



**Harlestone Parish Council**

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# TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Harlestone Parish Council is committed to preserving the natural environment and rural character of the area which is fundamental to the conservation area. It is, perhaps, the setting that makes the buildings even more special. With this in mind, this guidance is an aide-memoire to the rules surrounding tree preservation orders, tree works and tree planting within the conservation area. The guidance has been compiled by HPC and endorsed by DDC's Tree Conservation Officer (M. Venton, 3.Apr.2019). It will be reviewed annually.

## Maintenance of Existing Trees

Trees with trunk in excess of 75mm (3") at 1.5 metres (5ft) above ground within a conservation area, including those in private gardens, on agricultural land or in public open spaces, are protected. Some trees in the parish are also covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Therefore, consent must be obtained from the DDC Conservation Department before any persons prune, lop, pollard or remove completely a tree located within the Conservation Area or with TPOs.

Michael Venton, DDC's dedicated tree conservation officer, urges anyone contemplating any of the above actions to ring him before undertaking any tree work (Michael can be contacted at DDC on 01327 302594 or [mventon@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:mventon@daventrydc.gov.uk)). Michael stresses that he will take a pragmatic view and apply common sense; taking in to account the amenity value of the tree and its location (i.e. likely to cause damage to a nearby building etc). Every case is different and therefore a conversation with Mike is recommended before any tree work begins.

More information can be found:

TPO Map: <https://mapping.daventrydc.gov.uk/#>

General Information: <https://www.northampton.gov.uk/trees>

## Planting of Trees

There are no specific controls in respect of planting of trees. Such a regulation would be unworkable, particularly in respect of private gardens.

Planting in public spaces

DDC discourage tree planting where:

- 1.The new tree makes the current maintenance arrangement more difficult or creates specific additional maintenance (i.e. maintenance of the new trees).
- 2.Planting changes the character of a public open space. For example, tree planting to screen a view, enclose open spaces or prevent/restrict access.
- 3.Planting impacts the historic integrity of an area or building or where the planting may change the character of the historic area or be detrimental to historic assets (i.e. damaging due to proximity to a historic building)

You must have permission from the land owner before planting any trees or hedges.

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