Rushcliffe has seven ancient woodlands that have existed since at least 1600 AD but woodland covers only 5.75sq km (1.04%) of Rushcliffe, so all the trees we have are important.

**Rushcliffe Borough Council is proposing to**:

**Provide a Parish Tree Scheme –this will**:

* Supply up to 10 native trees to parishes
* Plant them if required on land identified and permission gained by the parishes / communities
* Support the maintenance of these trees for 12 months

**This Scheme will be launched in Summer 2018**

**Establish a Tree Warden Scheme**

•Tree wardens will have knowledge on how to:

* Plant and care for trees
* Identify / survey important and veteran trees
* Work closely with RBC on protection issues
* Champion tree issues in their areas

**Provide a free tree scheme for residents**:

•This will provide:

* Up to two free native trees for residents
* Residents will need to apply in summer 2018, 2019 and 2020
* Trees will be issued at three events each year across the borough in the Autumn
* Planting advice will be provided.
* **Strengthen planning protection** by including a specific Tree Policy within the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies, expected to be adopted in 2018
* **Continue to liaise with County Highways** and Highways England, the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board and utility companies about tree promotion and protection

**How you can help.**

**Please help to identify any potentially suitable sites for tree planting in our parish**. **Contact the Parish Clerk on 01949 860123 or email:** **langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com**