

# Top Ten Tree Tips

## for your Parish or Town Council

Town and Parish Councils are at the forefront of local communities delivering action to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies we face. The points below are our top ten tips to harness the benefits of woods and trees in your area.



1. Declare a **climate** and biodiversity emergency.



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2. Agree to support the **10 Tree Charter** principles and consider passing a resolution to become a Tree Charter Branch.



3. Review your landholdings and ask local businesses, churches or landowners about tree and hedgerow planting opportunities. Once you have a suitable location, **order a free community tree pack.**



4. Ensure policies for protecting and planting trees and woods are part of local **neighbourhood plans.**



7. Recognise the heritage and cultural significance of old trees and ensure that any in your town/parish are recorded on the **Ancient Tree Inventory.**



5. When responding to local **plan consultations**, support planting, protection and restoration of woods and trees.



6. Consider the opportunity to create a **community orchard** in your area.



8. Help track the effects of climate change by recording local impact with the **Nature's Calendar** project.



9. Encourage, promote and support **positive behaviours** towards woods and trees in your community – for example commit to FSC certified only products across all community facilities and amongst local businesses.



10. Learn more about tree pests and diseases in your area via the **Observatree website.**

If you would like to know more, discuss this or have another tree or wood related question that impacts upon your town or parish council, get in touch with us via [charter@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:charter@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

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