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Tree Wardens

The [Tree Warden Scheme](#) is a nationwide initiative supported in England by the Tree Council and the National Grid.

Unfortunately in Scotland there is no equivalent of providing support so Borders Forest Trust decided to initiate and a Borders based Tree Warden Scheme.

Tree Wardens are individuals with an interest in the natural environment who are keen to become actively involved in the conservation of local trees and woodlands. No expertise is required to become a Tree Warden only interest and enthusiasm as training, support and advice is provided.

A Pilot Tree Warden Scheme was launched in Tweeddale in 1998 and following success in this area, the project has been expanded in to Berwickshire. BFT intend to open the scheme up to the whole of the Borders over the next couple of years.

Borders Forest Trust provides a range of training courses, events, activities, talks and demonstrations to assist those that are interested in woodlands and their conservation to develop skills to that enable them to undertake the practical activities. Help is also given in application for tree grants to enable Tree Wardens to facilitate their own tree planting projects.

The Tree Wardens have been involved in a wide variety of activities including tree planting, tree identification, seed collecting, surveying **veteran trees**, assisting in the development of woodland trails and hedge planting in **school grounds** improvements projects, tree felling and thinning and apple tree pruning.

If you would like to become a tree Warden or find out more information please contact the Community Woodland Officer, George Moffat at george@bordersforesttrust.org

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