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## IDENTIFYING & PROTECTING OUR ANCIENT TREES



We live in a particularly green and leafy part of the country – but we cannot take it for granted. Recently Sunningdale Parish council approved a project to identify ancient trees in Sunningdale and add them to the online register of ancient trees maintained by The Woodland Trust (<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>).

The Parish Council has a responsibility to protect the trees which contribute to the special character of Sunningdale. Nationally there is increasing interest in the role trees play in helping us to cope with climate change and reducing carbon emissions. Ancient trees are particularly precious and provide important habitats for wildlife. Luckily we don't need to create a tree register from scratch because The Woodland Trust, which has a stellar reputation as the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, already maintains an online register - the Ancient Tree Inventory (<https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>).

We would like to encourage residents of all ages to support our project by identifying ancient trees to add to the register e.g. typical species for this area such as Oak, Scots Pine, and Sweet Chestnut. Factors like girth, hollowing of the trunk/branches, deadwood and overall form of the tree help to assess whether a tree is ancient or not. The Woodland Trust provides guidance (<https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/how-to-record/species-guides/>) and even has a free Tree ID app you can download to your phone.



If you want to help us with this project and know of an ancient tree you can either upload the details yourself on The Woodland Trust website or send the information by email to the Parish Council ([info@sunningdaleparish.org.uk](mailto:info@sunningdaleparish.org.uk)) marking your email **Ancient Tree**.

Thank you!