

Why We Love Trees

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2. Trees clean the air. Trees can filter out dangerous air pollutants using their leaves and bark, improving our air quality.
3. Trees clean water. Pollutants from the land are transported by rainwater into rivers and sea, but trees can intercept these pollutants and help to clean the water.
4. Trees are homes to many animals, including birds, squirrels and thousands of species of insects.
5. Trees reduce climate change. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and give us oxygen to breathe.
6. Trees cool the environment. Planting trees in hot cities is a proven way to reduce summer air temperatures.
7. Trees improve mental health. A walk amongst trees is good for your mental health and reduces stress.
8. Trees improve house prices! Properties on tree lined streets are more attractive and tend to achieve higher sale values.

What you can do to help

Help us to double UK tree cover by 2045, not just to stop climate change, but also to support nature through a general rewilding of our environment.

1. Sign our petition:
act.friendsoftheearth.uk/petition/tell-uk-government-double-tree-cover
2. Plant a tree on 30th November as part of the Big Climate Fight Back. See the Big Climate Fight Back page at the Woodland Trust:
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