



Part of the Town Council Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Action Plan

### **Trees do so much for us every day**

They give us oxygen, store carbon, improve air quality, conserve water, preserve soil, support wildlife and are a key solution to climate change. They also make our communities more beautiful and improve our wellbeing.

In addition to the Council tree planting policy, and part of our environmental sustainability and climate change action plan, we would like to give the opportunity for local residents and visitors to plant a tree in New Milton.

### **Where can trees be planted?**

On some of our open spaces within New Milton, suitable for planting trees.

There are a few restrictions on where we can plant trees, depending on the location and species. Our tree experts can guide you on this.

We don't offer commemorative trees for cemeteries, but we can help you find an alternative location.

Please get in touch with our team and we can help you to find the best tree for the location and time of year it can be planted to suit you.

### **Type of tree you can choose**

The species and type of tree you can plant depends on the location. We keep to species that are in line with our management plans and landscape designs. We're always happy to work with you to find something suitable.

### **When trees can be planted**

Trees can only be planted at certain times of the year, depending on their species. The majority of trees can be planted between October and March, although in some cases planting may take place after March.

### **Help remember the tree location**

We'll log the tree's details, including map coordinates, in our system, where it will be recorded as part of the Plant a Tree initiative.

When we plant the tree, we will send you a certificate confirming all of these details for your records.

Please note that plaques or physical markers are not permitted on or near the tree.

## **Cost**

The price depends on the species, size, and location. Full pricing details can be found in the registration form. Please contact our team to discuss available options and any additional information.

## **Ownership and maintenance of trees**

We retain ownership of the tree. As a Council we have what is called liability of the asset, so your tree will be maintained by New Milton Town Council on land accessible to the public.

The tree will not be removed for a minimum period of 10 years. Whenever feasible, the tree will be documented on a public tree map.

We intend to keep the trees for their entire lifetime wherever possible and hope that your tree remains in place for many years. However, this cannot be guaranteed.

Sadly, trees fail because of things like the weather or vandalism. If this happens, we will happily discuss replacing your planted tree, but this remains at our discretion.

We look at each case individually and would always discuss any change in circumstances with you beforehand.

For further information, please contact:

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