

Online Survey – Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy

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Question 1

Do you consent to the use of your personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement? (please tick)

- I consent to the use of my personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement
- I do not consent to the use of my personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement and would like to end the survey

Question 2

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick one from the list below. There is a free text box next to 'other'.

Are you responding to this consultation as a:

- Member of the public / resident
- Agent, developer or landowner
- Councillor
- Town / parish council
- Neighbourhood planning Group
- Community or interest group
- Statutory body (Environment Agency, National Highways, Natural England etc.)
- Utility company or infrastructure provider
- Business / organisation
- Another planning authority
- Other (please specify below)

Question 3

This question is optional. Respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of that organisation?

Question 4

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick a maximum of three options.

What do you consider are the key benefits to Herefordshire of increasing tree cover and improved management of the treescape? Select up to three responses.

- Wildlife provision (including habitat creation and enhancement)
- Improved health and well-being (improved connection with nature)
- Regulating local climate (providing shading and cooling)
- Improved air quality (by removing pollutants)
- Contributing to carbon neutrality (through increasing carbon sequestration by trees)
- River catchment and flood management (through rainfall attenuation)
- Reduced soil erosion and water pollution (by tree roots binding soil)
- Enhancing resilience to a changing climate (through appropriate species selection and management)
- Protecting and improving distinctive features of the county (including traditional orchards ancient woodlands, veteran trees and designated sites)
- Successional and replacement planting (to replace trees coming to the end of life and those lost to pests / diseases)
- Supporting the local economy (by improving the aesthetic appeal of spaces)
- Other (please specify below)

For the last point (=Other), respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Question 5

Optional. Respondents are then given options 1-5 (i.e. not a sliding bar), with the following key:

- Option 1 = Strongly disagree
- Option 2 = Disagree
- Option 3 = Indifferent
- Option 4 = Agree
- Option 5 = Strongly agree

There are also additional options to 'Skip' and tick 'unknown'

Thinking about your local treescape, please state the extent to which you agree with the following statements. Pick one answer for each statement.

I value my local trees, woods and forests because...

- Of their importance for wildlife
- They make me notice the changing seasons
- They are good for my mental well-being
- They are part of our cultural and historic landscape
- I like being a part of a landscape which is also home to wildlife
- Being among them makes me feel more connected to nature
- They contribute to my physical wellbeing
- Being among them I feel a sense of freedom
- They provide a peaceful refuge for me
- I feel touched by their beauty
- Old and ancient trees are especially attractive to me
- They provide places to spend time with my friends and family
- They stimulate my senses

- They provide me with places for fun and enjoyment
- They can help me learn more about nature
- Being among them makes me feel part of something bigger than myself
- They connect me with memories from my past
- They provide places for the community to come together
- They make me feel creative and inspired

Question 6

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick a maximum of three responses.

Which of the following statements should be priorities for Herefordshire Council in relation to the treescape. Select up to three responses.

Herefordshire Council should...

- Improve tree protection and policy enforcement in relation to new trees and areas of woodland
- Provide improved management and protection to the existing tree stock
- Ensure consideration is given to the principle of the 'right tree in the right place' when delivering new tree planting
- Address the deficiencies of trees in streets and the urban environment
- Increase knowledge of the benefits of trees through public engagement
- Ensure trees and hedgerows on development sites are well managed
- Ensure appropriate age and species diversity of Herefordshire's treescape
- Attract additional funding for the provision of trees and woodland
- Other (please specify below)

For the last point (=Other), respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Question 7

This question is optional. Respondents are then given options 1-5 (i.e. not a sliding bar), with the following key:

- Option 1 = Strongly disagree
- Option 2 = Disagree
- Option 3 = Indifferent
- Option 4 = Agree
- Option 5 = Strongly agree

There are also additional options to 'Skip' and tick 'unknown'.

Please state the extent to which you agree that the following factors are key current and future pressures / threats facing the treescape of Herefordshire? Pick one answer for each type of pressure / threat.

- Pests and diseases
- Inappropriate management
- Pressures from development
- Vandalism
- Climate change
- Lack of legal tree protection and enforcement
- Other (please specify below)

For the last point (=Other), respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Question 8

This question is optional. Respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other pressures/threats facing the treescape of Herefordshire.

Question 9

Optional. Respondents are then given options 1-5 (i.e. not a sliding bar), with the following key:

- Option 1 = Strongly disagree
- Option 2 = Disagree
- Option 3 = Indifferent
- Option 4 = Agree
- Option 5 = Strongly agree

There are also additional options to 'Skip' and tick 'unknown'.

Please state the extent to which you agree that the following locations should be prioritised for future tree planting in Herefordshire. Pick one answer for each type of benefit.

- Herefordshire Council managed parks and greenspace
- Urban streets
- Road corridors and verges
- Privately owned open space
- Privately owned gardens
- Rural / agricultural land

- Other (please specify below)

For the last point (=Other), respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Question 10

This question is optional. Respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other locations which should be prioritised for future tree planting in Herefordshire.

Question 11

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick a maximum of three responses.

Which of the following present the greatest barriers to delivery of increased tree planting within Herefordshire? Select up to three responses.

- Lack of local funding
- Lack of understanding of the benefits of increased tree cover
- Lack of understanding of how to deliver tree planting schemes including establishment and longer-term management and maintenance of trees
- Lack of community and / or political support or buy-in
- Lack of coordinated effort between partners
- Lack of support within Planning policy
- Lack of awareness of the importance of trees
- Land ownership and cross-boundary issues
- Land management capability and capacity

Question 12

This question is optional. Respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other barriers to the delivery of tree planting in Herefordshire.

Question 13

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick as many responses as they wish from the list below.

Please specify if you regularly take part in any of the following community involvement initiatives relating to trees (tick all that apply).

- Informative public talks on trees
- Tree related activities with local schools
- Community tree planting
- Volunteering e.g. Herefordshire Tree Forum
- Herefordshire Tree Wardens
- 'Sponsor a tree' or similar scheme
- Distribution of free trees
- Technical advice to residents about private trees
- None
- Other (please specify below)

For the last point (=Other), respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

Question 14

This question is optional. Respondents are asked to pick one answer.

Are you aware of other initiatives relating to the conservation and / or enhancement of tree, hedgerow and woodland cover in Herefordshire? (tick one box)

- Yes
- No

Question 15

This question is optional. Respondents are given an open text box as well as the option to 'skip'.

If you responded “yes” to question 11 above, please provide details (including name of initiative and location).

Thank you for completing the survey.
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completed form to
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