

## Celebrate trees throughout the year

There are many ways you can help plant, care for and protect trees throughout the year – and we'd love you to get involved! Our seasonal campaigns inspire organisations, communities and individuals to get out and engage with their local trees.

### (1) Tree Care Campaign: 31 MARCH – 21 SEPTEMBER

#### **Newly planted need care in order to thrive**

Without a little simple care, many newly planted trees will die in the tender early years after planting. Doing a little tree care is a great way to stay connected with the tree or trees you have planted, and ensuring it thrives for the years and even decades to come. Everyone can do something to help young trees survive in those critical first 5 years. Download our useful tree care tips below.

#### **Helping young trees to survive**

Our Tree Care Campaign runs from March to September and highlights the need for better care for all trees, in order to ensure their survival and increase the number reaching maturity. It was launched in 1999 to urge anyone who has planted trees in the past 5 years to revisit them and carry out a few simple tree care tasks, such as clearing weeds, mulching and checking ties. These actions can save young trees from dying and allow them to develop into mature trees that enhance our urban and rural landscape, provide shade and local climate change, and support biodiversity.

- Resources to download from Tree Council website:
  - [Drought and Tree Care](#)
  - [Tree Planning, Planting and Maintenance](#)
  - [Tree Care in Unsettled Weather](#)

### (2) Walk in the Woods: 1 May - 31 May

#### **Will you Walk in the Woods with us in May?**

Woods and community green spaces are places of wonder, contemplation, relaxation and play. And in the months of April and May, they spring to life. Trees take to leaf, bluebells burst forth and the tree canopy is a symphony of bird song. During May, people across the country get out to celebrate their local trees for *Walk in the Woods* month. It's an opportunity to celebrate your local trees by getting out to the woods, walking in a local park, or just appreciating tree-lined streets. And we want you to join us!

#### **How to get involved**

Being part of Walk in the Woods is simple. Just get out there and enjoy your local trees! You can do this by attending a local guided walk, organising your own, or simply gathering together friends or family and getting out under your local trees. To see what is going on in your area, check out the events listed on our interactive map, and follow The Tree Council on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) to see the latest events being announced. If there's nothing going on near to you, why not consider organising your own walk!

#### **Organising an event is simple**

- Choose a local woodland and a route to enjoy. Think about the sort of length of walk you might like to do, and how challenging it should be. If you want to invite children, consider a route that will be easy on little legs.
- [List your event](#) on our events calendar so others can learn about it
- Print a free copy of our [Walk in the Woods poster](#) and fill in the details of your walk. Ask your local council, shops and library to display the flyer. Don't forget to include a contact number.

- Spread the word on social media – create a Facebook event or post about it on Twitter. Tag The Tree Council and we'll share in on our channels.
- And don't forget to record your bluebell sightings for the Woodland Trust's [Bluebell Watch](#).

### **Making it unique**

Why not make your walk memorable by giving it a special theme:

- *Enjoy the morning birdsong:* If you have a knowledgeable birder in your midst, arrange an early morning 'dawn chorus' event, appreciating the local birdlife
- *Learn more about trees:* If you or someone you know is knowledgeable about tree species, why not arrange a tree ID tour and educate local people on how to identify some common tree species
- *Team up with a local school:* Invite classes from your local school to join you for a brief walk and share why it's so important for young people to love and protect their local trees
- *Let the woods inspire you:* If you love arts and crafts, conclude your walk with a simple open-air arts and crafts session, like nature sketching or watercolour painting

Whatever you do, get out there and enjoy your local trees this May. And don't forget to share your experience with us @thetreecouncil and #walkinthewoods. If you have any questions, [get in touch with us](#).

### **Getting involved...**

Around the country, volunteer Tree Wardens and other champions of local trees will be holding events such as guided walks and tree identification sessions to celebrate Walk In The Woods. Check back nearer the time to find out what is happening in your area.

## **(3) Seed Gathering Season: 23 September - 23 October**

### **Grow the trees of the future**

Our annual Seed Gathering Season inspires everyone to join us to gather seeds, fruits and nuts which can be nurture to grow the trees of the future. Now in its 21st year, The Tree Council welcomes all our volunteer Tree Wardens, member organisations, local communities and families to get involved during the month-long celebrations. The campaign runs from September 23, which is the autumn equinox and considered to be the first day of autumn. It finishes on October 23.

### **Gather seeds, fruits and nuts to grow local trees**

Now more than ever the true value of trees is being recognised in helping to tackle climate change and restore habitats. And at a time when trees are also facing the threat of newly imported pests and diseases, one important factor for the survival of some species is diversity of stock. Growing seeds from healthy UK trees on home soil is the way forward. We must plant and protect more trees, ensuring that they thrive.

Growing trees from local seed can have great benefits in restocking areas with trees of local provenance. The concept of local provenance suggests that trees that are adapted to the local circumstances are more likely to flourish and so help restore, conserve and beautify local urban and rural spaces. Collecting seeds and growing trees is also a great way to get children involved and start growing the next generation of tree enthusiasts.

### **[BROWSE UPCOMING EVENTS](#)**

### **Tips for collecting fruit and seeds to eat**

If you are planning to collect fruit and seeds to eat, here are some tips:

- Fruit is the property of the landowner
- Don't collect anything from trees beside busy roads or on old industrial sites
- Don't allow unsupervised children to pick – or eat – from trees and make sure you know exactly what you are picking: some of the most attractive berries are poisonous and easily mistaken for edible ones
- Wherever you gather your wild food, wash it well
- Don't pick more than you need and do not damage the trees

### Getting involved...

Around the country, volunteer Tree Wardens and other champions of local trees will be holding events like seed gathering outings or sessions on how to stratify and plant out your seeds. Check back nearer the time to find out what is happening in your area. You can also find information in our publications [Trees and How to Grow Them](#) and [The Good Seed Guide](#). And don't forget to [list your event](#) on our website, so that other people can come and join you!

## [\(4\) National Tree Week: 28 November - 6 December](#)

### The UK's largest annual tree celebration

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). The Tree Council, one of the UK's leading charities for trees, first established National Tree Week in March 1975 in response to the national replanting required after the outbreak of Dutch Elm disease.

### Get your hands dirty!

National Tree Week – 28 November – 6 December – is a great chance for communities to do something positive for their local treescape. Each year, The [Tree Council's member organisations](#) such as voluntary bodies and local authorities, up to 200 schools and community groups, their 6,000 strong network of volunteer Tree Wardens and many others, support the initiative by setting up fun, worthwhile and accessible events, inspiring upward of a quarter of a million people to get their hands dirty and together plant trees.

### [BROWSE UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

### Getting involved...

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***Over to you – what would you like the Perth & Kinross Tree Wardens' Network***

***to get involved in from these four campaigns?***

***Please let us know – [info@perthandkinrosstreewardens.co.uk](mailto:info@perthandkinrosstreewardens.co.uk).***