

# Local Authority Tree Services: What the future holds....

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### **Mission Statement**

"We will protect, promote, care for and improve the UK's tree stock by managing the trees for the long term benefit of the community."



### What do we do?

- Look after / Manage Local Authority tree stock
  - Caretakers for the public forest
- Protect LA from financial and reputational risk



## What we actually do?

- Finance
- Public relations
- Press and Publicity
- Legal
- Enforcement
- Contract
   Management
- HR
- Health and Safety
- Risk Management

- Client Management
- Project management
- Political management
- Engineering
- Mediation
- Planning
- Trees



## What is happening now and in the future?

- Cuts
  - Staff budget
  - Maintenance budget
  - Impacts recruitment
- Fewer tree officers, increased P & D
- More buildings / development
- More with less



### Current scenarios (London perspective)

- Outsourced service (Full/Part)
- Merging services / LAs
- Trading / commercialisation



## Change – it is inevitable

- Accept it
- Pre-empt change
  - Provide solutions to decision makers
  - Don't wait to hear what they will decide
- Seek opportunities
  - Budget holders
- Change can be beneficial



## Demonstrate your worth

- Understand your business
- Understand your resource
- Value your asset
- Understand your audience
- Business cases & reports





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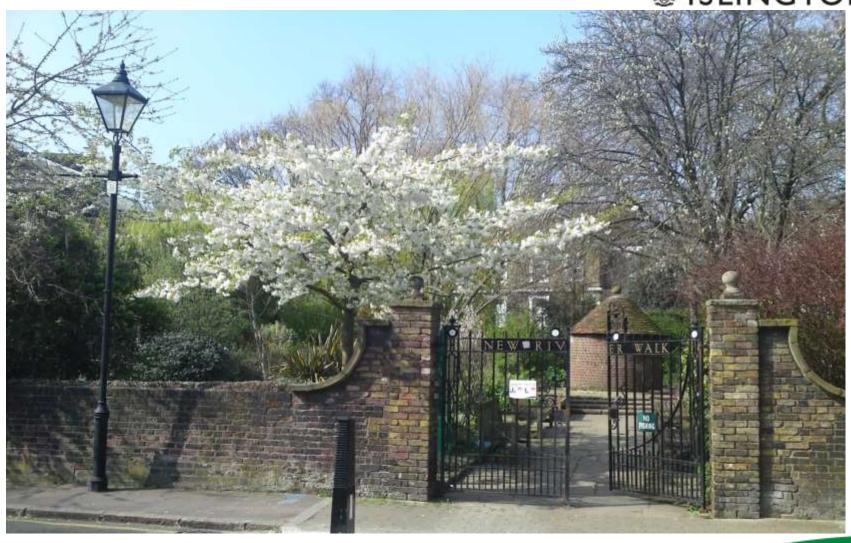
## Value for money

- Argue for budgets
- True asset value
  - Tangible
  - Intangible
- Look at alternative income streams



## Thank you for listening

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# How can we do more with less?

**Underused Resources?** 

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#### Radically re-engineer our relationship with the public

- Low input high return
- The public perform a wider range of functions
- Increased sense of ownership
- The public become advocates for Trees and TO
- The public forest is better managed
- The public helps support itself

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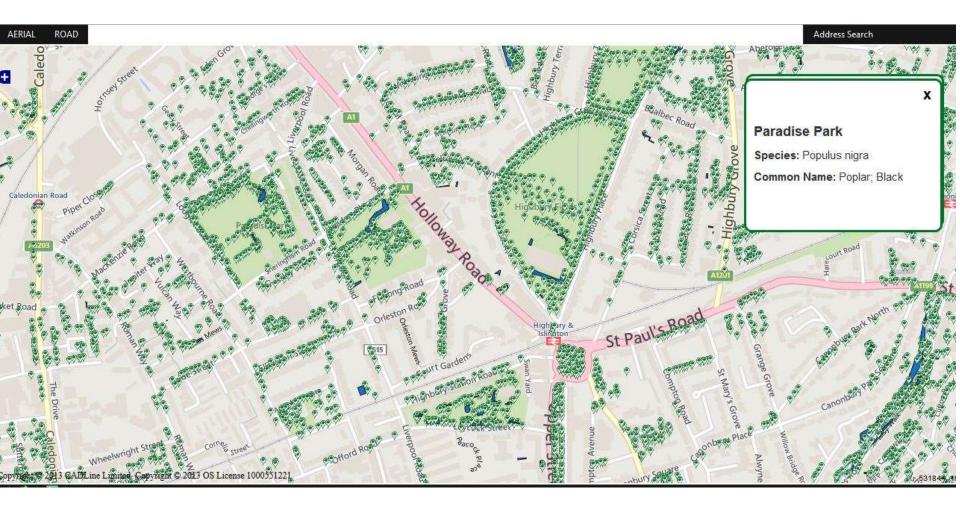
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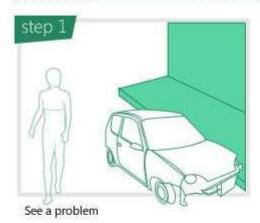






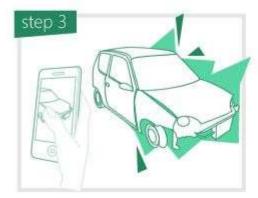


#### Using the Love Clean Streets app





Open your FREE Love Clean Streets app.



Using the **Love Clean Streets** app take a picture of the problem.



Complete a summary of the problem and submit it to us.



Show Polygons

Add a tree!

#### Yearly Eco Impact

Datal Benefits

Greenhouse Can Benefits 9,815,679 kgs CO<sub>2</sub> induced £508,775 asset

Ween Benefits 327,614,921 litres common. £144,150 poets

Air Quality Benefits
49,348 kgs pollutants
reduced
£443,443 ....et



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Tree concerns

Why submit statu?

#### **OPAL Tree Health Survey**

Help scientists monitor and protect our trees and woodlands

Trees are what - bringing nature into urban areas, supporting the rural economy providing food and habitats for wildlife, and helping to combat climate change.

However, our trees are under threat. The number of peals and diseases attacking them has increased in the last few years.

UK governments have already stopped up their activity to protect trees, and you can help too, by taking part in the OPAL Tree Health Survey, designed in



Kids Zone - Societies -

You can help our threatened trees













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An early warning system for tree health

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Welcome to Observative, a collaborative project between Forest Research, the





Cymraeg.

This site has been set up to gather information about the health of the nation's treas, woodbands and fatests. This information will support important tree health monitoring and surveillance work, contribute to origing scientific research in this failed and, ultimately, support efforts to protect the nation's trees.

For an overview of what information will be required, get into here lopens a new table

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Submit a general report of a problem affecting the health of a treetils, including Oak. Processionary Moth and Oriental Oriental Gall vicso.



Submit a report of a specific tree pest or disease that you



E you own or manage trees you can request a diagnostic of a pest or disease problem. This may be a chargeable service.









## **Build up records on Citizens**

- How many interactions
- Assessed/ Scored Interactions
- Knowledge /ability
- Training undertaken
- Test results
- Background (are they professionals)



#### The Pest and Disease Test

- 2. Please identify this fungi?
- Ganderma
- O Gold Cap
- O Honey Fungus
- Chicken of the woods





TIME REMAINING - 00:27

Sign in



Overview



#### Work Begins

Posted by Natasha Shaw on October 17, 2014

So, despite the soggy weather, the first phase of work started on the park on Monday 13 OctoberInstallation of 2 concrete table tennis tables, 3 picnic tables & planting of silver birch trees. Wildflower & grasses planting will probably have to wait till the early spring. Continue reading »



The Mayor of London's **Pocket Parks** initiative supports the delivery of 100 new or enhanced pocket parks across London by March 2015.

It is part of London's Great Outdoors programme.



#### PROJECTS



Daneville Road Pocket Park
This is a greening project,
aiming to transform an unused
space into a beautiful green

space with raised garden beds

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Love Nature - Plant a Tree (wit...
Help us create a beautiful
nature area for the community
and wildlife to enjoy!

Author: Sarah Thomas









## **Changing roles – Tree Officers**

- Enabling citizens
- Relinquishing power and authority
- Strategic Delivery
- Focus on professional functions

## **Possible Citizen Functions**

- Identify tree problems
- Survey trees that have not been previously surveyed
- Monitor works the contractor has completed.
- Monitor Development sites
- Undertake pest and disease surveys
- Studies of available data (Information Repository)
- Political advocacy
- Apply for funding
- Organise events
- Educate (kids/ politicians/ each other)
- Assess TPO CA applications
- Advocate our work
- Citizens could be enabled to carry out works that the contractor would normally do.

## Changing roles – Residents

The tree outside the door is theirs to plant, water, look after, adopt and care for.





## Is it Possible?