

## PLANTING

The best months for planting trees are December and January.

So that we can plant new trees during this time, our deadline for sponsorship applications is 30th September. This gives us enough time to order the trees, agree and mark the final locations and organise planting. Any applications received after this date will be included for the following season's planting.

## ONCE THE TREE IS PLANTED

Rushmoor Borough Council will be responsible for maintaining the tree.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee the lifetime of the tree, and we will be unable to replace any trees, which do not establish themselves.

Trees do not normally need watering. However, if the tree is outside your home, you can increase its chances of survival by giving it water during periods of drought and hot weather. The irrigation pipe installed close to the tree base will take the water straight to the roots, and any waste water, bath water or even washing-up water will do.

If you would like further information contact the Council on **01252 398 398** or email **customerservices@rushmoor.gov.uk**

## TREE SPONSORSHIP INTEREST FORM

Complete the interest form below or visit our website to complete the form online.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested tree location \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please return to:

Rushmoor Borough Council  
Customer Services  
Council Offices, Farnborough Road  
Farnborough, GU14 7JU

or find our online form at:  
[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/sponsorship](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/sponsorship)

Council Offices, Farnborough Road,  
Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7JU  
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## SPONSORING A TREE



**RUSHMOOR**  
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## WHY SPONSOR A TREE?

Trees improve and benefit the local environment, as well as providing homes and food for wildlife. You can sponsor a tree in Rushmoor, on a roadside verge, an open space or in a local park. A sponsored tree can help to improve the area where you live, be an unusual gift, mark a special occasion or be a lasting memorial to a loved one.

## THE COST

**Standard Tree** - £80\* *10/12cm bare root wrapped tree.*

The price includes purchase of the tree, digging a hole for its roots, adding compost, installing an irrigation pipe, backfilling, mulching and staking.

### **Ceremonial or Commemorative Park Tree**

- Priced individually

Your tree can be planted in one of our parks. Following the planting, you will receive a certificate with a picture of the newly planted tree and a plan showing its location. If you would like to be in the photograph, this can be arranged.

We do not include individual plaques, but if you would like to provide your own we can install a post during the planting process so that it can be attached.

## CAN I PLANT THE TREE MYSELF?

If your tree is going to be planted in a park or open space then you can come along and help with the planting.

If your tree is going to be on a roadside verge, unfortunately you won't be able to help with the planting. This is because we must follow certain regulations when work is carried out on the public highway.



## WHERE CAN THE TREE BE PLANTED?

After you have chosen the spot where you would like your tree to be planted, we will visit the site to check that it is suitable. There are many factors, which can prevent planting, such as overhead and underground services (*including pipes or cables*) and footpaths (*where tree roots may unsettle paving slabs*).

We will contact you to discuss the position and variety of tree. When this has been agreed we will ask for payment before your order is added to the planting list.

## THE CHOICE OF TREE

We recommend certain trees to make sure they are suitable for their intended location.

### **Suitable Varieties**

Trees for roadsides and streets are selected primarily for their growth characteristics, such as their size and crown shape/spread. This is to make sure they will work well in a street environment and not outgrow their location. Particular varieties are selected for their ornamental features, such as spring flowers or autumn colour.

Park and open space trees can be larger with native species a good choice for wildlife and heritage reasons. A park location gives space for bigger spreading growth without growing in nearby roads, footpaths or houses.

*Some examples listed below:*

### **Verge and Roadside Trees**

*(varieties with good compact form)*

Ornamental Cherry, Ornamental Pear, Hawthorn, Mountain Ash, False Acacia, Ornamental Birch, Field Maple, Norway Maple, Hornbeam, Turkish Hazel.

### **Park Trees**

*(larger trees and native species)*

Yew, Silver Birch, Oak, Beech, Lime, Scots Pine, Wild Cherry, Ash, Whitebeam, Common Walnut, Aspen, Sweet Chestnut, Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Evergreen Oak, Maple, Common Alder.