



TreeBristol

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TreeBristol is the Council's tree planting campaign, which was launched in 2005 and has so far planted 4,843 new or replacement trees. The long term aim is for TreeBristol to contribute to increasing tree canopy citywide from 14% to 30%. To reach this target we would need to plant around 171,000 more trees, assuming average canopy area of 100 m² per tree when mature.

TreeBristol has three main elements:

- Raising funds for tree planting including sponsorship;
- Community engagement including tree planting events, and
- Planning, setting out and delivering a tree planting programme on council owned land.

TreeBristol is delivered through two programmes: Parks and Streets.

TreeBristol - Parks (responsible officer - Josie Sadler)

Currently we are preparing one tree planting plan for one park in each Neighbourhood Partnership area; this has been approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership. Once produced, these plans will be published on the TreeBristol webpage www.treebristol.com and will enable trees to be selected for sponsorship. The parks for which we are producing plans are shown below.

We will also be organising one community tree planting event in each Neighbourhood Partnership area, again this has been approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership. This year these events will be happening in those parks for which we are producing planting plans and the dates for the community tree planting events are shown below.

NP No	NP Area	NP approved park	Date for community tree planting event
1	Avonmouth and Kingsweston	Trymside Open Space	tbc
2	Henbury and Southmead	Doncaster Road Open Space	tbc
3	Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym	Trymside Open Space	tbc
4	Horfield and Lockleaze	Muller Road Rec	tbc
5	Greater Fishponds	Eastville Park	tbc
6	Bishopston, Cotham and Redland	St Andrews Park	tbc
7	Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East	Clifton & Durdham Downs	End March
8	Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill	Rawnsley Park	30-Nov
9	St George East and West	St George Park	tbc
10	Greater Bedminster	Not required	Not required
11	Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill	Victoria Park	02-Dec
12	Brislington Community Partnership	Victory Park	tbc
13	Dundry View	Headley Park	28-Nov
14	Hengrove and Stockwood	Briery Leaze	tbc

Methodology and consultation

The plans are drawn up by looking at the Know Your Place web maps and any other historical documents that exist for that park. A landscape designer will then visit the park and, using this information, will write a rationale to inform the plan. The plans will then be drawn up and consulted on internally. Once the internal draft has been completed, the Area Engagement Officer will circulate the plans to local councillors, the NP Area Coordinator, the NP environment sub-group, the Friends Group (if one exists), the local tree champion (if one exists) and any other stakeholders in that NP. The Area Engagement Officer will also send out letters to residents in the immediate proximity of the planting and site notices will be put up in the park. The consultation period will end two weeks after the notices have been put up on site. Comments will be responded to and the final plan with the date of the community planting event will then be published on the website.

TreeBristol - Streets (responsible officer - Neil Gazzard)

This is a three year programme to plant trees in grass verges along streets which started in July 2012. The programme targets those wards with higher social deprivation and lower canopy cover, though will extend to the entire city over the 3 years, see table below.

Year 1 (2012/13)	NP No.	Year 2 (2013/14)	NP No.	Year 3 (2014/15)	NP No.
Filwood	11	Lockleaze	4	Henbury	2
Lawrence Hill	8	Bishopsworth	13	Kingsweston	1
Southmead	2	Eastville	5	Frome Vale	5
Hartcliffe	13	Knowle	11	Brislington East	12
Whitchurch Park	13	Southville	10	Stockwood	14
Ashley	8	Cabot	7	St George East	9
Easton	8	Bedminster	10	Clifton East	7
Hillfields	5	Horfield	4	Cotham	6
Avonmouth	1	Brislington West	12	Clifton	7
St George West	9	Bishopston	6	Westbury-on-Trym	3
Windmill Hill	11	Redland	6	Stoke Bishop	3
Hengrove	14	Henleaze	3		

Methodology and consultation

Plans are drawn up in the target wards using any requests for planting put forward by the local tree champion and information gathered from the community consultation for the Big Tree Plant bid. The TreeBristol - Streets officer will then identify other potential planting sites by looking at aerial photographs and walk these areas to draw up the draft planting plans. These will be consulted on internally, including gaining approval from the Highways Quality Assessment board. The Area Engagement Officer will then circulate the draft plans to local councillors, the NP Area Coordinator, the NP environment sub-group, the local tree champion (if one exists) and any other stakeholders in that NP. They will also send out a letter to residents in immediate proximity to the planting and put up site notices where appropriate. The consultation period will end two weeks after the letters have been sent out. Comments will be responded to and the final plan will then be published on the website. These trees will all be planted by contractors.

Other tree planting in the city

TreeBristol Officers also work with Council Tree Officers' who carry out new tree planting on Housing and Education sites, amounting to 400 trees per year. TreeBristol Officers also help the Highways Tree Officers to put together the replacement street tree planting programme. Based on 2011/12 felling and planting rates, it will take around 17 years to catch up with the current backlog

of replacement street trees. To rectify this we are working with the Tree Forum to develop a project to address this backlog more rapidly.

We can also receive requests to plant trees in areas not covered by any of the above programmes, see application form attached. Each application will be assessed according to the criteria on the form. The deadline for receiving these applications this year is the end of December; for next year and beyond the deadline will be the end of September.

Future consultation

This is the first year that we have involved the Neighbourhood Partnerships in making the decision to select the parks for which we produce the tree planting plans. Overall, this has successfully engaged the Neighbourhood Partnerships and raised the profile of the project. Next year we are proposing the same approach, though we will be asking the Neighbourhood Partnerships to deliberate and approve a park to produce the tree planting plan for much earlier in the year. The Bristol Parks Forum can advise their members to influence this decision through their Environmental Improvement Groups, where they exist, and/or through the appropriate Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Depending on the number of tree planting locations left over from this planting season, the Neighbourhood Partnership may also have a choice of parks in which to carry out a community tree planting event. We can only support one community tree planting event per NP per year.

Sponsorship

TreeBristol actively encourages both the public and business to sponsor a tree, our sponsorship packages are:

Category	Size on planting	Location	Surface	Cost	Deadline for applications
Platinum	Large	Street	Tarmac	£2650	1 st March
Gold	Large	Park or a new street tree	Grass	£330	31 st December
Silver	Large	Replacement street tree	Any	£170	31 st December
Bronze	Either	Planted during a Community Tree Planting event in a park or as part of the existing Street planting programme	Grass	£50	Anytime, can be retrospective
Copper	Small	Park or a new street tree	Grass	£50	31 st December

NB A large tree on planting is a 16-18cm (girth) tree in grass with double stake and double cage. A small tree on planting is a 40-60cm whip with stake, tubex protection and single cage. The cost of planting into tarmac is higher to cover the construction of an engineered tree pit.

The locations and prices of all sponsored trees are on the website. Once you have selected the tree you wish to sponsor this will automatically take you to a sponsorship form. For those without internet access a map of sponsored trees and the application form can be obtained by contacting TreeBristol using the details below. Any applications received after the deadline dates, shown in the table above, will be carried forward to the next planting season.

Next year the deadline for applications for Gold, Silver and Bronze trees will be end of September 2013. These trees will be planted in that winter's planting season. For Platinum trees the lead in periods are so long that the deadline for submission of applications is the 1st March for the tree to be planted in the next winter season. For Bronze trees, applications can be received at any point during the year, including retrospectively.

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