

Trees matter!

Plymouth's trees and woodlands make our city a great place to live, work and visit. They do a really important job but only now are they starting to be seen as a highly valuable asset.

They also face serious challenges with the spread of Ash Dieback Disease and the impacts of climate change being keenly felt. Canopy cover is low in many wards whilst tree mortality rates are increasing. It is time for action!

Plymouth Tree Partnership

Plymouth Tree Partnership is a member of the 'Plymouth Tree Challenge' group which is responsible for managing an ambitious programme of tree planting and for promoting the benefits of trees.

Joining Plymouth Tree Partnership makes you part of a wider community who are working to keep Plymouth beautiful and thriving into the future. The partnership is a registered charity with individual and corporate members. You can join for an annual subscription of £15 which gives you free entry to events and regular news updates.

You can also become a volunteer Tree Warden and care for trees in practical ways. Training, tools and materials are available and the scheme is managed nationally by The Tree Council.

Other volunteering opportunities are available particularly to take account of individual skills and interests. We'll be very pleased to hear from you.

Why trees matter

Healthier lives

By filtering polluted air, shading out solar radiation and providing attractive settings, trees have been shown to reduce the incidence of asthma, skin cancer and stress-related illnesses.

A more successful local economy

Trees encourage inward investment and typically increase property values by up to 18%.

A better local climate

The shelter and shade from trees can save up to 10% of the energy needed to heat and cool nearby buildings.

Enhanced landscape quality

Trees bring out the best in an area's character. They provide a sense of place and establish a living link between the past, the present and the future.

More sustainable communities

When communities play an active part in caring for their local trees and woods, it helps to build more confidence and shared enjoyment.

Land stabilisation

Tree roots help to bind the soil together and prevent erosion. The leaves and twigs of trees slow down the rate at which rainwater hits the ground and this helps to reduce localized flash flooding.

Richer and more accessible wildlife

Trees play a vital role in urban eco-systems by helping to support a great variety of wildlife which people can enjoy close to home.



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Plymouth Tree Partnership
Talks and Events
October 2019 - March 2020



MEETINGS

Our meetings aim to increase knowledge about trees and their importance, and we are fortunate to have experts coming to speak across a wide range of topics.

Unless shown otherwise, talks are held in the Sustainability Hub, (Kirkby Lodge) at the University of Plymouth, a collaborative space for sustainability research, education and partnerships.

Talks start at 7.00 pm and doors open at 6.30 pm for an opportunity to network.

There is free admission for Plymouth Tree Partnership members, students and University staff. Others are most welcome to attend but will be asked for a suggested donation of £5 for each talk.

Wednesday 9th October 2019

Room 403, Babbage Building, University of Plymouth, PL4 8AA

Growing trees for urban places by Jamie Gormley

Hillier's Account Manager, Jamie Gormley, will tell us what it takes to produce trees for planting in tough urban environments and how customers can give their new stock the best possible start in life.

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Sustainability Hub, Kirkby Lodge

Climate change and trees by Ross Kennerley

We will hear from Ross, Woodland Trust's Regional Manager, what climate change means for UK's present and future trees, and how the eco-system services that they provide can help to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Sustainability Hub, Kirkby Lodge

Ecology of forest trees by Dr Sophie Fauset

Specialising in the ecology of tropical rain forests, Sophie will explain their importance for global carbon and water cycles, and we will hear from her about the threats facing forests and the impacts of climate change.



Wednesday 15th January 2020

Sustainability Hub, Kirkby Lodge

Bicester—new Garden Town by Tim Arkell

Bicester Garden Town is one of Tim Arkell's major projects as a landscape architect. He will describe the challenges involved with creating sustainable, people-friendly places and the approach he used to selecting trees that will provide multiple benefits.

Wednesday 19th February 2020

Sustainability Hub, Kirkby Lodge

Why plant trees? by Thomas Murphy

Thomas is a PhD Researcher working with the Environment Agency to investigate the impacts of woodland creation on flood risk and soil properties on Dartmoor. A trustee of the charity, Moor Trees, he is closely familiar with the benefits of planting trees.

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Sustainability Hub, Kirkby Lodge

Ancient trees by David Frost

Ancient trees rightly deserve their special place in people's affections and efforts to give them protected status continue. David Frost is an ancient tree assessor and well placed to present this fascinating subject.

TREE CARE

Saturday 30th November 2019

Family Tree Field, Central Park

Our volunteer day at the start of National Tree Week will tend the young trees at the Family Tree Field. All are welcome. Come dressed for the weather and bring a spade if you can but come anyway for fresh air and exercise! Meet 10.00 am at the seating area in the middle of the field.

LINKED EVENTS

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

All Ways Apples Festival Devonport Guildhall 11.00 to 4.00 pm

This wonderful event has everything to do with apples and is especially suitable for children with plenty of activities. Plymouth Tree Partnership will have its usual stall where we show how to plant pips and what to expect afterwards!

Saturday 9th November 2019

SW Area Tree Warden Forum

Plymouth Tree Partnership members and volunteers are eligible to attend the forum in Lanivet, near Bodmin — ask for details.