

## TREE CHARTER DAY CASE STUDY: DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL, WILTSHIRE



*Picture: Devizes Town Council opens Belvedere Woods (Credit: Gazette & Herald)*

Devizes Town Council has agreed to take over a local woodland on a long lease from the owners, Merchant Venturers, in the hope that the woods will be used by walkers and cyclists.

The town council has been working with the local police, Devizes OpenDoors and the Merchant Venturers over the past three and a half years, to clear the woodland area and make it publically accessible and a place for the local community to enjoy.

Over the past year, volunteers have laid paths, litter picked and started building on the work started by the town council's parks and open spaces team to make

sure it was ready to be opened. Volunteers will be continuing to look after the woodland in the coming years.

This is a fantastic initiative by Devizes Town Council which has embedded a number of principles from the [Tree Charter](#). Have you done something similar? Get in touch with NALC and let us know by contacting Ben Murray at [ben.murray@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:ben.murray@nalc.gov.uk).

NALC is encouraging all local councils to celebrate the impact woodland and trees have on their local communities this **Tree Charter Day (24 November 2018)**. There are plenty of ways you can do this from hosting or attending a local event to tweeting about what you have done over the past year to celebrate your woodland and trees and tagging @NALC and @WoodlandTrust using #TreeCharterDay.

More information can be found: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/treecharter>

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