



Green Places Successful Places

Why Trees Parks and Gardens are vital for Successful Communities

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21st Century Paradigm of “People for Nature and Nature for People”



THE TREE CHARTER

"Natural treasures, in roots, wood and leaves, for beauty, for use, the air that we breathe.
Imagine: a wood begins with one small seed. We're stronger together – people and trees."

Harriet Fraser, 2017



Sustain landscapes rich in
wildlife



Plant for the future



Celebrate the power of trees to
inspire



Recover health, hope and
wellbeing with the help of
trees



Protect irreplaceable trees and
woods

The Charter for Trees, Woods and People sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees can stand stronger together. The Tree Charter was launched in Lincoln Castle on 6 November 2017; the 800th anniversary of the 1217 Charter of the Forest. The Tree Charter is rooted in more than 60,000 'tree stories' gathered from people of all backgrounds across the UK.

[Sign the Tree Charter](#)



Grow forests of opportunity
and innovation



Plan greener local landscapes



Strengthen our landscapes
with trees



Make trees
accessible to all



Combat the threats to our
habitats



Power of the Tree

The single most potent icon for nature

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Tree Charter

*The capacity to reach an immense size and age
The sense of power shelter and protection*

Planting associated with meaning

*Single trees extend the access to nature across
a wide range of spaces from streets or gardens
to atriums or playgrounds*



Private Gardens

- Private and privileged places
- Places of intimacy
- Personal expression and inspiration in unity with nature
- Healing places
- Grow and forage for food
- Instantly accessible and available at all hours
- Continuity of presence
- Settings for gatherings of family and friends where something of oneself is shared



Multiuse Parks Gardens and Spaces

Provision Access and Participation

- Places for contact with all things green and the drama of nature
- The coming together of local people building community
- Picnicking, exercise, sport, walking, dog walking, family fun, outdoor cinema, celebrations, community fairs, festivals
- Activities that promote health and well being
- Cultural features giving recognition to ethnic presence
- Places of memory peace and reflection
- Places to grieve and remember in the company of nature
- Places for lifelong learning through volunteering



People for Nature and Nature for People

Localities of belonging marked by trees parks and gardens

Green Infrastructure and Policy

Ultimately policy is for people

Ideally policy arises out of a love for people and
remains anchored in the needs and the dreams of people

“We love what we enjoy and we protect what we love” *Judy Ling Wong CBE 1987*

Given access to the beauty and wonder of nature we grow to love nature

but we cannot protect what we love unless we gain the knowledge and capacity to do so

The pleasure and educational dimensions of green places are all important to our future