



Tree Warden - Terms of Reference

1. The Tree Warden position is a voluntary, advisory role appointed by the Council at every Annual Council meeting.
2. The objective of the Tree Warden position is to protect and promote local trees.
3. The main role of the Tree Warden is to support the Planning & Development Committee through:
 - i) Inspecting trees listed in local tree applications and providing comments for consideration by the Committee.
 - ii) Reporting any unauthorised work on trees, in particular in the Conservation Area.
4. The Tree Warden may also be involved in:
 - i) Getting involved in local tree projects.
 - ii) Encouraging local projects relating to trees and woodlands.
 - iii) Identifying opportunities for involving the community in taking an interest in, planting and caring for hedgerows and trees
 - iv) Keeping watch on important trees in the parish, in order to provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism.
5. The Tree Warden:
 - i) Can be a councillor or non-councillor.
 - ii) Should have some relevant skills, expertise and/or experience.
 - iii) Does not have any financial authority.
 - iv) Can only act on behalf of the Council when inspecting trees listed in current planning applications or when specifically requested to do so.
 - v) Must only inspect trees from public land, unless a landowner grants clear consent to enter private land for trees not visible from public land.
 - vi) When inspecting trees, the Tree Warden will be required to a high-viz jacket branded with OPC logo and any other related PPE.
 - vii) Must comply with OPC's related adopted policies: Health & Safety Policy, Environment and Climate Change Policy, Odiham & North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal and OPC's Tree Management Policy.