



Charter for Trees, Woods & People (The Tree Charter)

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.

Harriet Fraser, 2017

The Tree Charter was shaped by more than 60,000 stories from people across the UK explaining how trees and woods enhance their lives. It was led by the Woodland Trust who collaborated with a steering group of more than 70 cross-sector organisations to define and launch it in 2017. Further information and guidance on how to support the principles can be found at treecharter.uk

South Kesteven District Council seek to promote and encourage everyone to play their part in supporting the ten principles of the Tree Charter:



1. Sustain landscapes rich in wildlife



2. Plant for the Future



3. Celebrate the power of trees to inspire



4. Grow forests of opportunity and innovation



5. Protect irreplaceable trees and woods



6. Plan greener local landscapes



7. Recover health, hope and wellbeing with the help of trees



8. Make trees accessible to all



9. Combat the threats to our habitats



10. Strengthen our landscapes with trees

South Kesteven District Council recognises and values the contribution made by trees and woods as part of the wider natural environment. This will be taken in to account in the operation of the Council and in delivering all related statutory and regulatory requirements. In supporting this Tree Charter, South Kesteven will do this in a way which balances with wider requirements, including any legal obligations, to include: health and safety, value for money, access and accessibility, service delivery, day to day operations, grounds maintenance, public amenity and development and growth.