

# Interested in Becoming a Tree Warden in Buckingham?



In addition to the Conservation Groups already in existence, Buckingham has an abundance of valuable green spaces that would benefit from the protection and input that Tree Wardens provide:

## **Chandos Park**

Within easy walking distance of the town centre, Chandos Park provides the ideal setting for a picnic overlooking the River Great Ouse.

## **Bourton Park (and Stratford Fields)**

A large recreational area with footpaths, playgrounds, a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), picnic sites, special dog exercising areas and a Trim Trail.

## **River Great Ouse**

The River Great Ouse attractively winds its way through the centre of Buckingham and is flagged by plenty of green spaces, including Chandos Park, Heartlands, Stratford Fields and Bourton Park.

## **Circular Walk**

Follow the circular walk from either Bourton or Chandos Park around the town perimeter, taking in the University, the River Great Ouse and the site of the old railway.

There are also valuable play areas and open spaces including **Ken Tagg Play Area** in Meadway, **Lace Hill Play Area** in Catchpin Street and **Otters Brook Play Area** which has recently been redeveloped with a zip wire, swings and other play equipment with some open space.

## **TREE WARDEN COMMITMENT**

A Tree Wardens commitment and expertise regarding trees and the environment are encouraged through:

- Training and workshops
- Field visits evening meetings
- Regular information on tree matters and grant sources
- Special Training Day and Information pack for all new tree wardens

The amount of time you will spend being a Tree Warden will vary depending on the time you have available – essentially as much, or as little, as you like.

**Interested? If you would like more information, or know someone who may be interested and would like further details please contact:**

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## What is a Tree Warden?

Tree Wardens are volunteers, appointed by parish councils or other community organisations, who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and encourage local practical projects related to the trees and woods.



### The Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme

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Nationally, Tree Wardens devote nearly two million volunteer hours a year to trees – time worth about £13 million!

The **Buckingham Tree Warden Scheme** gives local people who feel that trees matter an opportunity to:

- Champion the local trees and generate new tree related schemes
- Plant and care for trees and hedgerows
- Carry out woodland management
- Set up tree nurseries using seeds collected locally
- Survey and gather information about trees
- Provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism
- Involve their neighbours in tree projects and be a point of contact in the community, to answer tree related questions
- Meet like-minded local people and get involved in training and field trips
- Get involved in local initiatives such as awareness raising sessions or clear up campaigns
- Join (or form!) conservation groups
- Spearhead Tree Council initiatives, such as its Hedge Tree Campaign, to reverse the decline of trees in hedges



## What happens in Buckingham?

In addition to the parks and green spaces managed by Buckingham Town Council, Buckingham has a number of conservation groups, supported by Tree Wardens, that are heavily involved in looking after important areas of the town.

### Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group

A Wildlife conservation group maintaining a wildlife corridor along the western end of Buckingham.

### Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group

A residents' group looking after Maids Moreton Avenue, which is in a conservation area, that organises activities such as planting, surveys, bird and bat boxes, bug hotels and activities for children.

**Buckingham Canal Society (BCS)** BCS would like to see the canal re-opened and seek to restore canal heritage for future generations.

**Buckingham Society** Made up of volunteers who care passionately about Buckingham's surroundings, who campaign to enhance and improve the town. It is our aim to support the setup of new conservation groups to cover other areas of Buckingham.