

Trees near Flint war memorial

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Cymraeg

Mae'r ddogfen hon hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg - gweler y dudalen Gymraeg ar ein gwefan.

This document is also available in Welsh - see Welsh page on our website.



Trees in Hope recreational ground

Find out more

Urban Tree and Woodland plan:
www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Countryside--Coast/Tree/Tree-Plan.pdf

How to plant a tree:
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/how-to-plant/

Right tree, right place, for the right reasons:
assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67d3f775a4075fa7b9851d85/CFT_UK_Forestry_Standard_infographic_Mar_25_.pdf

Our tree planting:
Growing a better tomorrow

Trees in Flintshire

Wales is one of the least wooded countries in Europe with woodland providing only 14.8% of land cover compared to an EU average of 38%. It is also one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, reflecting the essential role trees have in supporting biodiversity.

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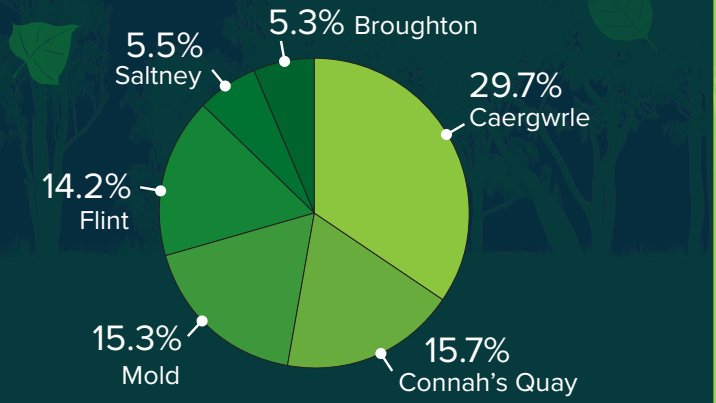
Why are trees important?

Trees are symbolic of the natural world, they are long lived and are an important and enduring feature in many of Flintshire's landscapes, providing numerous and diverse environmental services. These services directly and indirectly benefit people and support nature.

In a groundbreaking study published by Forest Research and Defra, the economic value of individual trees planted outside of our forests and woodlands was measured at £3.8 billion. This value is based on the important role they play in the intake and storage of carbon, regulating temperatures, strengthening flood resilience and reducing noise and air pollution. Together, these benefits help to mitigate against the effects of climate change, such as: reducing the impact on people from flooding, cooling urban areas in summer and improving health and wellbeing.

Canopy cover in Flintshire

A 2016 study published by Natural Resources Wales examined urban tree canopy cover across Wales' towns and cities. In 2013, Flintshire's urban tree canopy cover was the seventh lowest in the country, covering only 14.5% of land. This was noticeably lower than the Wales average of 16.3%. See how some of our town's compare with the national average:



Our approach to tree planting

In 2018, Flintshire County Council launched their first Urban Tree and Woodland Plan with the Vision:

'To have a diverse and resilient tree canopy cover throughout Flintshire's towns that is appreciated, managed sustainably, provides multiple benefits to people and the environment, and enhances biodiversity.'



The Urban tree and Woodland Plan sets a goal of achieving an urban canopy cover of 18% by 2033.

To support delivery of the plan, Flintshire County Council has successfully obtained grant funding to create greener networks throughout the county and improve green spaces for people and nature.

We are working together across Council services, with Town and Community Councils, local interest groups and schools to identify, agree and implement tree planting schemes in winter. Alongside new tree planting schemes, we carry out replacement planting to directly replace trees that have had to be removed due to disease or decline for other reasons. This helps us to maintain our existing canopy cover. We also carry out maintenance of the planting to ensure successful establishment.



Our planting is varied and consists of shrubs, trees, orchards and hedgerows to ensure our tree projects follow the UK Forestry Standard's criteria of "Right tree, right place, for the right reasons."

What can you do?

There are many different things that you can do to support wildlife at home and in your community:

- Suggest suitable sites for tree planting in the county, please email biodiversity@flintshire.gov.uk.
- An important part of nature recovery is sharing knowledge and understanding. Flintshire County Council often organise events to talk about this important habitat. Look out for our events.



- Participate in a community tree planting event organised by the Countryside Service or the Biodiversity Team.
- Be a local tree champion by promoting tree planting in your area and enthusing people about the benefits of trees for people and wildlife.
- Plant a tree in your garden or support tree planting locally.
- Volunteer with a local conservation organisation.
- Buy forest-friendly (or certified) products.
- Spend time embracing and understanding nature.

