

The Droplet

Calling: Urban Forest Volunteers!

We are well into the Springtime now, so you know what that means: we need to **water our trees!** Newly planted or fully established, give our local trees a bit of extra TLC over Spring, throughout Summer, running up to Autumn. Take public ownership of the trees on your estate, making sure they receive the aftercare they deserve. Visit our website to [see our top tips on how to water trees](#) and keep them alive and thriving!



For those of you who have recently signed up, you'll have noticed that we have a new [Urban Forest Volunteer Application Form](#) online. Before the [Urban Forest Accelerator](#) (UFA) programme, BTP didn't have any employees, and was solely run by volunteers. Luckily, by participating in this project, we have acquired [two employees](#) to help us carry it out (as well as other duties!), which one of many firsts for the charity.

As an expanding urban forest non-profit organisation, our network of urban forest volunteers has grown exponentially! Without you, we wouldn't be able to do the things we do, but we also need to make sure we have a good idea of how many volunteers we have. BTP were hoping you could help us with this. We want to create a secure database, to hold the information you give us via the application forms, so we know who our volunteers are, what you are primarily interested in volunteering for, as well as minor information to keep you safe, and to give us an idea of the overall profiles of our volunteer network.

Working in communications and engagement with urban forestry can sometimes be challenging, due to the inequities of trees and green spaces in various areas of the city. We want to reach every inch, every corner, every culture – by cultivating a diverse volunteer web, we can reach these corners and UFA/[Urban Forest Masterplan](#) (UFMP) targets, because trees are for everyone, and tree equity is about getting those trees in the places that need them most.

The UFA – in conjunction with [National Trust](#), [Woodland Trust](#), and [Community Forest Trust](#) – have been working with us to create a best practice document from our endeavor's this last year, and knowing who we have reached up until now will help inform us moving forward. The volunteers are the most important part of this programme, as we want to touch as many hearts as we can with our projects, surveys, training, workshops, and anything else green.

If you wouldn't mind (optional) giving us five to ten minutes of your time, can all our current – past and present – urban forest volunteers fill out the updated application form, so we have it on record, and you can also read our updated privacy policy statement (regarding the storage and use of said information) at the bottom of the application form web page. We thank you for your continued time and understanding, as well as all the hours put into our projects. Thank you for being a TreePerson!

Street Tree Survey Update

On Saturday 11th May, Nechells, 20 trees were surveyed in the afternoon sunshine. Charley, Alex, and Ruth, and three new trainee surveyors Sarah, Tanim, and Sonja. Several trees needed heavy pruning, stake removal, and some general love and attention; one tree was even dead from mower damage. This is why we need to stay sharp whilst surveying, as the damage was overgrown with grass that they didn't cut... sneaky! Join us next time by [following this link](#).

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