

# **Neighbourhood Scrutiny 28 June 2022**

## **Trees Strategy Review 2021/22**

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# Annual Review

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- The Strategy outlines how we manage the city's trees to ensure that we sustain and enhance Leicester's urban forest for future generations.
- The annual review monitors the delivery of the aims of the Tree Strategy via the five key strategic objectives:
  - Promoting amenity
  - Promoting habitat and wildlife
  - Responding to global obligations
  - Managing the pressure on trees in others ownership
  - Delivering the strategy
- This is undertaken via a series of 22 actions as specified in the Tree Strategy, which are reported on in the review document.



The council has increased its tree stock of 150K trees from 2021 to 168K trees in 2022

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- 90,000 – Parks
  - 21,000 – Highways
  - 23,000 – Housing estates
  - 20,000 – Schools
  - 14,000 – Misc.
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- Woodland has increased from 109 to 111 hectares

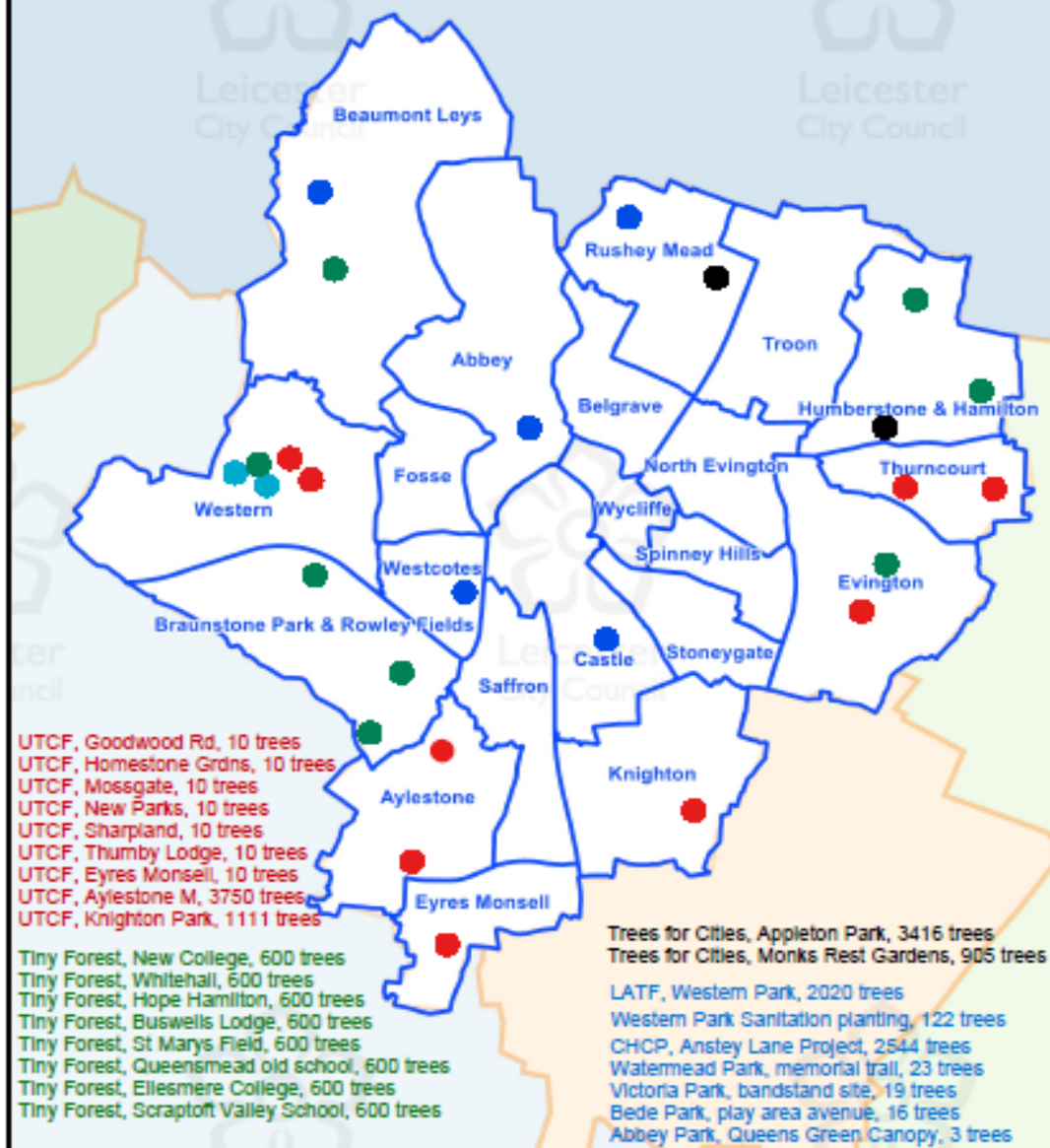
# Progress

## Promoting Amenity

- 350 Tree Surveys completed in 2021/22, which equates to 27% of all LCC sites. Up from 15% surveyed in 2019 – 2021
- 11,076 small trees planted
- 677 large stock planted
- 607 trees felled
- That's 19 trees planted for every tree felled in 2021/22
- LCC now has 23 trained tree wardens, up from 15 in 2019 - 2021



# Tree Planting Locations from Funded Projects





# Progress

## Promoting Habitat & Wildlife

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Successful external funding bids:

- Trees for Cities, Appleton Park & Monks Rest Gardens, 4321 trees
- Local Authority Treescapes Fund, Western Park, 2020 trees
- Urban Tree Challenge Fund, various housing estates, 70 trees
- Tiny Forests Earthwatch, 7 schools, 4200 trees

Saving Saffron Brook project undertaken at Knighton Spinney & Washbrook Nature Reserve, to improve condition and species diversity

# Progress

## Responding to Global Obligations

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- Ash Dieback
  - Potential significant impact, separate paper from CMB
  - Action Plan being drafted
- Western Park Sanitation project
  - Successful completion of phase 1
  - 60 diseased trees felled, 122 trees planted
  - Phase 2 will start in October 2022
  - 40 diseased trees to be felled
  - 80 trees to be planted
- 100% by-product recycled
  - Over 1,000 tonnes diverted from landfill saving £115k



# Progress

## Managing the pressure on trees in others ownership



- LCC has 535 Tree Preservation Orders in place & 25 Conservation Areas
- 155 TPO & CA tree applications processed
- 200 planning applications, with trees on site, processed
- 370 Emergency tree call outs attended, 67 out of hours



# Progress

## Delivering the Strategy

- Trees & Woodlands Staff:
  - 30 – Operational
  - 6.6 – Technical
- LCC retained Arboricultural Association accreditation (now one of two Local Authorities on list)
- 177 refresher & technical training courses completed by T&W team

### Queens Green Canopy

- LCC awarded Champion City status for its commitments to maintaining & expanding its tree stock



# Questions

