



Plymouth Tree Partnership

Summary: The project provides a focus for resident and community groups wanting to improve the places where they live, work and play through the 'whole-life process' of urban tree planting and care. The main emphasis is on standard trees in streets, parks and public places but shelter-belt planting around sports pitches and community greens is also included.

Individuals and groups wanting to restore tree cover in a locality contact the city's Tree Warden network. Following an assessment of costs and benefits, steps are taken to gauge levels of support and identify issues. Proposals are developed in discussion with local people and the landowner – frequently Plymouth City Council or a housing association. When all is agreed, everyone is invited to help plant the trees with trained grounds staff and specialist equipment usually provided free of charge by the landowner.

Two or three local people are invited to volunteer as Tree Wardens and to look after the trees until established. They are supported by the wider network and, with experience, often become able to assist other projects too.

Headline Figures

Amount requested: £48,000
Trees planning to plant: 11,500
Unit cost: £4.17

Breakdown of Trees to be planted in Streets, Parks, Recreation Grounds, Open Spaces

Whips and saplings (around playing fields and greens): 11,134
Standards and half-standards (street trees): 266
Standards and half-standards (parks and other public places): 100

How did they fund the project?

The BTP paid for:
£48,000 for trees and tree care

The Match came from:

£35,000 in-kind and £48,000 from other non-governmental grants.

What impressed the Big Tree Plant Panel?

1. Detailed delivery plan proving that this is a city-wide project with full and on-going consultation with local people, as well as their participation wherever possible.
2. The ability to seek match-funding and plant street trees in strategic zones in the city with the full support of the local community and City Council.
3. Communication with the administration team to shape an excellent all round application
4. Value for money with well in excess of 50% match funding, street trees and documented long-term community involvement legacy and City Council buy in.