



# **Parks and Nature Conservation Trees & Recycling Section**

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# Tree Section Vision Statement

Birmingham has over a million trees within its city boundary. This rich green heritage is something to be proud of. The Parks Tree Service aims to manage and maintain the public tree stock of Birmingham to ensure its existence for the benefit of its citizens both current and future, visitors and wildlife.





# Who Are We?

**We are the Trees and Recycling Section a team who cover the entire city consisting of:**

**κ1 x Tree Manager**

**κ5 x Tree Officers – assigned to specific districts**

**κ1 x Conservation and Woodland Manager – City wide remit**

**κIn house Woodland Management Team**

**κIn house Timber and Green Waste Recycling Teams**

**κ2 x Contracted Tree Service Providers**





# What Do We Do?

**We are responsible for the monitoring and maintenance of all of the non-highway trees on BCC owned land, this includes:**

κ**Education**

κ**Housing (front/rear Gardens, communal/amenity areas)**

κ**Cemeteries/Crematoriums**

κ**Parks and Open Spaces**

κ**Social Services**

κ**Economic development**

**Trees located along the Highway are managed by Amey PLC under a 25year PFI contract.**





# Duties



**The key duties for Tree Officers include:**

- κ **A 5 year programme of Tree Safety Inspections (based on Wards)**

- κ **General Enquiries**

- κ **Elected member/ senior officer enquiries**

- κ **Generating Programmes of work for the Tree Service Providers**

- κ **Performance and Quality Monitoring**

**In addition to this we also provide.**

- κ **A 24/7 Hour Call out facility for emergency trees**



## The key duties for The Conservation and Woodland manager include:

- κ Undertaking a programme of woodland surveys
- κ Identifying essential works
- κ Production of woodland management plans
- κ Promoting and providing information on Nature Conservation and Habitat Management

In addition the section is also currently responsible for the processing of green waste generated by horticultural operations and the processing of all timber arisings generated from arboriculture works carried out by the city's tree service providers (including Amey).

The processed timber is sold on as a low carbon Biofuel for energy production. This income helps to offset the cost of running the service.





# Liaison With Stakeholders

With every job there will always be stakeholders who should be kept informed of what's happening and the progress of work.

For small scale low impact tasks and emergency works it is not always feasible or practicable to do this.

For larger scale and high impact works within Parks we try and keep the Rangers and District Parks Managers up to speed with progress.

We know that “Friends of Parks” groups would like to be kept informed of any major tree works due to take place in their area of interest and with this in mind we want to set out how we can best work together.



An aerial photograph of Highbury Park, showing a dense forest of trees in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, a city skyline with various skyscrapers is visible under a cloudy sky. The entire image has a warm, sepia-toned filter.

# **Pilot Scheme**

## **Highbury Park**

**Kings Heath and Moseley Ward**

**Steve Flood – Tree Officer**

**David Papadopoulos**

**Highbury Park Friends .**



# Working Together

## What we can do:

- κProvide email updates on planned work affecting your park
- κDiscuss the use of or retention of timber onsite for projects or biodiversity enhancement.
- κProvide basic tree training
- κInput into tree planting schemes

## What you can do:

- κProvide a named contact for your group for us to contact.
- κKeep an eye on the trees within your area and report any issues.



# How to contact us

## For specific tree enquiries

We would ask you to report these via the BCC Contact Centre, via the web pages or through the BCC Smartphone App.

## General tree management enquiries or liaison

You can contact your Tree Officer by email as below:

Peter Hill – Edgbaston and Ladywood - [Peter.a.hill@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Peter.a.hill@birmingham.gov.uk)

James Allen – Hodge Hill and Yardley - [james.allen@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:james.allen@birmingham.gov.uk)

Gareth Jones – Sutton, Erdington and Perry Barr

[Gareth.jones@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Gareth.jones@birmingham.gov.uk)

James Gibbs – Northfield – [james.s.gibbs@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:james.s.gibbs@birmingham.gov.uk)

Steve Flood – Hall Green and Selly Oak – [steve.flood@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:steve.flood@birmingham.gov.uk)

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## **Other Useful contacts and information:**

**Tree Preservation Orders and works to trees in conservation areas (planning) -**

**<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/treepreservation>**

**Maps of trees with preservation orders -**

**<https://localview.birmingham.gov.uk/Planning/Sites/TPO/#>**

**Highways tree enquiries -**

**<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/treesinbirmingham> follow link for tree maintenance and enquiries.**

**BCC contact centre – 0121 464 8728**





# Thank you for listening

## Any Questions?

I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree.  
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.

*Ogden Nash*