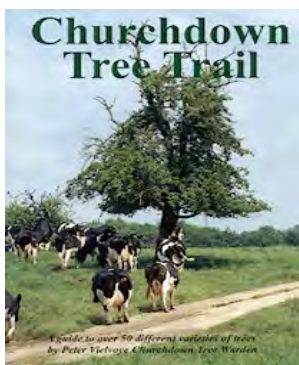
BSBI Handbook No 14.

by Tim Rich, Libby Houston, Ashley Robertson and Michael Proctor, ISBN 978-0-901158-43-7, £29.99, Botanical Society of the British Isles

As a review of the current state of knowledge of the sorbus group of trees in the British Isles, this new book

## Tree trails show the way

Creating a tree trail and producing a leaflet to guide schools, families – and others around it is a great way to flag up the importance of trees to a community.



**Tewkesbury** Tree Warden Peter Vielvoys, for example, has created a tree trail around his parish of Churchdown in Gloucestershire.

[Read more](#)

Elsewhere in Gloucestershire,

**Cotswold** Tree Wardens have come up with the idea of a Tree

Walk in The Abbey Grounds leaflet for Cirencester.

[Read more](#)

**Havant** Tree Wardens in Hampshire have so far produced three tree trail publications. [Read more](#)

In **West Sussex**, Tree Wardens have just produced a new edition of the Chichester City Tree Trail. [Read more](#)

## Championing local trees

**Bournemouth** Tree Wardens are planning to mark their south coast town's 200th anniversary with a special tree initiative. [Read more](#)

**Broadland** Tree Warden John Fleetwood has received the Good Citizen Award for 2010 from his parish of Brundall. [Read more](#)

**Leicestershire** Tree Wardens Pat and Dave Tebutt are the first winners of the Neil Mason Environmental Award for their commitment to volunteering. [Read more](#)

**Suffolk Coastal District** Tree Warden Bernardine Freud has just published a book inspired by her time volunteering in Mexico. [Read more](#)

**Surrey** Tree Warden Michael Ford has alerted his local council to the risk to young trees of protecting them with metal sets and is urging other Tree Wardens to do likewise. [Read more](#)

**York** Tree Wardens are carrying out walkabout welcomes for new members of their urban-based network. [Read more](#)



magnificently fills a gap in the literature. [Read more](#)  
***Planting and Maintaining a Tree Collection***

by Simon Toomer, ISBN-13: 978-0-88192-930-0, £20, Timber Press  
This is a great little book, packed with practical 'how to' information about planting and maintaining a tree collection. [Read more](#)



## Technical update

As promised in the spring issue, here are some hints on growing and maintaining a healthy, productive hedge – good for foraging free food and for encouraging wildlife. [Read more](#)

## Tell us you news

If you have news to report, dates to flag up or ideas and information to share with fellow Tree Wardens in the spring issue of Tree Warden Update, please email the details to [TreeWardenUpdate@treecouncil.org.uk](mailto:TreeWardenUpdate@treecouncil.org.uk)

Or write to Tree Warden Update, The Tree Council, 71 Newcomen Street, London SE1 1YT