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LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL, ESSEX

B Loughton Town Council was NALC July's spotlight council. It has an estimated population of over 30,000 with a precept of £665,000 and 22 elected councillors. The council is also accredited with the Quality Gold Award under the National Association of Local Councils' (NALC) [Local Council Award Scheme](#).

One of the council's main initiatives is the 'Community Tree Strategy'. They fight to protect the existing landscape, the countryside and trees, to encourage new and appropriate planting for the future. Trees are very important the Loughton and there is a great deal of public attachment to individual trees and groups of trees; people rightly want to protect and enhance the town's open spaces and treescape. There are two well-wooded local nature reserves within the town, Home Mead and Roding Valley Meadows. Could your council do something similar?

See more in the link below: [http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/ UserFiles/Files/Documents%20and%20Policies/Loughton%20Community%20Tree%20Strategy.pdf](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Documents%20and%20Policies/Loughton%20Community%20Tree%20Strategy.pdf)

Has you council done something similar? If so please get in contact with NALC by emailing Claire Goldfinch. Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk