

# How to...

## Get a tree planted on your street or road



### Who is this guide for?

This is for people who live in a residential area who want to get street trees planted, whether that's outside of their home, or on a nearby road or street.

### What will this guide help you to do?

This 'How to' guide will help you to identify the steps you need to take to get a street tree planted and the important things you need to consider.

### Greening grey streets

City of Trees has planted over 4,000 street trees across Greater Manchester over the last 15 years. Funding for street trees is difficult to find as it is a costly and considered process to properly plant a tree that thrives. Check out '*A guide to planting street trees*' in our Resource library for more information on the process around planting.

### 2 Talk to your neighbours!

If your street has the space to accommodate trees then now is the time to talk to other residents to see if they are in support of the idea. The more people that have an interest in street trees being planted the stronger your case for requesting support from Local Councillors.

If funding is secured to carry out the tree planting then a more formal consultation would need to take place with residents.

### 3 Contact your local councillor

This is a crucial step to help raise awareness and support. It may be that your local representative knows of a development happening in the local area, and could encourage the developer to support the scheme. The council themselves may also have some funding.

### 1 Is there enough space to plant a tree on your road or street?

Firstly you need to check the pavement in question is wide enough to accommodate street trees. This to ensure pavements are still accessible for pedestrians as well as wheelchair and pushchair access. Pavements should be at least 2.5m wide from the front property boundary to the edge of the pavement, not including the kerbs.

Some streets also have big grass verges where trees can be planted in a soft landscape. If this is the case you need to speak to whoever owns the land – most likely the council or local housing association.

## 4 Register your interest with City of Trees

We're keen to hear from people who want to plant trees on their street or nearby road. We will keep these enquiries on file and if funding should become available in your area we will get in touch. *Fill out the form at – /cityoftrees.org.uk/interested-getting-street-tree-planted*

# City Re-Leaf



As part of this initiative, we have identified over 1,000 locations across Manchester and Salford city centres where high impact street trees could

be planted. Find out more about City Re-Leaf on our website – /cityoftrees.org.uk/city-re-leaf



## CASE STUDY: street trees in Trafford



City of Trees' Green Streets team worked in Old Trafford to give neighbourhoods a new look by planting more than 100 ornamental trees.

Residents set up the Old Trafford Tree Group to deliver improvements in their area and secure funding from a number of sources.

Residents chose the types of tree which were planted, including mountain ash and whitebeam, and were consulted about planting locations.

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