



Child-Friendly Principles

We believe in:



Homes for wildlife

Trees provide shade, shelter, food and homes for all sorts of animals and plants in the UK. Because they provide so much for wildlife, we call them habitats.



Planting for the future

We need more trees. Trees don't live forever and when they die they leave big gaps. We need to plant more trees now so that there won't be any gaps in the future. Sometimes trees are cut down to make space for new houses and roads. It is important that trees and woods are planted nearby to replace them.



Celebrating trees in art, books and history

People have been writing, painting and singing about trees for a very long time. There are lots of old books, legends, fairytales, and pieces of music and art about trees. This shows us just how important they are. We need to make sure that people can continue to make new art inspired by trees.



Working with trees and woods

Trees give us wood for building and burning and they also give us paper. There are lots of jobs which involve working with wood, from carpenters to foresters. The more trees we plant, the more jobs there will be.



Protecting important trees and woods

There are lots of very old and special trees in the UK that can't be replaced. Many of these trees could be cut down to make way for buildings and roads. At the moment there's not enough protection for trees like this and we want better laws to make sure we don't lose them.



Trees near the places we live and work

Trees need help to grow properly near buildings and roads. If they are planted in the right places they can make our homes, schools, offices, road and railways much nicer and healthier.



Using trees and woods to help us stay healthy

Trees and woods help us to be fitter, healthier and happier, especially if they are near our homes. We want all doctors to encourage people to spend more time outside in woods to help them get better.



Making sure that everyone can visit trees and woods

Everyone should be able to enjoy visiting woods and trees, no matter who they are or where they are from. Communities should come together to enjoy, celebrate and care for the trees and woods in their neighbourhoods.



Looking after trees and woods properly

We need to look after trees and woods properly to make sure they stay healthy. We should all learn about the threats that trees face and the ways that we can help. Everyone that looks after trees should make plans to protect their trees from threats.



Using trees to make our landscapes stronger

Trees clean the air by taking in carbon dioxide, they also help stop floods and they clean water. These things all make our landscapes stronger. We want the government to understand just how important trees are and how much money they could help us save.