

North Horsham Parish Council has registered its support for the Charter for Trees, Woods and People which is being

The Charter will set out a series of

guidelines and principles on how our communities and trees can best benefit one another. Originally an initiative of the Woodland Trust the development of the charter is a grassroots project which has gathered input and knowledge from the public and partner organisations as it has grown. The eventual principles of the Charter will be accessible in an online format and be engraved on Legacy Poles across the country.

North Horsham Parish has a wealth of trees and woodland. Our trees are important economic, cultural and community assets. Local trees serve as a rich habitat for the country's wildlife and studies have shown that local trees improve feelings of wellbeing. The tree charter aims to reconnect people with their local environment and act to prevent losing trees and woodland.

The public are encouraged to support the project by giving their full name to say that they believe in the Tree Charter Principles:-

- 1. Thriving habitats for diverse species.
- 2. Planting for the future.
- 3. Celebrating the cultural impact of trees.
- 4. A thriving forestry sector that delivers for the UK.
- 5. Better protection for important trees and woods.
- 6. Enhancing new developments with trees.
- 7. Understanding and using the health benefits of trees.
- 8. Access to trees for everyone.
- 9. Addressing threats to woods and trees through good management.
- 10. Strengthening landscapes with woods and trees.

For every name collected a tree will be planted.

If you would like to find out more about this or to give your name to be noted as supporting the Tree Charter Principles, please get in touch with the Clerk.