CHARTER FOR TREES • WOODS & PEOPLE

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

SUSTAIN LANDSCAPES RICH IN WILDLIFE
Each tree is a world within itself, teeming with life. A fallen branch is a feast for butterflies, a small, rich woodland site is a wildlife bed. A hedgerow is a living network, where a host of creatures share their home. Forests are full of opportunities for people, but these natural wealth is the wildlife, our future good means thinking now and adapting plans to what is on the ground. New urban and transport projects should make routes for our native wildlife to more forward too. Take heed of nature’s need.

PLANT FOR THE FUTURE
When we enjoy the company of a treasured tree or the beauty of a favorite wood we often owe thanks to those with the foresight and confidence to invest in the future. We must show that same generosity of spirit that some sense of hope for the future, and plant more now. Lineweavers with living greenery let trees allow shifting climate every life. More orchards for communities; more hedges for wildlife; more forests for timber and jobs. Nurture people’s pride in their local trees and empower them to care for their future. Right trees, right place, bright future.

CELEBRATE THE POWER OF TREES TO INSPIRE
Stories have always grown around trees. Artists are drawn to their majestic beauty. Woods are rooted memories, but as the leaf mulch is interwoven to sustain future growth. The power of trees is always visible in every Older work sends out new shoots. We are attached to trees in books and learn to look for their life. We feel connected to trees we know and love to see them painted well. Celebrate Tree Charter Day each year to strengthen this cultural legacy and help our living traditions thrive.

GROW FORESTS OF OPPORTUNITY AND INNOVATION
Forests, woods and trees all flourish under the stewardship of skilled professionals. Tree-renewal is fuel for enterprise and innovation, green energy and jobs. Consider the source of wooden products and choose the home grown from well-managed forests. Think the tremendous potential that with responsible management a needed Land is a thriving nation.

PROTECT IRREPLACEABLE TREES AND WOODS
A recent wood has been enthusiastically worked since before recorded time. They are living descendants from Britain’s prehistory. A tree may be a village’s oldest inhabitant, a neighbourhood place in a region’s identity. Annual motion in the nation’s story. These woods are landmarks, landmarks in our history. Old elms are habitats for some of our rarest species and living museums of disappearing ways of life. A country that cares for its future cares for its past; we need laws and commitment to protect these irreplaceable natural treasures.

PLAN GREENER LOCAL LANDSCAPES
The trees that reach us most are those that line avenues along our streets, in the local park, beside our school or place of work. Like us, they grow and change. Need space to breathe and support to thrive. Trees give points to distinctive character. Local community networks have a vital role to play in caring for woods and trees. Trees provide long-lasting good work, well-informed planning needs long-term rewards. Take advantage of planting, selling and replanting from skilled professionals; good landscapes of the future depend on care for trees today.

RECOVER HEALTH, HOPE AND WELLBEING WITH THE HELP OF TREES
Peace grows quietly in tree-lined places where bees, bees and birdsongs revive our faded senses. Sprays of greenery ensure cleaner air and clearer minds and other bodies were ordained to take a walk or meet a friend. Sprouts for life and tree seeds when we swallow healing glades. Parks and woodlands keep us well and help to quell fears of ill health, ageing. Less we breathe, more freely under trees. Healthcare and tree care go hand in hand; harness the therapeutic power of trees.

MAKE TREES ACCESSIBLE TO ALL
Trees offer shared experience to every age, religion and race. In woods people can work together, sharing experiences and learning from each other and their natural surroundings. Those who no longer wish can still find pleasure among the trees. Cheerful voices ring through leaves from makeshift pitchers and games of make-believe. There should be room for all beneath spreading canopies.

COMBAT THE THREATS TO OUR HABITATS
Pests, diseases and climate change pose serious threats to our precious trees. Enlightened management of woods will help ensure their future. Health planting of strong seeds and saplings, selecting species suited to the site, keeping pests in check, using a variety of trees, is urgent. Some are threatened by diseases, insects and predators. The important first step is to protect them from infestation and pests as the earliest sign.

STRENGTHEN OUR LANDSCAPES WITH TREES
From roots that bind and enrich the soil to leaves that shade and shelter; from locking carbon into timber and purifying air and water, trees make our landscapes better. Rising water levels and floods, which threaten riverbanks with roots. Dune hills need trees to keep the soil stable, to slow the flow of nature’s delve, to shelter sheep or shade the cattle. The right tree in the right place earns its keep and gain. As farmers and landowners benefit from needs the country will be strengthened in the years ahead.

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