

# Buy a park a tree

## Why is the buy a park a tree scheme being introduced?

The trees in many of Calderdale's parks have been growing for many decades. Some are getting to the end of their natural lifespan while others get damaged by storms or suffer from disease and have had to be removed for safety. Six years ago it was estimated that one of Calderdale's parks would lose seventy trees in ten years due to the reasons described.

A trial planting scheme was introduced asking the public to buy trees for the park setting a target of seventy trees to be planted in ten years.

Over 50 new trees have now been planted so far and are happily growing there. Without this scheme the park would lose most of its trees in 50 years.

All parks need new trees planting for future generations to enjoy.

## Who will be paying for the trees?

As in the existing scheme members of the public, families or businesses can Buy a Park a Tree. It is hoped to issue certificates of the tree planting to each sponsor to keep as a record of their generous help.

### **Buy a park a tree online**

*(<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/buy-park-tree/order-form>)*

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## Who will be planting and maintaining the trees?

Trained Calderdale parks staff will be planting all the trees but if individuals, families or company members wish to help with planting this can be arranged. Please see the Calderdale tree planting form.

## Where can the trees be planted?

The trees can be planted in most of the parks and recreation areas in Calderdale by arrangement with the local area manager or tree officer providing they are not causing access problems, preventing sports activities or blocking light from nearby buildings.

## When is the best time to plant trees

The best time to plant larger trees is between November and February to help them establish more easily. Orders to the nurseries will need to be placed by October and December this year for planting up to the end of February next year. If you miss this winter's planting deadline advance orders can be placed for the following planting season.

## What variety of trees can be planted

You can choose from the list below of native and ornamental trees provided. Trees can be supplied subject to availability from the nursery. It may be necessary to plant appropriate trees to each area or to substitute a variety of tree if the one ordered is unavailable.

List of available trees



## What is the cost of buying a tree?

The cost starts at £100, which is for a medium sized tree. This includes planting and securing the tree. All orders should be accompanied by payment in full.

- **Medium tree (£100):** 12 - 14cm stem girth and approximate height of 3.5 - 4.0m
- **Large tree (£150):** 14 - 16cm stem girth and approximate height of 4.0 - 4.5m

If you would like to attend the planting process, the cost of your **first tree** will be **£200**. This is due to the extra time and effort needed to schedule and execute the planting. This reduces the time available for other plantings.

## What happens if a tree fails to grow?

Each case will be assessed by a council officer; a decision will be made on an individual basis as to what will happen next. The tree donor will be kept informed.

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