

**Tree & Woodland Strategy 2021-2031**  
**DRAFT Action Plan 2024/25**

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Measures of Success</b>
<b>2024/25</b>	Inspections of trees in Zone 1 to take place on a 12-24 month programme.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections of trees adjacent to highways, footpaths, children's play areas etc.</li> <li>• Consistent ground based, visual inspections of the current condition of trees. As trees are dynamic organisms and therefore subject to change, inspections should detail the condition of trees on the day of the inspection.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within three months.</li> </ul>
	Inspection of trees in Zone 2 to take place on a 24-36 month programme.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections of Estate trees.</li> <li>• Consistent ground based, visual inspections of the current condition of trees. As trees are dynamic organisms and therefore subject to change, inspections should detail the condition of trees on the day of the inspection.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within two to three months.</li> </ul>
	Other trees i.e. woodland, to be inspected as required.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk through inspections to be undertaken as required.</li> <li>• Any works identified during inspections should be carried out within the year, dependent on targets.</li> </ul>
	Continue parks replanting and underplanting.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To date in 2024, 1,381 trees have been planted in parks.</li> <li>• To continue to plant within parks and open spaces as necessary, planting heavy standard to replace removed trees.</li> </ul>

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	Continue re-assessment of TPO Trees. (Enquiries)	Phil Haynes/Dave Coates	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to the nationally set timescales when determining tree applications: TPO applications (eight weeks) and TFC applications (6 weeks).</li> <li>Ensure that applications are determined in line with good arboriculture practice.</li> </ul>
	Plant replacements for any removed trees.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable trees to be planted in locations where a replacement tree is required.</li> </ul>
	Work with TVCA on their aim to plant 1 million trees across the Tees Valley.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist TVCA officers in their pursuit of maximising tree planting within the Borough, including planting trees on DBC owned land.</li> </ul>
	Continue utilisation of prospective planting areas as outlined on the database, working towards the 100,000 trees target.	Phil Haynes	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where funding allows, trees will be planted at identified locations as follows: Merrybent, Low Coniscliffe, Morton Park Way, Hartford Road.</li> </ul>
	Review and reassessment of Tree Strategy.	Brian Graham	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide a yearly update to the Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee, on the progress of delivering the agreed actions and the number of trees planted against the target of 100,000 over the lifetime of the Strategy.</li> <li>Develop a range of annual KPIs to report to the Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee.</li> </ul>