

## **Leigh on Mendip Parish Council Tree and Biodiversity Adviser**

### **Role Description:**

This is a volunteer role undertaken within the Parish.

The volunteer will personally be a contact and support for all Tree and Biodiversity related issues in the Parish.

### **Objective:**

To help the Parish Council and parishioners to be aware of the current status and condition of the Trees and Biodiversity within the parish boundaries and potential for improvement.

### **Activities:**

Protect trees by reporting early signs of pests, disease and vandalism.

Gather information, survey and report information to the Parish Council. This will include information in map form and TPO's listed in the area.

Help look for opportunities to improve Biodiversity in the local community, enhancing the environment for the parishioners.

Support and encourage groups working to promote Biodiversity. Be the point of contact, via the Parish Councillors or Parish Clerk, for local enquiries and reports on Trees and Biodiversity.

Help the Parish support strategic Biodiversity objectives within Somerset. Maintain an awareness of grant funding opportunities, and support applications.

Report any suggested required works to the Parish Council so the Clerk can contact Somerset Council or relevant landowners.

The Parish Clerk will refer Somerset Council tree information to the parish tree advisor for comment.

The tree advisor will keep up to date with information from the Tree Council and Natural England:

- [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk)
- [www.gov.uk/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/natural-england)

### **Risk Management:**

This role does not require anyone to place themselves in a dangerous situation. When unsure the tree advisor should contact the Parish Council Clerk for further advice.

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