

Wickford Town Council

Tree and Hedge Planting Policy

Aims

To value trees for the significant value they make to wellbeing and quality of life within the area of Wickford. Trees are managed to promote biodiversity, climate mitigation and visual amenity whilst being managed and maintained in a way which promotes their health and safety.

Introduction

The Town Council will ensure that tree stock is maintained in a cost effective manner, maximising visual amenity and associated environmental benefits whilst minimising risks to public safety and property.

The Town Council will work with partners and community groups to identify opportunities to increase its tree stock through appropriate tree planting.

The Town Council will consider planting new, species rich, native woodlands in appropriate locations to meet a variety of objectives, including habitat creation, the screening of unsightly development, the provision of shelter and the enhancement of the landscape.

Suggested areas to plant over the next four years:

Wickford North Ward

- Wickford Memorial Park
Possible 40 trees, 10 silver birches

Wickford Castledon and Crouch Ward

- Nevendon Recreation Ground
Replace/Plant 15-20 trees in the car park and park grounds

Basildon Borough Council landowners

- Oakhurst Drive
- Oakhurst Close
- Friern Gardens
- Charlotte Avenue
- Reeds Way
- Laurel and Lilac Avenue
- Almond Avenue
- Deirdre and Laburnum Avenue
- Nevendon Road
- Elder Avenue
- Grange Avenue

Wickford Park Ward

- Radwinter Avenue
Along the top section of Radwinter Avenue to replace 4 trees
Along the bottom section 30 Cricket Bat Willow trees were planted and only 6 have survived so recommend to replace 24 trees (not necessarily Cricket Bat Willow)
- Side of 18 Bulphan Close
2-3 trees
- Park Drive

Essex County Council landowners

Wickford Town Council

- Area near Carswell Gardens
3 trees

Basildon Borough Council Parks and Countryside land

- Open Space end of Nicholson Grove
5 trees

Basildon Borough Council Parks and Countryside land

Roundabouts around Wickford – across all Wards

Possible 50 trees

Possible Total 160 trees @40 trees per year

Date effective from:	12 October 2022
Date of last review:	13 July 2026
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Next review:	July 2027