

Information Sheet to Protect Our Trees

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Tree Benefits

Trees provide oxygen absorb pollution and noise, give shade and shelter from the elements and reduce stress: provide habitat to wildlife. In short trees are essential for healthy living as well as looking beautiful. To learn more:

<https://www.treepeople.org/tree-benefits>.

A-Z of British Trees

Visit Woodland Trust website:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/>

Report a Tree Problem

Responsibility for trees growing in private gardens or on private land is with the owner of the land on which the tree is growing. Read more on RHS website:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=1022>

To report a problem with a tree in a park or open space in Rother please contact Rother District Council.

<http://>

To report a tree blocking Rights of Way, please contact East Sussex County Council's Rights of Way team:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/discover-east-sussex/rightsofway/problems-on-rights-of-way/common-problems/fallen-tree/>

To report a problem with a street tree or a tree blocking a road please contact East Sussex Highways:

<https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/vegetation/trees>

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

Any tree put forward for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO);

Must be first assessed by the local planning authority as being an important landscape feature offering significant amenity to the general public.

Usually needs to be under an immediate or foreseeable threat to warrant protection.

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/natural-environment/protected-trees/>

If you wish to carry out work to a tree protected by a TPO or a tree in a conservation area you must in the first instance apply to Rother Council for consent. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/natural-environment/protected-trees/>

Trees you feel might be at risk.

Please contact your local authority to see whether a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) could be applied for:

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/natural-environment/protected-trees/>

For woodland under threat, please notify the Woodland Trust:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/campaign-in-your-community/tell-us-about-a-threat/>

Felling License Required.

A felling license is required by law if you fell more than 5 cubic meters square in one calendar quarter. Contravention to the regulations is to be reported via a local Forestry Commission Office:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/forestry-commission/about/access-and-opening>

www.gov.uk/guidance/report-suspected-illegal-tree-felling

Tree Planting

Tree planting should be carried out when the tree is dormant. This means that there are no fixed dates that define exactly when it is appropriate to plant. The 'Planting Season' usually lasts from around mid-November to early March, but this will depend on the site and weather conditions.

Tree sizes: Whip, feathered, standard, learn more:

<https://nurserymen.co.uk/solutions/tree-size-guide/>

Arboricultural Association Resources: Young trees aftercare short videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1YTEXneErDj6qmV8Cd6njQ>