



### **Tree Warden Scheme**

CWPC recently received information about the recently relaunched tree warden scheme.

Further information about the scheme can be found here;

[Trees and woodland in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council](#)

An individual has put his name forward to be a tree warden in the locality and we have been asked if we accept the nomination.

The information was circulated to all councillors and I received a number of supportive responses.

I therefore confirmed with Wiltshire council that we supported the appointment, but this decision needed to be confirmed in a full council meeting.

**Recommendation;** That Calne Without Parish Council resolve to accept the appointment of Rich Murphy as a tree warden.

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

### What will Tree Wardens do?

The Tree Wardens will be able to assist the GAPS Teams with as many of these roles as they feel able:

- Act as a contact and support for tree related matters in their local area
- Identify areas in the community for local tree and woodland planting.
- Protect trees by reporting early signs of pests, disease and vandalism.
- Gather, survey and record information about trees important for wildlife or heritage.
- Get involved in campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of trees.
- With support from GAPS Officers apply for planting grant funding for community projects.
- Co-ordinate local volunteers to manage community tree and woodland planting.
- Set up tree nurseries using seeds collected locally.
- Work with local groups and schools – support The Tree Council's schools orchard programme and Young Tree Champions.
- Lead guided tree walks and give talks to local groups.
- Spearhead Tree Council initiatives and campaigns throughout the year.
- Work with local landowners to identify areas for tree, woodland or hedgerow planting or assist with laying hedges or tagging hedge trees for protection.

Whilst the Tree Wardens will be working under the auspices of the local Town or Parish Council the GAPS Team will support with training, co-ordination, and advice. Tree Wardens will not adjudicate in local disputes regarding trees, undertake major tree works use machinery or chemicals, work from height, or make any judgements about tree safety. This remains the remit of professional tree experts. The GAPS Tree Warden Scheme is primarily about the proactive facilitating of tree and woodland planting at the community level to meet Council biodiversity and climate targets. It does not replace any of the existing Council structures for dealing with existing tree issues and these enquiries should still be referred to either the Highways or Estates teams through the appropriate channels.

