

# 2015 London Tree and Woodland Awards

On the 27th May 2015, London City Hall hosted a celebratory awards event to celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover.

Roger Evans (Deputy Mayor) and Ian Gambles (Forestry Commission England Director) attended the event and congratulated everyone in London for their hard work.

At the awards evening there was also a speech on the [London i-Tree Eco Project](#) - progress to date and initial findings - in advance of report publication later in 2015.



*The Hillingdon Group of LWT receiving their award at City Hall in May 2015. From left to right: Ian Elliott, Roger Taylor, Kevin Gates, Val Borrell, Andy Willmore (LWT West Region Manager), Ray Smith, Ian Gambles (Director of Forestry Commission England) and Roger Evans (Deputy Mayor of London)*

For photographs from the event visit our [Flickr](#) page.

We have also produced case studies for some of the winners to highlight their achievements and inspire others - click on the links overleaf for further information.

“The Awards help raise awareness of the fantastic work taking place in London. I hope they inspire others to plant and manage trees that help ensure the capital remains one of the most attractive cities in the world to live and invest in.”

- Craig Harrison, Forestry Commission London Manager.

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# Award results

## **Street Tree Award 2015 winner:** [Queensbridge Neighbours Tree Project](#)

A project initiated by local residents to improve their neighbourhood through planting of 50 trees.

## **The Street Tree 2008-2015 Award was given to 2 winners:**

### [London Borough of Barnet - A5 Edgware Road tree planting project.](#)

The A5 Edgware Road tree planting project in Barnet involved the planting of 89 Dawn redwoods trees along a very busy road, having a transformative impact on the local environment and expected economic regeneration benefits.

### [Trees for Cities for their Mayor of London Street Tree Programme 2008-15.](#)

Trees for Cities have planted 2000 street trees since 2008 across 12 London Boroughs in deprived areas and on some challenging sites. Central to their work is engagement and involvement of communities in the planting and maintenance of the trees.

### **The Community Tree Award:** [Broomfield Community Orchard](#)

For transforming an unused bowling green into a thriving orchard used for community activities such as music events and skills training.

### **The Community Woodland Award:** [The Hillingdon Group of London Wildlife Trust](#)

For their work to protect and enhance local woodlands for the benefit of wildlife and improved public access. Highly commended nominees were Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and the Friends of Barnes Common.

**The Trees and Development Award:** The Angel Building, Islington (Derwent London, J & L Gibbons, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris & London Borough of Islington) - For the retention and careful management of 37 mature trees and the exemplary planting of a further 37 semi mature trees. Highly commended nominees were Leicester Square City Quarter development (Barrell Tree Consultancy, Westminster City Council and Burns & Nice).

### **The Acorn Award:** [Eugene Clerkin](#)

For his tireless work with the Tree Musketeers and as a Tree Warden caring for young trees around Hackney and promoting tree maintenance to others.

### **The Trees and Technology Award:** [Jonathan Robinson](#)

For his development of the Open Source Canopy Cover Audit application in his own time. It is very simple and effective for users, to help understand the amount of canopy cover over a chosen area.

### **The Tree Council Trees and Learning Award:** [Dormers Wells High School](#)

For tree planting as part of an outdoor educational programme for 8-10 year old children that for some has resulted in a horticultural career.

### **The London Tree Officers Association Individual Commitment Award:** [Jim Smith](#)

The LTOA Executive Committee awarded Jim for the years of hard work promoting Trees in London and for championing the important works that tree officers undertake.

We are grateful to the following organisations for sponsoring the awards:

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- Advanced Tree Services
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- Gristwood & Toms
- Woodland Trust

