

The Kent Heritage Trees Project **Evaluation report**

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I AM A TREE

by Molly Nobbs

I am a tree.
I am an old tree.
I have heard many things.

I have heard
The first cry of a newborn baby
And the last laugh of an old man.

I have heard
A story told through generations,
The first song sung by a bird at the
start of a new era
And the final battle cry of a terrible
war.

I have heard the prayer of a traveller,
The language of a foreigner
And the swish of a paintbrush as a
masterpiece is created.

I have heard the crackling of the
earth's crust in a violent earthquake,
The whisper of a secret
And the rolling waves of a great
ocean.

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This poem is one of 60 pieces published in the Kent Heritage Trees poetry anthology *Touch Wood*. All the poems were written by young people aged 8-11 who participated in the project's Woodland Wonder educational workshops.

Front cover Children using 'hugs' to measure the largest Tulip tree in Britain at Mote Park, Maidstone. See page 15. **Back cover** Tree planting with volunteers from Canterbury Oast Trust at Poulton Wood. See page 46.

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Introduction

HERITAGE TREES ARE an integral part of our natural legacy. They are the old trees in our woodlands, parklands and hedgerows. Our ancestors valued these trees as vital assets; they were part of their subsistence and economy, as well as objects of religious and social significance. In modern day Kent few trees are now managed and maintained for their produce. Many of our heritage trees have been lost to make room for development, intensive agriculture or forestry plantations, others have been felled due to concerns for public safety.

In recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in these significant trees. Their biological, historical and cultural importance is being increasingly recognised, alongside their aesthetic appeal and the unique contribution they make to the wider landscape. These trees are as much a part of our heritage as stately homes, cathedrals and works of art.

Every community has its special trees. Some are widely appreciated and much visited, others may be tucked away and forgotten, but all are worthy of celebration and are in need of protection and careful management to ensure they can continue to provide delight and inspiration to future generations.

The Kent Heritage Trees Project was built upon the foundations of TCV's Ashford Borough Veteran Trees Project. This was a two year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project recruited 117 volunteers, who located and surveyed over 800 ancient and veteran trees across the borough.

The vision of the Kent Heritage Trees Project was to extend the search for these spectacular trees across the whole of Kent. It also sought to rejuvenate people's relationship with trees; empowering communities to better understand and care for their natural heritage. By locating, recording and celebrating these wonderful trees, we can all help to ensure they will be valued and protected into the future as irreplaceable historic, cultural and environmental treasures.



Kent's tree heritage

Kent's tree heritage is extremely diverse; the distribution of our ancient trees tells a story of historic land use, industry, geology and the shifting patterns of estates and settlements established as far back as the Bronze Age.

Kent's climate and soils, as well as its close proximity to London markets, have provided the county with a long history of production. We have wonderful old orchards found in two main areas, the North Kent Fruit Belt (between Rochester and Faversham) and the Mid Kent Fruit Belt (in the central areas of the High and Low Weald and the Greensand).

Over the past century, East Malling Research Station has developed top fruits such as apples, cherries, pears and plums which now populate the world. The National Fruit Collection has been located at Brogdale near Faversham and the National Pinetum, the most extensive collection of conifers in the world, is located at Bedgebury and managed by the Forestry Commission.

Kent is home to remarkable old trees, standing in the parklands of numerous historic estates and within ancient woodlands such as The Blean,

Orlestone Forest and The Weald; woodlands such as these are the last remaining fragments of the original Wildwood or Andresweald that once covered the whole of Southern England.

Today, our ancient woodlands remain in areas not easily cleared for agriculture. Beech hangers cling to the scarp slopes of the North Downs and thick woods remain on the Wealden Clay, where soils are too heavy for the plough. Hornbeam, hazel and chestnut coppice woodlands have endured for centuries, thanks to their usefulness; essential for hop poles, fence posts, wattle, wood fuel and charcoal for salt, gunpowder and iron workings.

A Forestry Commission survey conducted in 1947, found 40% of the South East's woodlands to be managed under a coppice system—a form of management particularly beneficial for a wide range of wildlife, able to take advantage of the periodic exposure of the forest floor to sunlight. Coppice systems are now confined to around 5% of our woodlands. As markets and craftsmen for coppice products have declined, so too has the wildlife associated with such systems.

Historically, wood has been as essential to industry as oil, concrete and metal are today. Our woodland resources enabled the building of ships for trade and exploration fuelled the industrial revolution by powering tin and coal mines. Trees have housed us, kept us warm, fed our families and livestock, tanned our leathers, provided foods and medicines for millennia.

Trees and woodlands continue to be an essential part of our lives today. They provide timber products and fuel; on a small scale, to run household stoves or woodchip boilers (such as the one used at Singleton Environment Centre, home to the Kent Heritage Trees Project), to large scale wood fuel power stations. Trees shade our streets and provide aesthetically pleasing landscapes, they provide food, oxygen, stabilize soil and provide habitat for wildlife. Contact with trees in the built and natural environment enriches people's lives, connects them to their landscape, history and to each other.



Significant trees appeal to people of all ages – this London plane in Canterbury is popular with tourists, nature lovers and young adventurers.

Aims and achievements

The Kent Heritage Trees Project

The Kent Heritage Trees Project had three distinct aims. These are set out below, with highlights showing how these aims were achieved on the following pages.

1: Promote the value of heritage trees across Kent

2: Identify, locate and record heritage trees

3: Interpret and celebrate heritage trees

The Kent Heritage Trees Project aims to increase people's physical access to and understanding of heritage trees across the county.

The project aims to use heritage trees as keystone species, branching out to the general public.

This project will be looking at heritage trees as a whole ecosystem, not just as individual trees, as they are important living structures for not only wildlife, but historically and culturally. It will show how by conserving one species, this can lead to enhancing and preserving our heritage, both living, mythically and culturally, whilst also conserving habitats and wildlife.

AIM 1: PROMOTE THE VALUE OF HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT

The project seeks to inspire and empower communities across Kent to better understand their heritage trees. Through a comprehensive series of courses, workshops and educational activities, volunteers of all ages will build the skills needed to discover, appreciate and protect the heritage trees within their neighbourhoods and green spaces.

The project ran 959 courses, workshops and educational activities promoting the value of heritage trees.

- We ran 339 educational sessions for school groups across Kent with a total 8,439 participants. Activities ranged from creative writing workshops to practical conservation tasks. Schools were supported to conduct wildlife surveys within their own grounds, using the 'Tree-Searcher' resources developed by KHT Project staff (see Appendix I). Pupils identified ways in which the wildlife value of their site could be improved and many schools then implemented these plans; creating new habitats for wildlife, wild flower meadows, hedges, bug hotels and hibernacula.

“I enjoyed my time working to help wildlife, and giving my time to something which is worthwhile. I liked being muddy and taking part in the programme.”

Action Squad participant, aged 10

“We (the children and I) thoroughly enjoyed the day! We all learnt something new and I am so proud that my children are now able to identify many of our native trees here in Britain. Our learning intentions were met and exceeded, many thanks for all your hard work.”

Primary school teacher, Deal



Tree planting Simon Langton School, Canterbury.



- We established 'Buggin About', a parent and toddler group held at Singleton Environment Centre in Ashford. The weekly sessions incorporate active, natural outdoor play, wildlife inspired craft activities and nature walks within the neighbouring Ashford Community Woodland. Over 100 sessions were held, with 2,917 participants over the duration of the project; sessions were initially run by the project officers but are now run by a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers.

“Buggin About is a great place to bring young children to meet and play. The children become more aware of natural surroundings and will be more likely to want to look after them.”

A regular Buggin About participant (Mum of two)

“This group is SO valuable. Children, especially the very young, have very limited opportunity now to experience The Outdoors, Nature, Weather, Wildlife, and so on. Some nurseries and pre-schools have outdoor areas, but the focus is different, and these places are very expensive, as well as needing enrolment. Parents, too, need time to socialise and share concerns, make friends, be outside, and just Breathe. It is good to be able to facilitate this, and to make friends with so many families.”

George, Buggin About Volunteer Officer

- We trained 396 volunteer Heritage Tree Surveyors from across the county with the skills and knowledge required to carry out tree surveys within their communities.

During the initial training session, participants learnt about the history of heritage tree recording nationally, how to recognise veteran and heritage trees and how to input data to the website. Each training course was combined with an afternoon field trip in which participants put their newly learned skills into practice identifying trees, measuring their girth and poetically describing their form with both fierce and fledgling enthusiasm encouraged vocally by veteran tree expert Jon Stokes.

Motivation for getting involved was similar for many volunteers: to learn, to contribute and to do something outside in nature.

“I was interested in learning more about the local environment.”

Arka, 16



Fredville Park, home of “Majesty”, Kent’s biggest Oak.

“When I saw a training course with the aim of preserving and appreciating trees that was to be run in my local area I jumped at the chance of learning more.”

Sue, 53



Conifer ID Workshop.

- We ran an extensive series of 144 training courses for KHT surveyors and the wider community, with a total 1,575 participants. The course programme was planned to provide a deeper understanding of heritage trees in relation to their habitats and ecosystems, management techniques and traditional uses. Some of the courses were run in partnership with other organisations such as the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Kent Mammal Group and KRAG (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group). This provided additional opportunities for volunteers to get involved with other local surveying schemes (such as The Kent Harvest Mouse Survey, Bee Walks and The Great Crested Newt Pond Survey). A full list of training events can be seen in Appendix II.



Hazardous Trees course – Mote Park Maidstone.



Hedge-laying course, Bilting.



Planting a Yew tree at St Botolph's Garden, Northfleet with No Walls Gardens and Mayor of Gravesham Councillor Michael Wenban.

“The best thing about being involved in the project was learning new skills I would struggle to learn elsewhere.”

“I was first introduced to KHT Project through attending one of the courses on amphibian surveying, I have attended many of the courses, which has further developed my knowledge of British wildlife and made me feel more connected to the local area.”

Charlotte, 25 (initially a KHT volunteer, now employed by Kent Wildlife Trust as a warden)

“I only went on one course - Heritage trees and woodland birds - but I learnt so much from being there and I now look at big old trees with a lot more respect.”

Jess Owens, aged 24

“It gave me and my children more interest in the garden and nature and encouraging nature into the garden.”

Arwin Hopkin

- We held 24 Future Heritage Tree planting events, two in each borough of Kent. In total 37 trees were planted. Communities were supported to select trees which were appropriate for their site and management plans were created to ensure the trees will be well cared for in the future. A template management plan drawn up for Future Heritage Trees can be found in Appendix III. The planting events were a big success with local dignitaries joining school children, community members and KHT volunteers to welcome their new trees.
- We established 'Wild Crew', a weekly practical conservation team that carry out a wide range of tasks both at Singleton Environment Centre and at sites throughout Kent. The sessions provide wide ranging benefits including physical activity, meeting new people and developing new skills. So far, Wild Crew have carried out over 200 task days with 1,084 participants undertaking habitat management tasks such as coppicing, scrub clearance and dead-hedging. Over the winter of 2015-2016, Wild Crew coppiced a small coupe within Wye Nature Reserve; they have also carried out litter-picks along the River Stour and have supported numerous community tree planting events.

“Handing down an inheritance to future generations can take many forms, in this case we are handing down a story associated with a tree that we hope will continue to thrive and to generate new stories as the years roll by. It all starts with planting the tree in a prominent location that has a special meaning to the local community, be it a church yard, playing field or village green. All the events have one thing in common; a desire to commemorate an event of importance or to associate the tree with a person or persons in order to start a story. One day we hope the children will return to the tree with their own children, to continue their own stories.”

Chris, Kent Heritage Trees Volunteer Officer

“It’s the first time I’ve got up close and hands on with the natural world.”

Sahil Sood 22

“I really enjoyed today, everybody should do this at least once in their lives, the people are so warm and welcoming. It’s really been rewarding and I’ve learnt a lot about myself today I will definitely be back for more.”

Keith, a newly unemployed man reflecting on his first impressions of volunteering with Wild Crew

“One of my other reasons for doing this is to help me gain more confidence in my current abilities, which seem to be constantly improving.”

James, aged 40, recovering from an accident 20 years ago



Wild Crew task at Wye Downs NNR – Ben Singh.

- We commissioned a poetry book entitled *Touch Wood*, containing 60 poems and illustrations by school children who took part in Woodland Wonder creative writing workshops with local poet Vicky Wilson.



The KHT poetry book featuring poems and illustrations inspired by Woodland Wonder workshops.

Save The Trees

by Dan Nobbs

From *Touch Wood*, the KHT poetry anthology

Trees are clever, trees are tall.
But we are foolish. We make them fall.
We cut them down, roots and all.
We don't seem to care – big or small.

We have to stop this – it's no joke.
They are taking the birch, the almond, the oak.
So please listen to this tragic tale.
This is a problem and we cannot fail.

It's not just man, it's diseases too.
Can we solve this – me and you?



Pond dipping at Singleton Environment Centre, a very popular Wild on Wednesday activity.

- We ran 32 Wild On Wednesday sessions for families during the school holidays at Singleton Environment Centre. Activities ranged from pond dipping and building bug hotels to wild weaving and camp fire cooking. These sessions were always fully booked and have had over 1,300 participants in total.

“They experience wildlife in its natural setting e.g. pond dipping. Encourages participation in the outdoors, play away from computers etc.”

WOW parent

“We loved getting messy! Also being outside and doing the nature trail.”

WOW participant

AIM 2: IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND RECORD HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT

Heritage trees are an amazing and integral part of our natural, historic and cultural heritage. South East England has the highest proportion of heritage trees in Western Europe; these trees represent hundreds of years of Kentish culture, yet we know little about them. We want to identify and record these trees, to learn from them and help protect them for future generations.

- KHT volunteer tree surveyors have located and recorded over 10,000 heritage trees across Kent.

Our KHT volunteer surveyors have searched across Kent for heritage trees. In total, 11,227 trees were located, surveyed and added to the database. See Appendix IV for a summary of the trees recorded by the project.

- We commissioned the Kent Heritage Trees website, which included an interactive map and database of all the heritage trees recorded during the project.

The website listed all upcoming KHT events, how one could get involved in the project, a facility allowing members of the public to nominate their favourite trees, and a restricted area for tree surveyors; providing all the documents and instructions necessary to undertake surveys. In total, 154 surveyors have uploaded tree data via the website.

The website has now been redesigned to provide permanent access to the KHT data and TCV are now seeking partners to support future work built upon the KHT Project's foundations.

MOTE PARK – FAVOURITE OF THE PUBLIC



Tulip Tree at Mote Park.

Public voting for the favourite park in Britain placed Mote Park as second in the country. An estate since Roman times, it has proved to be a treasure trove of champion trees. It is home to the largest Tulip tree in Britain and the biggest black walnut in Kent.



Mote Park Hawthorn.

With a bit of local knowledge, the most inconspicuous of trees can be a clue to the local history of an area. Old specimens of Hawthorn, a common hedgerow species can show the line of old hedgerows. The significance of this specimen, discovered on a Heritage Tree Surveyor training

course in Mote Park, was explained by Mote Park manager Alan Frith who was attending the course. The hawthorn, one of several that form a line in the park, initially formed part of a hedgerow along the old Maidstone to Ashford turnpike road. The road was relocated when the park was expanded in 1830, but many of the hawthorns remain; their gnarled and split trunks providing delight to both visitors and wildlife.

“My hope for the heritage tree database is that it will be used as an ongoing resource for planning our environment, open and public places. It may be of value as a marker in the study of climate change for instance, as it provides a record at a place in time, an indicator if you like. It also provides records of our history, I think we all like to know where we came from. I hope it also inspires conservation, in the form of planting new native trees for future generations to enjoy.”

Paul (KHT volunteer tree surveyor)

- We provided an information file, an OS Explorer map, and a survey kit to each surveyor. Additional equipment such as cameras and GPS devices were also available to borrow.



The KHT surveyor's kit.

“Doing these tree surveys I have learned that every tree is different and that each individual tree is really interesting. And there are so many different trees in Kent. My favourite tree so far that I have found was at Bedgebury National Pinetum which was the Coast Redwood Tree (the boxing tree).”

Freddy, 15

OLIVER CROMWELL'S AND SAMUEL PEPYS' MULBERRY IN CHATHAM DOCKYARD



Located in the Commissioners Garden, this Mulberry Tree is believed to be some 400 years old. The tree has a hollow trunk and its branches are supported by props and wires.

Legend has it that Oliver Cromwell stood beneath this tree to watch the battle of Rochester in 1648. The tree is also mentioned in Samuel Pepys' diaries and local stories suggest that he once 'entertained' a lady beneath its shade. The tree is also mentioned in the diary of Admiral Gordon notable for his actions during the Napoleonic wars. He was appointed as Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard in 1832. The tree still produces an abundance of fruit. Some 25 years ago, a cutting from the tree was planted a few feet away. This has now grown into a large tree and is preserving the legacy of Mulberry trees in the Commissioners Garden.



Wilderness Estate boundary, Seal near Sevenoaks Tree Recording Walk 2016.

“I have really enjoyed being a volunteer on this survey – I hope that people in future will be able to use the data which I have collected and use it for a wide variety of purposes, not least to improve our knowledge and understanding of the landscape change and ecology of Kent. I would hope that more people would understand why trees are vitally important and help to protect what we have and plant some more. I want to show others the importance of collecting simple data and demonstrate that a person does not need to have a higher degree in order to make important and valuable contributions to knowledge: only a little time, patience, eyes to see, and a notebook.”

Steve (KHT volunteer tree surveyor)

AIM 3: INTERPRET AND CELEBRATE HERITAGE TREES

The interpretation and celebration of heritage trees will be an essential part of raising the profile of these trees in Kent. We will run celebration events, walks, talks and creative arts sessions; aimed at engaging new audiences who may not wish to attend formal training courses.

- We held three launch events in the first year of the project and a series of 13 open days across Kent throughout the projects five years. These events were intended to encourage communities to participate in the project. In total these events were attended by 1537 people.

“I couldn’t have run such large and excellent events on our NNRs without a partner such as TCV.”

Natural England Warden

“I remember meeting an extremely fat London plane tree. It’s been wonderful getting to know so many trees.”

George (KHT surveyor and TCV Volunteer Officer)



Launch Event, Canterbury Cathedral Plane Tree.



Celebrating the wonderful woods of Wye, 2015.

- We ran 45 guided walks at 31 key heritage tree sites and 20 talks at 11 different venues. Additionally, we arranged 24 visits to historic parks across Kent. In total these events were attended by 1,650 people and provided the opportunity for people to learn about the magnificent trees in their local woodlands, parks and gardens. The full list of locations visited during these events is listed in Appendix V.

“A lovely walk through sunlit woods where we saw silver washed fritillaries and wild service trees, both new sights for me.”

Ham Street Wood walk participant

“The day was great and I came away having met some friendly new people and with a greater understanding of the woodland habitat.”

“It was an uplifting experience.”

“I find I tend to learn something new every time I go out on walks like this with a group of people.”

Paul, Hollingbourne Meadows Heritage Tree walk, January 2014



Dan and Joel surveying a beech tree. After volunteering with TCV's Wild Crew during 2015, Dan is now working for TCV as a project assistant at Singleton Environment Centre.

- We ran 76 community tree planting events, partnering with community groups large and small, to bring social, aesthetic, landscape and wildlife benefits to green spaces throughout Kent. In total, 1,205 volunteers planted over 25,000 trees.

“The Kent Heritage Trees Project run by the TCV has been very beneficial for the Hollingbourne Meadows Trust Ltd. We have attended several of the courses run by the project, not only do you learn new skills, but they are a great opportunity to network with other groups. This networking has thrown up other courses and contacts which have been invaluable.”

Ben Williams, Hollingbourne Meadows Trust

“The fruit trees look fantastic in our new physic garden. The volunteers really enjoyed learning the different varieties and planting them.”

Anna Bell, Westgate Parks Project

“We have learned to nurture our treasured assets and how to do this and also to attempt to get the whole village on board. Our new woodland is a gift to future generations and we hope the younger generations growing up will have much pleasure from using and maintaining it.”

Lesley Spence, Shoreham Parish Council

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENTS



Muslims for Humanity group 2014 hedge planting at Scotney Castle, Lamberhurst.

At Scotney Castle, we partnered the Muslims for Humanity group where 100 young people helped make an amazing contribution to the local landscape. Over three years, 1.2km of hedgerow were planted to reconnect two river catchments and reinstate the line of historic hedgerows.

It is hoped that this new hedge, with its uniform spacing and age, will be used by the South of England Hedge laying Society in 2023 for the National Hedge laying Society Championships. Additionally, 550 standard trees (mainly Oaks), were planted in the grounds to complete the original 1850s Natural England sanctioned planting plan.

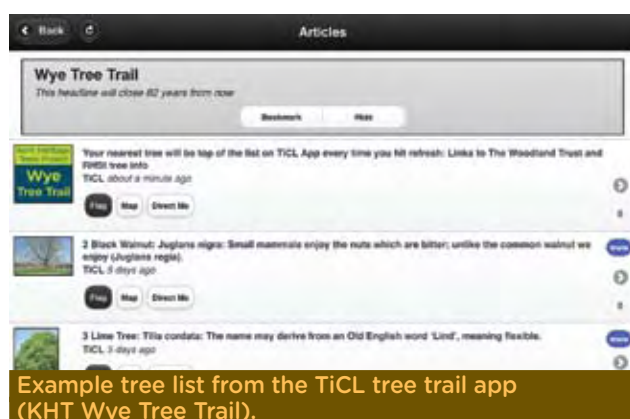
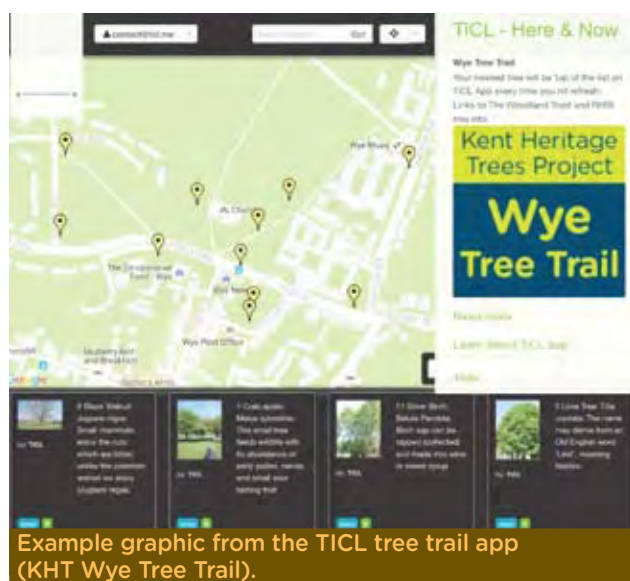
See Appendix VI for further highlights of our community tree planting events.

- We created eight tree trails with accompanying leaflets to enable visitors to access and experience local natural heritage. The trails were developed in conjunction with local councils, tree surveyors, community groups and schools. We also ran a one-day course on designing tree trails, to enable community groups across Kent to create their own.

Trails were created for the following sites:

**Wye • Sevenoaks • Leybourne Lakes
Brockhill Country Park • Mote Park •
Maidstone • Gravesend • Sheldwich**

The trails will be made available on the TCV website and distributed to parish councils and community groups in the locality. The trails were also published to a smart phone app created by TiCL, enabling people to access the trails on their phone free of charge.



The organisations, communities and volunteers involved in creating the tree trails reported that designing the tree trails was a valuable experience. Participants developed a greater understanding of their local area, learnt more about individual trees in their neighbourhoods and were delighted to be able to share their learning with others through the creation of the trails.

“It has lead to a far more intimate knowledge of my local area. I find myself looking at trees wherever I go now.”

Sue Kipp, Mote Park Tree Trail volunteer

“It has made me more aware of my local area. I discover more facets which I had not previously noticed or understood. So yes, my perception is changed, my eyes opened.”

George Donaldson, Brockhill Tree Trail volunteer

Further details of these tree trails can be found in Appendix VII, along with examples of the tree trail leaflets.





Cyanotype workshop.

- We ran a photography and creative arts programme to raise the awareness of heritage trees and explore ways to celebrate them through different media. In total the programme attracted 559 participants.

Throughout the project, TCV worked with local artists, craftsmen and women to deliver a wide range of creative workshops. Participants were able to explore new skills and traditional crafts in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Many reported their eagerness to share their new skills with family and friends, some also became KHT volunteers and assisted with future creative events and activities.

“Connected with the children very well. Explained every step in detail and I was impressed with giving the kids some hands on tasks. Great job.”

Charcoal pencil workshop parent

“Family time and doing creative things.”

Sarah Hydes

“Fab, fun course – loads of hands-on time”

Cyanotype workshop participant

“Learning new skills I would struggle to learn elsewhere.”

Alex



Shibari workshop.

- We commissioned a handmade artist’s wooden book to document the significant heritage trees discovered throughout the project. Created by conceptual artist Cathy Streeter, the book’s covers were constructed from green oak harvested in 2011 and decorated with carvings and pyrography depicting native trees. The book has been on display at Singleton Environment Centre throughout the project and has also been exhibited at nine different venues across Kent.



Carving and pyrography on the cover of the *Tree of Life* book and inset, an excerpt from the book.

The book was also exhibited at as part of The Remarkable Trees of Sevenoaks exhibition at West Heath School:

Dear Keith,

I would just like to say a very big thank you for bringing the Outstanding Trees of Sevenoaks exhibition to West Heath ...it is truly amazing.

Every tutor group have been timetabled to spend time in the exhibition and take back ideas for Art, English and History. It has been more successful than I could have imagined. We have also used the opportunity to show any visitors to the school around as well.

Thank you so much

Kind Regards, Christina

- We commissioned an exhibition stand which was designed and built by student Andrew Street. The stand was used to display KHT literature, leaflets and events brochures at Singleton Environment Centre.



Andrew Street with the boxed and framed exhibition stand which he made.

- We organised two Heritage Tree conferences in conjunction with The Tree Council and The Kent Tree Wardens. The focus of these events was to foster understanding and facilitate networking opportunities between the tree surveyors, tree wardens and other interested people. Further details of these events can be found in Appendix VIII.



Tree recording workshop at The West Heath conference 2016.



“Fascinating workshop and real opportunity to contribute forged lasting links and made this conference a huge success. 100 people arrived and 100 enthusiasts were made.”

“Impressed by what had been achieved and the importance of keeping up the momentum.”

- We held yearly celebration events throughout the project, with 713 people attending the 5 events. Additionally we held a final celebration event at Singleton Environment Centre in May 2016, with a wide range of free activities and workshops such as pyrography, shelter building, tree ID and pond dipping. The Mayor of Ashford also attended the event, planting a yew tree: the final future heritage tree to be planted by the project.



KHT's Final Celebration Event. The new mayor of Ashford, George Koowaree plants a tree and gives a speech with TCV's Operations Director - South, Alan Marchant.



Making willow stars at the KHT Woodland Arts Festival in 2014

“Such a lovely way to wrap up the project. It’s lovely to get all the surveyors back together again.”

KHT surveyor

“I learnt what an oak leaf looks like – it’s got knobbles and they grow acorns. I want to plant oak trees in our garden because it’ll make the birds happy.”

Pippa (aged 6)

Quantitative monitoring summary

AGREED TARGETS FOR PROMOTING THE VALUE OF HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT

Activity Description	Original target agreed with HLF	Actual Numbers achieved	Target achieved (%)
Woodland Wonder education sessions	Hold 480 sessions with 14,400 participants	571 sessions held, with 17,178 participants	119%
Produce & distribute Woodland Wonder leaflet to schools & youth groups	1000 leaflets to be printed and distributed	1000 leaflets distributed to schools across Kent in 2013	100%
KHT Surveying Skills courses	Hold 61 courses for volunteer surveyors, community groups and the wider public	54 courses held at 15 sites across Kent. 584 participants. Courses were reduced due to overlap of subject matter	88%
Heritage Tree courses for KHT surveyors and the public	Hold 24 courses	24 courses held with 245 participants at 15 sites across Kent	100%
Biodiversity courses for KHT surveyors & public	Hold 64 courses	66 courses held with 746 participants at 15 sites across Kent	103%
Practical Action events	Run 113 practical task activities	202 practical tasks with 1,084 participants	179%
Heritage Trees of the Future planting events	Hold 24 events, 2 per Kent district	24 events held with 37 trees planted, 2 per Kent district	100%
Godinton Park educational sessions	Run 15 activities for children and families	5 educational events held at Godinton Park and 10 events held at other venues across Kent. 1,129 participants	100%
Engaging school and youth groups in tree surveying	Survey heritage trees at sites where educational sessions take place	Survey activities carried out at school and youth group sites during Woodland Wonder educational sessions	Surveys completed at 56 sites
Visits to the centre for Kentish studies and Visits to the records Centre of the Dioceses of Canterbury	8 visits to each (120 total participants)	6 trips to the new Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone	The centre closed during the project. Additional visits to historic parks were undertaken instead.

As part of the project delivery, TCV established Wild Crew; a weekly volunteer group which met at Singleton Environment Centre and undertook practical conservation tasks at nature reserves, wildlife sites and community spaces across Kent. In total they undertook 965 days of work. This equates to a value of £55,584 in-kind (calculated at the current Living Wage rate of £7.20 per hour).

In addition to participating in practical conservation tasks, Wild Crew volunteers have undertaken additional training and responsibilities such as leading practical tasks, running stalls and community activities at events, and supporting project staff with promotional and social media tasks. Their contributions and endless enthusiasm, along with those of many other key volunteers, have been vital to the success of the project.

“It has been a great way to meet like-minded people in the area and get to know people you may never normally talk to in everyday life. Volunteer schemes provide ways for people to get together and make positive contributions to local conservation.”

Alex, 24



“The best things were that I wasn’t in a office all the time and I was meeting new people and making new friends. Also it has helped me to expand my knowledge and boosted up my confidence a lot. Also going out places I’ve never been before like Doddington and seeing new places like Fort Amherst.”

Joel, 17

AGREED TARGETS FOR IDENTIFYING, LOCATING AND RECORDING HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT

Activity Description	Original target agreed with HLF	Actual Numbers achieved	Target achieved (%)
Commission and host The Kent Heritage Trees website	500 users engaging with the site per year	Website established in 2011. 14,432 unique visitors (up to April 2016), averaging 2,624 users per year	Site established on time 524% of target users
Surveying Kent's Heritage Trees	Identify and record 10,000 trees.	11,227 trees 825 AVT 1,903 TWT	112%
Recruit & train volunteer Tree surveyors	To train 330 volunteers.	396 Volunteer Tree Surveyors trained.	120%
Recruit and train volunteers to verify records	To train 40 volunteers to be verifiers Hold 2 courses	24 courses held with 245 participants at 15 sites across Kent	100%
Produce and distribute KHT Leaflets	10,000 leaflets to be printed and distributed	12,850 leaflets printed and distributed throughout Kent	128%

In total, KHT's volunteer surveyors carried out 1,705 hours of surveying and an additional 320 of verifying tree records. This equates to an in-kind value of £14,580 (at the current Living Wage rate).

In addition to the planned surveyor training, TCV also provided minibus training for four volunteers, ran five project leadership courses (with 37 participants) and funded First Aid training for 18 volunteers. This additional training empowered volunteers to undertake roles of considerable responsibility such as leading Wild Crew tasks and community tree planting events, running Buggin About and Wild on Wednesday sessions.

154 volunteer surveyors have uploaded survey data directly to the KHT website, with others working in small groups to record and upload trees. Many of the surveyors have undertaken additional roles, such as assisting with educational activities, events and promotional tasks.



Surveying trees at West Heath School.

AGREED TARGETS FOR INTERPRETING AND CELEBRATING HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT

Activity Description	Original target agreed with HLF	Actual Numbers achieved	Target achieved (%)
Launch events	3 launch events to be held in year 1	3 launch events held (in Canterbury, Ashford and Tonbridge). 221 participants in total.	119%
Guided nature/ healthy walks	Hold 36 guided walks	1000 leaflets distributed to schools across Kent in 2013	100%
Seasonal Talks	Hold 20 talks	54 courses held at 15 sites across Kent. 584 participants. Courses were reduced due to overlap of subject matter	88%
Community Open Days	Hold 12 events to raise awareness of the project and encourage the community to participate	13 events held	100%
Visits to heritage parks and gardens	8 visits	24 visits to historic parks across Kent	103%
Community Tree Planting events	23 events Planting 23,000 trees in community spaces	76 events 25,755 trees planted in community spaces An additional 1,290 trees were planted with school groups. (1205 participants)	330% 117%
Produce publicity material for the project	Produce 2,000 posters over the duration of the project	Paper based and digital posters were produced and distributed for each event and activity	100%
Production of quarterly newsletter	4 per year	Both digital and paper based newsletters have been produced and distributed on a quarterly basis.	100%
Production of a series of self-guided Heritage Tree Walk leaflets	8 walks to be planned with leaflets printed for each	8 walk leaflets created. Digital versions were also created for use on smart phones using the TiCL.me app	100%
Yearly celebration events	5 events in total (1 per year)	5 events held with 713 people attending (average of 142 per event)	100%
Creative Arts programme activities	Hold 35 workshops	40 workshops held at 10 venues across Kent. 419 participants	114%
Wildlife & Nature photography workshops	Hold 20 workshops	20 workshops held at 5 venues across Kent. 140 participants	100%

AGREED TARGETS FOR INTERPRETING AND CELEBRATING HERITAGE TREES ACROSS KENT (CONTINUED)

Activity Description	Original target agreed with HLF	Actual Numbers achieved	Target achieved (%)
<i>Tree of Life</i> handmade artist book	To be commissioned in year 1 and added to throughout the project	The book now features 50 of Kent's most significant Heritage Trees and has been displayed at 9 locations across Kent	Commissioned in 2011 and unveiled at the yearly celebration event
Boxed and framed portable exhibition	Exhibit to be commissioned in year 1 and taken to 48 locations during the project	Exhibition materials have been displayed at 30 locations during the project. KHT promotional material also taken to every training and educational locations across Kent where sessions have been delivered.	Commissioned in 2011 and unveiled alongside the Tree of Life book
Final celebration event	To be held at Singleton Environment Centre. With all participants, partners and the local community being invited.	The event was held on 28th May 2016. Activities included guided walks, shelter building, weaving workshops, bushcraft, and pond dipping.	The event was attended by the Mayor of Ashford and many of those involved with the project.

Delivering the creative arts element of the project has seen TCV work with skilled crafters and artists from across Kent. It was a joy to see many of these familiar faces return to join us for the final celebration event in May 2016. As well as developing their creative skills, course participants gained an understanding of using natural materials and how these resources can be sustainably managed to secure their availability for future generations.

“I’m really looking forward to using plants from my garden when I get home. I’m going to show my daughter how to make a wreath – I shan’t be buying one in future. Home made all the way!”

Jan, Winter Wreath Workshop participant



One of several KHT Willow Weaving workshops.

“Making willow bird feeders using a jig was much easier than I imagined. The time went so quickly, I’d like to do a basket weaving course next.”

Lynne, Weaving Workshop participant

The people

Through the Kent Heritage Trees Project, TCV sought to extend their existing audience across Kent. We aimed to achieve this through:

- Targeting parish councils, schools, community groups and youth groups.
- Using direct community participation to foster greater community understanding of heritage trees across the county.
- Engaging more over 65 year-olds, children and young people, BME groups and targeting areas of deprivation.

ENGAGING HARD TO REACH GROUPS

During the course of the project we have sought to involve people from typically hard to reach groups in our activities including those with learning disabilities, those with mental or physical health problems, BME groups, young people and the long term unemployed. We have done this by engaging with community and educational groups and partnering with organisations such as the Royal British Legion Institute, KCC's Kent Supported Employment team and NHS Community Mental Health Team.



Wild Crew volunteers refill the bird feeding station at Singleton Environment Centre.

Activities have been designed and promoted in a way which attempts to overcome barriers people may have to getting involved. We offered travel expenses and training and let people know they can borrow work wear. We wanted to show that activities were ideal for people with no previous experience of volunteering.

Wild Crew volunteer Ben has been involved in The Kent Heritage Trees Project for six months. He lives in supported housing following an accident which left him with head injuries.

“My name is Benson Singh. I suffer with schizophrenia and I am volunteering with the Kent Heritage Trees Project. I would recommend the group to anybody as it can be healing, bring self-awareness, satisfaction and is healthy and fun.”

We partnered the East Kent College and developed bite-size tree planting sessions for students with behavioural difficulties. Students and staff enjoyed the activities, with staff commenting on improved concentration and reduced behavioural problems during the physical outdoor activities.

The project also sought to engage people from deprived communities and worked closely with Sure Start Centres across Kent, delivering Buggin About style sessions to those who were not able to attend the activities at Singleton Environment Centre.

We offered work experience placements to students and set up placements for alternative curriculum students who were not engaging well with their school work. Two students in particular thrived in the group and went on to Hadlow, the local land-based college, where they are now studying horticulture.



Quotes from work experience student Joel:

“Working at the TCV would be great because I know I am supporting the environment and expanding my knowledge on how to help it more.”

“Today I learnt that there is fungus that grows on the roots of trees and it helps the tree grow stronger. This is called mycorrhizal.”

DEMOGRAPHICS

When exploring the demographics of the KHT Project, it is necessary to note that unregistered volunteers and participants were not asked to complete equal opportunities forms. This included members of community groups and individuals that attended public events as well as most school and youth groups. Therefore, all non registered participants are excluded from this section of the project's evaluation.

In the three years preceding the KHT Project, TCV in Kent had 374 registered volunteers. 117 of these were Ashford Veteran Tree Project surveyors. When exploring the project's effectiveness at increasing TCV's work with target groups, we have compared demographic data on TCV's registered volunteers from 2008-2011 with that of the Kent Heritage Tree Project volunteers (2011-2016).

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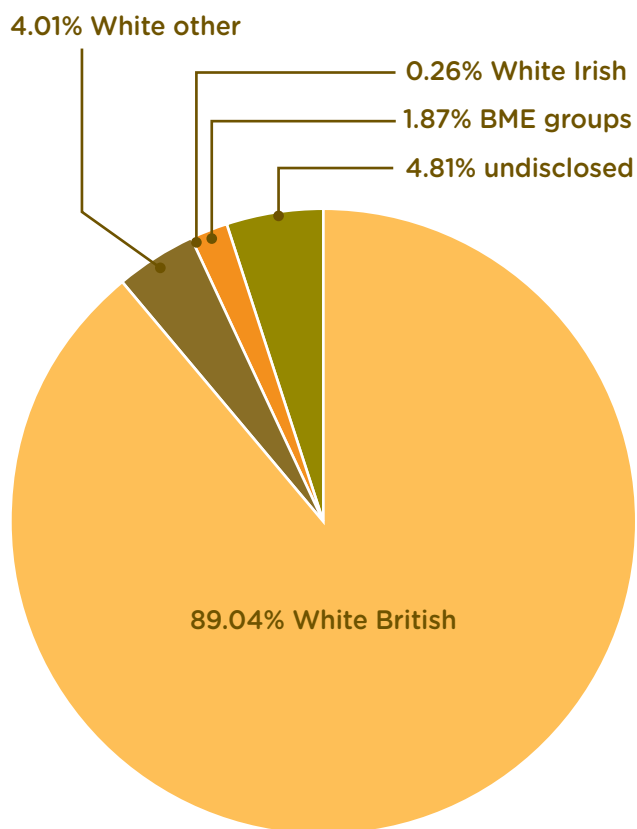
The Kent and Medway population census (2011) indicates that the population in Kent is predominantly White British (88.5%), with BME groups making up 6.9% of the population.

Prior to the KHT Project, only seven individuals, (less than 2%) of TCV's registered volunteers in Kent and Medway were from BME groups. There were no representatives from these groups amongst the Ashford Veteran Tree Project volunteers and TCV was keen to address this issue with the Kent Heritage Trees Project.

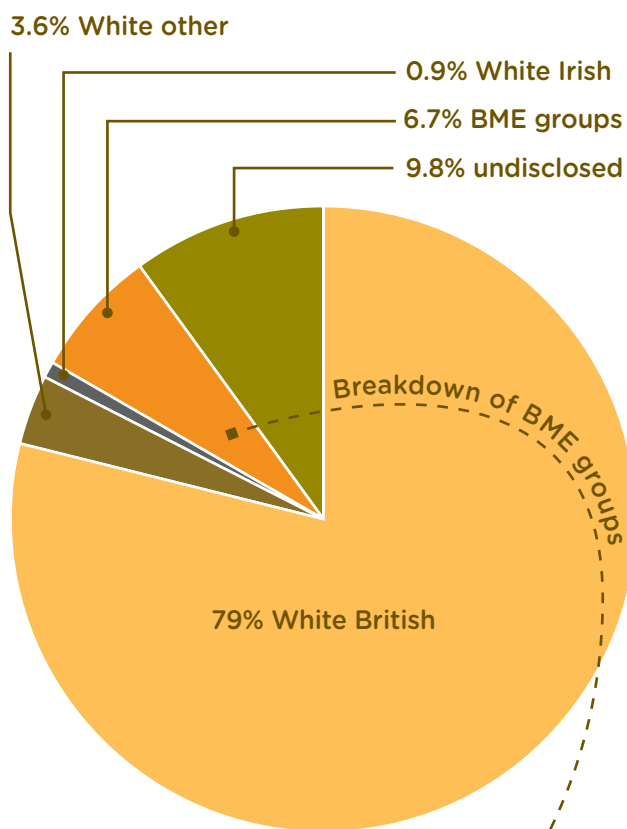
Analysis of the KHT registered volunteer database indicates that we have achieved this, increasing engagement with BME groups from 1.8% to 6.7% of all registered volunteers. This reflects the Kent and Medway population statistics (with BME groups accounting for 6.94% of the population).

Not all KHT activities carried out with BME groups are included in this analysis, as members of youth groups were not registered individually as KHT volunteers. This included activities with The Muslims for Humanity group (page 14), where TCV worked with over 100 young people to plant trees and hedgerows at Scotney Castle.

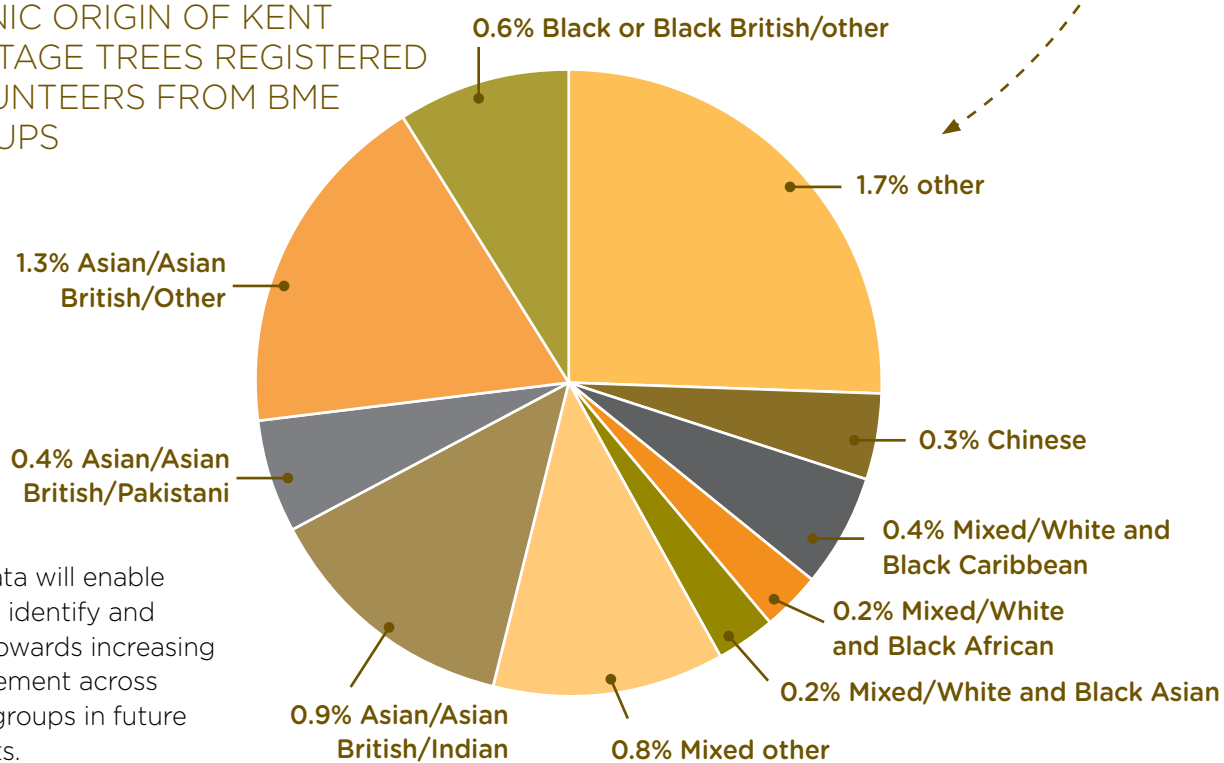
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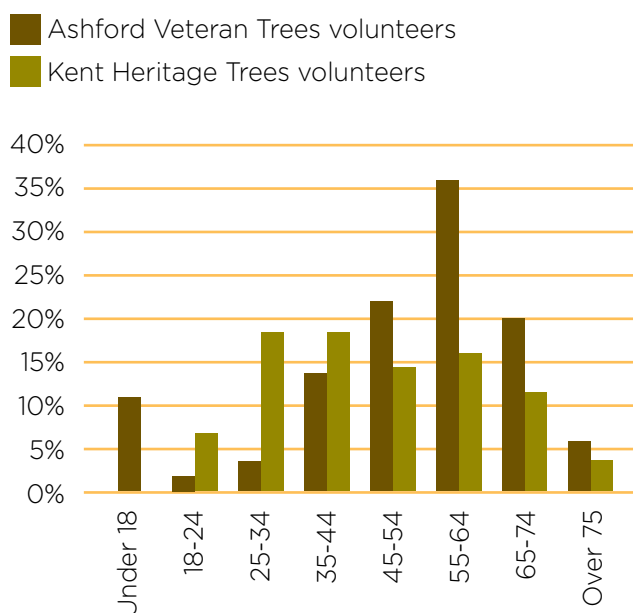
This data will enable TCV to identify and work towards increasing engagement across these groups in future projects.

AGE GROUP

Analysis shows that 73% of all Ashford Veteran Tree Project volunteers (2008-2011) were over the age of 45. TCV wanted to utilise the Kent Heritage Trees Project to reach and engage more families, young adults and children. This target was achieved with outstanding success. Not only were 12% of all KHT registered volunteers under the age of 18, but we also worked with an additional 8,341 unregistered young participants through school and youth groups.

It was our intention that the project would appeal to all ages through a wide range of activities and this was achieved, with 53.7% of registered volunteers being under the age of 45 (in comparison to 23% of Ashford Veteran Tree Project volunteers).

REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS (%) BY AGE GROUP



Having such a wide age range of participants has enriched the project immensely. Participants of all ages have benefitted from cross generational activities and the opportunity to interact and learn with other age groups.

In total, the KHT Project did increase participation in the over 65 age group, as volunteer numbers

Pam, 85, has been involved in the Kent Heritage Trees Project for two years. She helps out with the weekly Wild Crew group and is an education team member, helping with Buggin About and the Wild on Wednesday School holiday activities



where she is our best ambassador. Pam's passion for the 'real world' is infectious and brings children of all ages up close and personal with the frogs, snails and worms that make the environment centre their home.

Boundlessly enthusiastic, Pam is more determined and positive than most people half her age and sees the good in all people and situations.

Pam regularly attends the courses and tells us she is 'just beginning to learn', she also tells us how grateful she is to be involved, but it is TCV and many children learning from her 85 years experience who benefit the most.

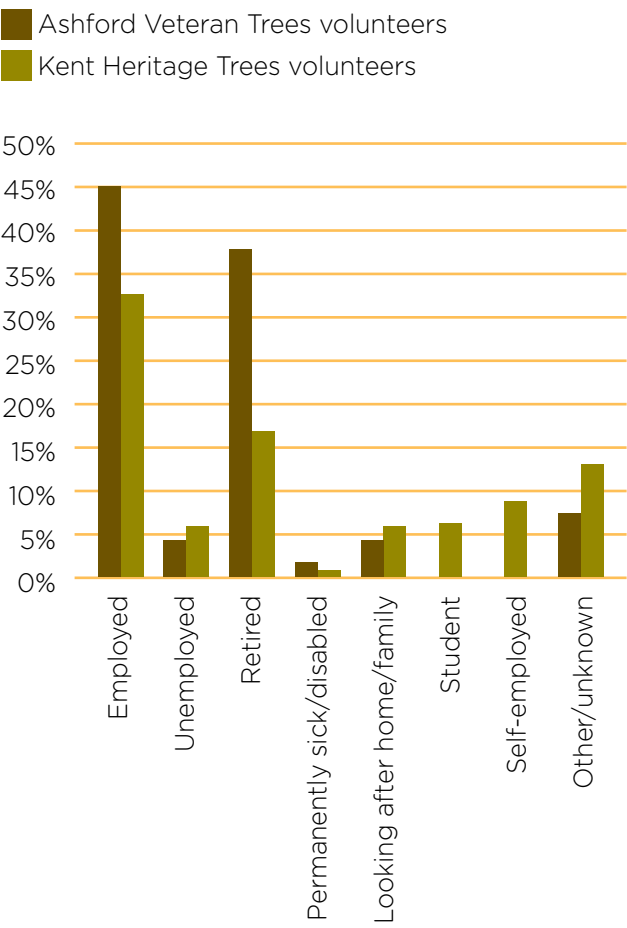
"An 'outdoors' person at heart, I had lived in Ashford, Kent for less than a year. Yes I was quickly captivated by the many 'shopping' opportunities, a Bus Pass and an International Station close at hand, but something was missing. Then, one afternoon I discovered The Environment Centre and was deeply impressed by the foresight of the borough council. Two years on I continue to be thrilled to be part of 'the team', and look forward to continuing to be part of this plan towards a greener future."

rose from 31 registered volunteers during the AVT Project, to 172 volunteers during the KHT Project (with 38 of these being over the age of 75). However, this represented a smaller percentage of total volunteers than in the previous project, largely due to the significant increase in participants from younger age groups.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

In total, 82% of the previous AVT Project's volunteers were employed or retired. The KHT Project saw these percentages fall, although these economic groups remained the highest catchment groups, accounting for 49% of all registered volunteers. Additionally, the KHT Project attracted volunteers from the student and self-employed groups (totalling 15% of all registered KHT volunteers).

REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS (%) BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



Discussion with these volunteers highlighted that many of the younger volunteers were participating in the project in order to undertake training, gain work experience and make contacts in order to gain employment in the environmental and/or conservation sector. The project also provided excellent opportunities for networking and meeting other groups and professional, further enhancing the career prospects of KHT volunteers.

TARGETING AREAS OF DEPRIVATION

In order to measure the project's success at targeting areas of deprivation, we firstly explored the IMD bands (Index of Multiple Deprivation) of participant's postcodes. A postcode in the 0-10% band is considered to be one of the most deprived areas, whereas a postcode in the 80-100% band is considered to be one of the least deprived areas. In total, 6.8% of Ashford Veteran Tree Project participants lived in postcodes within the 0-40% bands. The Kent Heritage Trees Project increased the percentage of participants from these bands to 15.6%.

The trees

The map below shows the location of all heritage trees recorded by the project. The legacy website developed to host the KHT data displays an interactive map upon which users can zoom in on specific areas and access information on individual trees.



Map showing the locations of all the heritage trees recorded during the Kent Heritage Trees Project.

The data collected by surveyors throughout the project provides a unique and extensive overview of Heritage Trees in Kent.

We now know that the largest recorded English (Pendunculate) Oak in Kent can be found in Nonnington Parish; it is a maiden tree with a girth of over 12 meters. The largest Horse Chestnut recorded during the project is a pollard growing in Foots Cray with a girth of 8.5 meters. Saltwood is home to the county's largest Sessile Oak, whilst Aylesford claims the Hawthorn with the widest girth.

With TCV Kent being based at Singleton Environment Centre in Ashford, we were delighted to discover that the largest Ash tree recorded by the project was within our own parish (Great Chart with Singleton). This majestic tree has a girth of 10.6 meters and is already well loved by the local community.

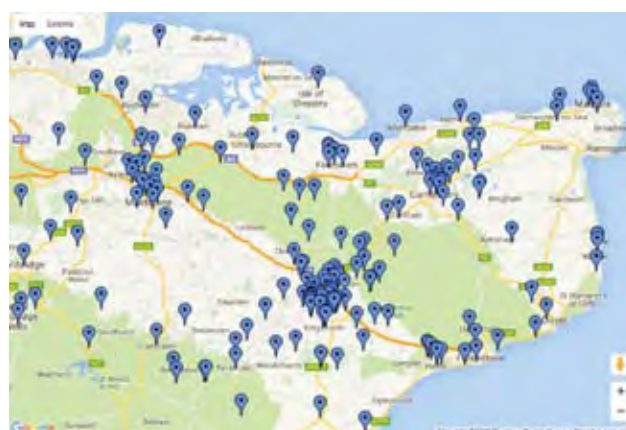
The recording of this and other heritage trees equips communities with the knowledge needed to better celebrate and protect the trees within their neighbourhoods and parishes. The stories, photographs and survey data gathered during

the project can now provide the foundations for educational activities, celebrations and further heritage projects across Kent. TCV hopes that the data will also be widely used by organisations across Kent during the development of site management plans, planning considerations and county-wide tree management practices.

The data gathered during the project is vast and it is not possible to publish it all within this report but excerpts from the database can be found in Appendix IV.

A TRULY KENT-WIDE PROJECT

Training and educational activities were carried out at 165 different venues across Kent. This was done to ensure communities from all across Kent were able to access the project activities and opportunities.



Map showing locations of training events, courses and workshops delivered across Kent.

See Appendix IX for full list of Kent venues used for training and educational events.

Our project volunteers and participants also came from all corners of Kent (and beyond). We found that many participants initially attended an event or activity within their local area and then sought out additional KHT activities across Kent. The project not only enabled people to learn more about their trees and habitats within their neighbourhood, but also encouraged people to explore areas of Kent they had never visited before.

Additionally, TCV promoted the project's training courses, workshops and surveying opportunities to groups and organisations across Kent; including over 60 community groups who are members of TCV's Community Network. Many of these groups sent one or more members on KHT training events and these individuals then shared their learning with other members of their group. These groups included RSPCA (Canterbury district), Hollingbourne Meadows Trust, The Roots Project, The Friends of Singleton Lake and Halling Green Space Volunteers.

We also worked in partnership with other organisations to deliver training and host events across Kent. These groups included The Kent Tree and Pond Wardens, Natural England, Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership, Canterbury Oast Trust and Kent Wildlife Trust. In total, TCV worked with 145 community groups and organisations during the project's delivery. This was done to ensure that the skills and knowledge needed to better understand, celebrate and care for heritage trees were shared as widely as possible across Kent.

Collaborating with such a wide range of groups and organisations provided many networking opportunities alongside the sharing of skills, ideas and knowledge of notable trees across Kent.

“We ran some fabulous public events together with the TCV Heritage Trees Project.”

Natural England staff member

“I’m hoping to establish a group of villagers who will take on the role of woodland maintenance that is not only parish council driven.”

Shoreham Parish Council member

“We planted a heritage tree with the help of a Parish Councillor who was not normally involved in our activities. The KHT Project has added clout to our group!”

Halling Green Space Volunteers



Students from Woodchurch School plan a wildlife area for their school grounds.



The avenue of Lime trees in spring foliage at Lees Court, Sheldwich.

The website & app

The KHT website launched in 2011 and was demonstrated at the initial surveyor training events. All surveyors were trained to use the different elements of the site, upload data and given their own login to access the surveyors' only section. As well as providing a portal for surveyors, it provided information on tree health and disease, historic documents to assist with locating as yet undiscovered heritage trees and information on KHT events, activities and volunteering opportunities.



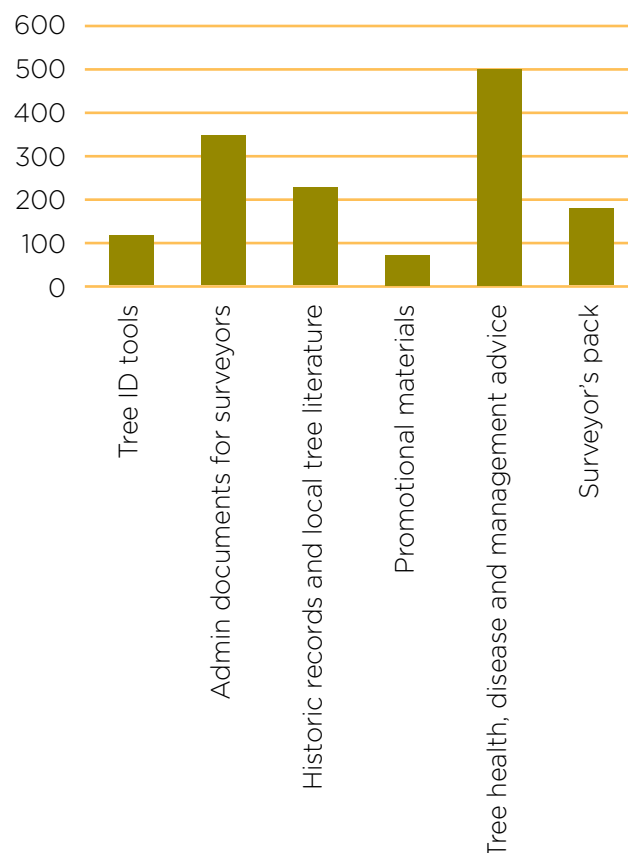
The home page of the KHT website.

In the original project brief, TCV projected there would be 500 people per year requesting involvement with the project, downloading information from the website and uploading tree data via the website.

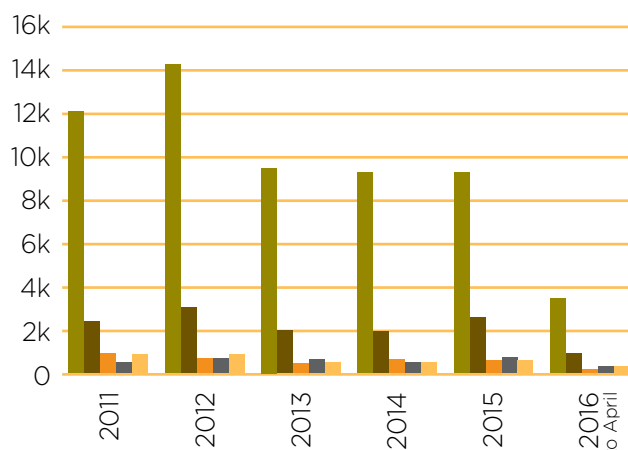
It was decided that surveyor packs would be distributed to all surveyors upon completion of their training. This reduced the need for individual participants to download and print guidance and recording documents from the website.

However, throughout the duration of the project, the website continued to provide a valuable source of information for both KHT surveyors and the wider community. In total there have been 1,468 downloads from the website, with 33% of these being documents relating to tree health and guidance on management.

DOWNLOADS FROM KHT WEBSITE



UNIQUE PAGE VIEWS FOR KHT WEBSITE



The website also served as an information portal for other people wishing to get involved with the project and those wishing to learn more about heritage trees in Kent. In total there have been 14,432 unique user visits to the site, with 89,102 page views with the most popular areas of the website being the Events page, the KHT Tree Map and the Surveyors Only section.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The TCV Kent Facebook page has 671 followers with 89% of these based within the Kent. The page has proven to be a useful tool for engaging with people aged 18-54 and also with other organisations in the local area.

The TCV Kent Twitter feed has 609 followers with an average of 9,525 tweet impressions per month (June 2015-June 2016).



facebook.com/TCVKent



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · May 15
A lovely day in #MotePark learning about hazardous trees with
#KentHeritageTreesProject #volunteers @HLFSouthEast



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · Apr 1
Future Heritage Tree planting St Botolph's Community Garden,
Northfleet TCV Wild Crew @nowallgardens @HLFSouthEast



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · Mar 8
Wild Crew volunteers. Lunch with a view
@HLFSouthEast.
#InternationalWomensDay. Next Wye task
22 March



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · Mar 10
Another Future #Heritage apple tree
planted today! Thank you Oakley School!
@HLFSouthEast @tw_events
@RoyalTunWells



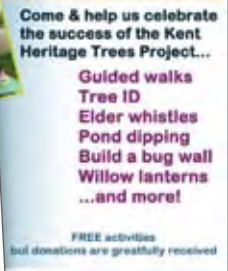
TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · 20 Oct 2015
Great day with @EppleBay creating
#nature inspired #ceramic masterpieces at
the weekend! Thanks @HLFSouthEast :)



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · 10 Dec 2015
Celebrating Wilmington's future heritage
tree today @TCVtweets @HLFSouthEast
@MayorofDartford



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · May 8
Come along to help us celebrate
#KentHeritageTreesProject on 21st May
@TCVsingleton @TCVtweets
@HLFSouthEast



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · 19 Dec 2015
What a creative bunch you all are.
Christmas crafts was so much fun today!
@TCVsingleton @TCVtweets
@HLFSouthEast



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · 28 Nov 2015
Great turnout for our first tree planting
event of the season at Keir's Meadow
#NationalTreeWeek @HLFSouthEast



TCV Kent @TCV_Kent · Feb 3
Nothing quite like outdoor pancakes to
help Wild Crew with coppicing!
#PancakeDay #NNR @ExploreKent
@HLFSouthEast



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THE KENT HERITAGE TREE PROJECT SMART PHONE APP



The app enabled trained surveyors and members of the public to add trees when they were out and about using a smart-phone.

Set out similarly to the website's 'add a tree' page, people entered details: their name, the type of tree and its girth measurement, and the app accurately located the tree

record and uploaded it to the website where it awaited checking and approval, the same as the records added directly to the website.

The live map of trees was viewable via the app so that surveyors could check which trees in an area had already been recorded.

The app had the capacity to direct you via Google Maps to a specific tree. This was ideal for those new to surveying as they could view trees other surveyor had input and get a feel for the sort of trees that the project was seeking.

During the project, smart phone technology progressed dramatically and surveyors were able to utilize improved cameras, GPS capability, downloadable ID guides and telemetry apps to assist with measuring dimensions of trees. At the same time, the rapid evolution of operating systems resulted in the KHT app becoming incompatible with newer devices.

Despite this, it remained a useful tool for uploading basic data on trees being recorded for the first time. KHT surveyors were also encouraged to participate in other smart phone app-based Citizen Science recording schemes during their KHT surveying activities, such as The Big Butterfly Count, ASHtag and Friends of the Earth's Bee Count.



In May 2016, TCV commissioned a short film documenting the success of the project and featuring the staff and volunteers involved with the project. The film can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/7vJdQJA7uQE>



Project profile and publicity

In the first year of the project, publicity packs were sent to 99 Kent static libraries, 316 parish councils, 15 district councils and seven volunteer centres. These were replenished as requested throughout the duration of the project.

The publicity pack consisted of the main KHT leaflet, a How to Survey a Tree leaflet, the Woodland Wonder leaflet and topical posters advertising events, courses and volunteer days.

Additionally, we distributed 1,000 Woodland Wonder leaflets to school and youth groups across Kent during the first year of the project. In total 14,850 leaflets and pamphlets were printed and distributed across Kent. A full list and examples of these can be found in Appendix XI.

The project received good coverage in the local press and was also reported in parish newsletters, and on local radio.



Qualitative evaluation

Over the duration of the project, we collected feedback from volunteers, surveyors and participants of all ages using a variety of methods. The overwhelming response of those involved with the project was extremely positive.

Towards the end of the project, all 396 registered volunteer tree surveyors were sent an evaluation form relating to their involvement with the project. Of the 53 responses received:

- 98% felt they had developed a deeper understanding of local tree heritage
- 79% reported that their involvement with the project resulted in them spending more time outside in their local environment
- 92% had explored new places
- 94% would like to get involved in another recording scheme in the future

We also invited surveyors to keep a diary of their activity:

“Trees. I feel protective towards trees of all kinds. Learning more about them in their natural environment, and how to record them, appreciating their value to us, and looking at the bigger picture.”

George (Volunteer Officer and Tree surveyor)

“An opportunity to learn about trees – a frustrating gap in my knowledge. Working on an environmental project was something which I had wanted to do in my retirement – the KHT Project fitted perfectly for me. I enjoy walking and the sense of purpose of tree identification is an added bonus. This project is only as time-consuming as you want to make it and the only pressure is self-determined. There is a deal of satisfaction in seeing the project progressing and my own part in this.”

Hugh McEwan (Tree surveyor)

Course and workshop participants were asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of their training session. The overwhelming response was incredibly positive. Of the 274 feedback forms received during 2015-2016:

- 98% of participants said the training provision was good or excellent
- 88% reported that they felt a degree of confidence in using the new skills they had developed
- 94% said they felt more connected to their local heritage and environment

We sent questionnaires to the leaders of 50 community groups that had participated in KHT activities. We received 12 responses:

- 63% felt their groups involvement in the project had improved their site for biodiversity
- 67% felt they had learnt new skills
- 83% felt their pride in their area had increased
- 100% felt they were continuing to use the skills and experience gained from the project

We sent questionnaires to parents, carers and groups leaders who had participated in woodland wonder sessions. We received 70 responses:

- 98% responded that Woodland Wonder sessions were good or excellent in terms of:

Overall event
KHT team
Facilities
Activities

In addition, we received really positive feedback from school group leaders:

“These types of projects are so important to young people; it is vital that young people are enthused with an interest and a responsible attitude towards nature and their local environment. The practical aspects of these tasks, as well as the classroom activities, give all children

a chance to shine; the less academic among them feel just as involved as their peers. I strongly believe in the value of projects such as this and hope our students will be invited to take part in another similar initiative very soon."

Mrs. Liz Barrett, Year 6 teacher at Rolvenden Primary School

"I feel that there are great benefits for children with outdoor projects such as this one. Not only do these schemes increase children's knowledge, understanding and awareness of the environment and wildlife around them, they also provide an opportunity for all children to gain skills in organisation and teamwork as well as practical outdoor skills. These projects develop self-esteem, confidence and commitment in even the most disillusioned of children and we would jump at any opportunity to be involved again!"

Mrs. Mayes, Woodchurch Primary School

We also conducted telephone and face-to-face interviews with 83 registered volunteers. This equates to 7% of all KHT volunteers registered during the delivery of the project. Of these 83 people:

- 71% said they had developed skills and knowledge
- 74% were keen to keep learning about the natural environment
- 89% felt their gardens and local green spaces had benefitted as a result of their involvement with the project
- 60% felt that they had got to know new people during their involvement

These registered volunteers were also asked if they had shared their new skills, knowledge and enthusiasm with others:

- 75% said they had shared these with family
- 71% had shared these with friends
- 34% had shared them with colleagues or classmates

Copies of the evaluation questionnaires can be found in Appendix XI.



Not surprisingly, one of the most rewarding sets of evaluation came from the children themselves.

Summary of lessons learnt

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

HERITAGE TREE SURVEYS WITH EDUCATIONAL GROUPS

It was initially hoped that the school groups participating in Woodland Wonder sessions would contribute records of the heritage trees within their grounds as part of their activities. However, it became apparent that most schools had no heritage trees and it was felt that it would be a disappointment for pupils to find they had nothing suitable to survey within their grounds. Instead, the education officer developed the Tree-Searcher resource pack (see Appendix I); this enabled pupils to undertake a wider range of surveying and mapping activities which could be tailored to suit any site.

HISTORICAL RECORDS CENTRE VISITS

The Centre for Kentish Studies was a combined county record office and local studies library, based for many years at the County Hall, Maidstone, Kent. The centre was designated a

diocesan record office, serving the two dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury. Over the ensuing years it acquired further administrative links with the Canterbury Cathedral Library and with branch record offices in Dover, Folkestone, Ramsgate, Rochester and Sevenoaks. The centre closed in November 2011.

A new purpose-built headquarters Kent History and Library Centre at James Whatman Way, Maidstone, opened in Spring 2012. After investigation, the KHT surveyors found the bulk of records, including church records, were held at the Kent History and Library Centre. This centre is in the same building as the main Maidstone Library and much more visible and accessible to the public than the previous local studies centre. Due to this public accessibility and the fact that tithe maps can be accessed on line, surveyors didn't find it necessary to attend group visits arranged at specified times. Six sessions were run but take up was low. As an alternative, additional visits to heritage parks and gardens were organised for surveyors, which proved to be more popular with the volunteers and provided opportunities to explore and survey additional trees as a group.



Amphibian identification course held at the pond in the grounds of Singleton Environment Centre.

Session or event	Original participant target	Numbers of participants achieved
Launch events	300 (100 per event)	221 (average of 74 per event)
Guided walks	720 (20 per event)	396 (average of 9 per event)
Community tree planting events	2,300 (100 per event)	1,205 (average of 16 per event)
Yearly celebration events	1,000 (200 per event)	713 (average of 142 per event)
Creative arts workshops	525 (15 per event)	419 (average of 11 per event)
Photography workshops	525 (15 per event)	140 (average of 7 per event)
Heritage tree training courses	520 (21 per event)	245 (average of 10 per event)
Biodiversity training courses	1,280 (20 per event)	764 (average of 12 per event)

ATTENDANCE ON TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

The original project brief included targets for participant numbers on training courses, walks, talks and other events. As the project developed, it became apparent that the targets set for training courses, celebration and tree planting events and guided walks were challenging. Many of the training sessions had a high element of practical activity and session leaders set a maximum number of participants they were willing to accommodate due to health and safety considerations. Walk attendance varied greatly and was seemingly affected by weather, remoteness of the location and the day and time that the walk was held.

Training courses were initially promoted and hosted by Kent Adult Education but this arrangement resulted in low attendance figures, with 12 courses in the 2012 period having no participants. It was also difficult to ensure that session leaders encouraged participants to complete the required evaluation forms. Due to these issues, it was decided that TCV would undertake the promotion, hosting and delivery of the majority of the remaining courses themselves. This saw an increase in participation and enabled the collection of feedback. Average attendance rates for training courses and workshops continued to increase throughout the remaining years of the project.

During 2015 it was decided that the remaining courses should not have a fixed fee and participants were encouraged to make a donation to the KHT Project instead. The average attendance rates of different event types can be seen in the table above.

BOXED AND FRAMED EXHIBITION STAND

The stand proved to be too bulky and heavy to be easily transported to different venues. Instead, the stand was given a permanent home at Singleton Environment Centre and display boards were used to promote the project when visiting other venues and groups. Leaflets and other promotional materials relating to the project were still taken to each event, and were left with host organisations to display as they saw fit.

INCREASING PARTICIPATION BY MALE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CARERS

Buggin About had 96% of the adult participants were female. TCV are keen to address this imbalance in future family activities by encouraging more male carers and family members to participate.

Future opportunities – what happens next?

TREE RECORDS

The KHT data will be shared in a number of ways:

- Veteran tree records will be shared with the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Hunt and incorporated into the National Ancient Tree Inventory.
- Each parish and district council will receive a record of the heritage trees found in their parish so that they can use it to inform any planning applications as well as use it to apply for TPOs on any trees if they may so wish. They also may wish to make a parish trail of interesting trees to bring the natural history and the history it informs to life.
- The records will be shared with the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre.
- The data will be shared with the Kent Tree and Ponds Warden Partnership, the eyes and ears of tree matters in Kent.
- TCV will have an interactive Heritage Tree Legacy website with a map and database which can be freely used by any groups or individuals wishing to research or explore the KHT tree data.

PARTNERING WITH THE TREE WARDENS – BRINGING TOGETHER THE BEST OF KENT’S TREE PEOPLE

The KHT Project has partnered locally with the Kent Tree and Pond Wardens, Kent’s main tree organisation. Although small, the members hold a wealth of expertise and their contributions, local knowledge and enthusiasm have been essential to the success of the project.

The KHT Project has fostered a lasting connection with The Tree Wardens, attending their meetings and working with their members to incorporate heritage tree surveying into their work. Similarly, KHT tree surveyors have been encouraged to get

involved in the Kent Tree and Pond wardens through joint courses and two joint conferences at Aylesford in 2014 and Sevenoaks in 2016. It is hoped that many of the KHT surveyors will now have the confidence and motivation to become tree wardens within their communities.

PARTNERS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS

It has been a pleasure to work with such a wide range of groups and organisations throughout the KHT Project. TCV has greatly valued the passion and expertise contributed to the project these partners (please see the list below)

Alongside our partners, TCV would like to thank the many individuals who have volunteered their time and endless enthusiasm to the project. Their dedication and passion has enriched the project and enabled us to create a unique legacy for Kent.

10th St Mary Brownies
1st Chilham Brownies
1st Great Chart Brownies
1st Kennington Rainbows
1st Mersham Brownies, Kent
2nd Ruckinge Brownies, Kent
4th Chatham South Brownies
6th Ashford Beavers
6th Ashford Cub Scouts

Abbots Mill Canterbury
Age UK
AJS Crafts
Alex Farm Pastures
Allington Millennium Green Trust
Ashford Borough Council
Ashford Civic Centre
Ashford Community Woodland
Ashford Friars Prep School
Ashford Green Gym
Ashford Library
Ashford Memorial Gardens
Ashford Oaks Primary School
Ashford Prep School
Aylesford Priory

Bearstead Woodland

Bedgebury Pinetum
Belmont Estate
Bethersden Primary
Bilting Grange Farm
Bore Place
Bossenden Woods
Bowens Field Wetland
Bredhurst Woods Friends of Group
Brenzett C of E Primary School
Brisley Farm
Brockhill Country Park
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College
Brook Agricultural Museum
Broomfield Recreation Ground
Brownies Brabourne and Smeeth Guides
Brunswick House Primary School

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge
Canterbury College
Chantry Primary School
Chartham Primary
Cherry Trees
Christchurch University
Cobtree Manor Park

Conningbrook Lake	Hothfield Common	Northfleet	St John The Baptist Church
Cranbrook School	Hucking Estate	North School	St Leonard's Church, Hythe
Crockham Hill School	Hunters Close residents		St Michaels CEP School
Culverstone Recreation Ground	Hurst Road residents	Oakfield Community School	St Peter's Catholic Primary School
		Oakfield Primary School	St Stephens School
		Oakley School	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
		Orlestone Forest, Hamstreet	Stalisfield Green
Dalby Square Gardens	Ightham Mote Cobnut Plat		Standen Fruit Farm
Dane Valley Woods	Incredible Edible Ashford	Pett Farm	Community Orchard
Deal Parochial C Of E Primary School	John Wallis Church of England Primary	Phoenix Community School Site	Stanhope Surestart
Doddington Place Gardens	John Wesley School	Plumpton College	Stanmer Park House
Dove Hill Allotments, Boxley		Poulton Woods	Stone Street St Mary CEP School
Downs View School	Keep Ashford Clean	Priory Fields School	Sturry Primary School
Dungeness Rspb Reserve	Kennington Memorial Gardens	Project Salus	Sturry Road Community Park
	Kent Bat Group		Sure Steps Children's Centre
East Borough Primary School	Kent County Council	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Orchard	Swan Centre (Sure Start)
East Peckham Jubilee Hall	Kent Downs Woodfuel	Quex Gardens	Swanley Park
And Playing Fields	Pathfinder Partnership		
Eastgate Gardens	Kent History And Library Centre		
Eastling Primary School	Kent Mammal Group	Ransley Green, Ruckinge, Ashford	Tenterden CoE Primary
Eaton Lands, Hythe	Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG)	Ray Allan Centre	Kent
Elder Care Centre	Kent Talk To Community Group	RBS Property Services	Teynham School
Epple Bay Ceramics	Kent Tree and Pond Partnership	Rede Common	The Agricultural Museum, Brook
	Kent Wildlife Trust	Rippledawn Environmental Education Centre	The Angel Centre
Find a Voice	Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership	River Stour At Hinxhill And Wye	The Ashford School
Fort Amherst	Kier's Nature Reserve,	Riverside Youth Club	The Bumble Bee Conservation Trust
Fredville Park	Kingsdown & Ringwould Primary	Rogley Wood	The Horsebridge Centre
Friends of Singleton Environment Centre	Kingsnorth Parish Council	Rolvenden Primary	The Jubilee Centre Community Garden
Friends of Singleton Lakes Group	Kingsnorth Village Hall	Rolvenden Village Hall	The Roots Project
Friends of Westbrook and Stonebridge Pond	Knole Park	RSPB Northward Hill Reserve	Towers School
		RSPCA Canterbury	Trinity Memorial Gardens
Godinton Park		Re-Homing Centre	Margate
Godinton Primary		Ryarsh Primary School	Turners Orchard
Godmersham And Crundale Village Hall	Laleham Gap Primary School		Tyland Barn
Great Chart Primary School	Little Arc Pre-School	Sandgate Youth Club	
Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council	Littlebourne Primary School	School Activity	UKC Nepalese Society
Great Chart with Singleton Youth Club	Live It Well	Scotney Castle	University Of Kent
	Lullingstone Park	Sevenoaks School	
	Margate Royal School For Deaf Children	Shoreham Plantation	VAWK
		Shoreham Village Hall	
Hadlow Cemetery		Shoreham Village School	Walmer Baptist Church
Hadlow College	Medway 11th Scouts Hut	Shorne Woods Country Park	Waterside Children's Centre
Halling Greenspace Volunteers	Chatham	Simon Langton Girls Grammar School	West Faversham Community Centre
Halling Lower Recreation Ground	Medway Council's Urban Parks and Greenspace Forum	Singleton Village Hall	West Heath School
Hamstreet National Nature Reserve	Medway Valley Countryside Partnership, Kent	South Willesborough and Newtown Environmental Group	Westgate Park Friends Group
Hawkinge Officers Mess Group	Mereworth Primary School	Spearpoint Meadow	Westwell Village Hall
Herne Bay Primary	Mersham Primary	Kennington Community Forum	Wilderness Estate
High Halden Primary School	Monkshill Farm	St Albans Church	Wildwood
Hoads Wood, Great Chart	Mote Park	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	Willesborough Dykes
Hoath Allotments		St Augustine's School	Winchcombe Downs NNR
Hollingbourne Meadows Trust	National Citizens Service	St Botolph's Community Garden	Wittersham CEP School
Holy Cross Church Palmarsh	National Trust	St Gregory's Church	Woodchurch CoE Primary
Holy Family Roman Catholic School	Natural Pathways	St James' Junior School	Wye Free School
Holy Family School	Neville Cricket Ground		Wye National Nature Reserve
Holy Trinity Primary	New Romney Childrens Centre		
Horsmonden Village	Nine Hole Wood, Eynsford		Yoakley Land, Aylesford
	No Walls Gardening Project,		

Appendices

APPENDIX I

TREE-SEARCHER RESOURCES DEVELOPED FOR KHT'S WOODLAND WONDER EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS



APPENDIX II

FULL LIST OF KENT HERITAGE TREES PROJECT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Heritage Tree courses	Target	Delivered
Woodland archaeology	4	1
Heritage orchards	4	2
Coppicing	4	6
Hedgerow ecology	4	4
GIS	4	0
Create and manage heritage trees	4	4
Modified course topics		
Wildlife pond management		1
Volunteer task leadership		4
VO training		2
Total	24	24

KHT surveyor courses	Target	Delivered
Winter Tree ID	17	14
Summer Tree ID	17	13
Surveyor training	10	16
Woodland Ecology	17	13
Total	61	56

Biodiversity courses	Target	Delivered
Mammals	4	4
Bats	4	4
Birds	4	4
Fungi	4	4
Tree planting	4	4
Wildflower ID	4	4
Butterfly ID	4	4
Foraging	4	4
Hazardous trees	4	1
Churchyards	4	2
Tree Warden Scheme	4	4
Green woodworking	8	8
Introduction to environmental conservation	4	0
Woodland ecology & surveying	4	0
Heritage trees - living history	4	0

Modified biodiversity topics		
Amphibians		5
Bumblebee ID & ecology		1
Ponds - invertebrate surveying		2
Reptile ecology		2
Introduction to Citizen Science recording schemes		5
Wildlife gardening		4
Total	64	66

Celebrating Heritage Tree workshops	Target	Delivered
Photography workshops	20	20
Creative arts workshops	35	40

APPENDIX III

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR A FUTURE HERITAGE TREE

Kent Heritage Trees Project

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For Future Heritage Trees

[enter tree species, quantity and location]

CONTENTS

1. General Information
2. Site Description
3. Management Objectives
4. Proposed Work Programme

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Site Name _____

1.2 Status _____

1.3 Ownership _____

1.3a Site Managers: _____

1.3b Local Planning Authority: _____

1.4 Location: _____

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

(For example: Public open space with mixed woodland, amenity grassed areas, wildflower meadows and allotment area)

3. MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

4. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

SCHEDULE OF MAINTENANCE AND PLANNED WORK

Once planted, the trees should be monitored throughout the year for signs of stress/damage, stakes checked and ties loosened as necessary.

Grass and weed growth to be removed from around base of trees, taking care not to cause damage to trees with mowers and trimmers.

If possible, the trees should be watered during dry periods

Over the Kent Heritage Trees project's lifetime, The Conservation Volunteers will either visit the site on a yearly basis or ask for annual updates about the trees.

Signed by _____

Print name _____

On behalf of _____

Date _____

APPENDIX IV

EXCERPTS FROM THE HERITAGE TREES DATA RECORDED BY THE PROJECT

ASH		
Parish	Girth (m)	Tree ID
Aldington	6	3249
Ashford	5.88	250
Benenden	5.35	1936
Bilsington	3.34	425
Boughton Monchelsea	3.19	1561
Brenchley	4.27	1131
Brook	6.35	582
Canterbury	3.65	245
Cathedral (Christchurch)	4.85	1705
Charing	4.47	3022
Cheriton	3.75	957
Crockenhill	4.41	3227
Crundale	6.5	734
Eastling	3.56	2154
Egerton	4.24	2891
Eynsford	3.62	2462
Godmersham	4.7	3678
Goudhurst	4.74	2084
Gravesend	2.48	3539
Great Chart and Singleton	10.6	931
Halling	1.8	553
Harrietsham	4.39	2752
Hastingleigh	4.8	1165
Hawkhurst	2.92	1853
Hollingbourne	8.42	2251
Hothfield	7.36	519
Hucking	3.52	2124
Hythe	4.1	2053
Kennington	3.24	2570
Kingsnorth	9.5	700
Lympne	3.75	957
Maidstone	5.2	3154

ASH		
Parish	Girth (m)	Tree ID
Norton	5.07	523
Plaxtol	3.17	3647
Pluckley	3.74	2751
Rodmersham	5.48	3289
Ruckinge	3.16	555
Saltwood	8	3235
Sellindge	4.78	3000
Sheldwich	4.62	3394
Shorne	3.65	245
Sibertswold (Shepherds-well)	3.9	893
St. Peter	2.95	1809
Stanford	4.5	267
Thurnham	2.93	1949
Trotterscliffe	8.7	3082
Vigo	5.38	1616
Waltham	4.92	1727
Warehorne	8.5	503
West Farleigh	5.8	2825
West Hythe	5.5	703
Woodchurch	5.64	2173
Wormshill	3.85	1925
Wye	4.68	1753
Wormshill	3.85	1925
Wye	4.68	1753

HAWTHORN (top 15)		
Parish	Girth (m)	Tree ID
Aylesford	5.4	3454
Barming	4.36	882
Hollingbourne	4.03	2092
Hollingbourne	3.98	808
Aylesford	3.8	3466
Great Chart and Singleton	3.2	489
Hastingleigh	3.05	2441
Aylesford	2.93	3463
Aylesford	2.52	3457
Wormshill	2.52	2325
Maidstone	2.5	3102
Maidstone	2.44	3155
Aylesford	2.42	3465
Crundale	2.4	3500
Aylesford	2.38	3458
OAK (top 15)		
Parish	Girth (m)	Tree ID
Nonington	12.2	1269
Nonington	7.61	1345
Benenden	7.57	2033
Lenham	7.26	1128
Leigh	7.25	1621
Saltwood	7.2	595
West Farleigh	7.02	3124
Ashford	7	508
Little Chart	6.68	2399
Great Chart and Singleton	6.6	490
Benenden	6.48	1850
Otham	6.45	3298
Nonington	6.4	1347
Nonington	6.39	1346
Lynsted	6.06	42

APPENDIX V

LOCATIONS OF KHT WALKS, TALKS AND HISTORIC PARK VISITS

Guided walks were held at the following sites across Kent:

Bedgbury Pinetum
Belmont Estate
Bossenden Woods, Blean
Bredhurst Woods
Brockhill CP
Cobtree Manor Park
Colemans Kitchen Wood
Doddington Place Gardens
Godinton Park
Hothfield Common
Hamstreet Woods
Hollingbourne
Hothfield Common
Hucking Estate
Kingswood, Challock
Knole Park
Lullingstone Park
Mote Park
Scotney Castle
Shorne CP
Singleton Lake
St Gregorys Churchyard
Walderslade Woods
West Heath School
Westgate Park
Wilderness Estate
Winchcombe Downs
Wye village
Wye NNR

KHT talks were held at the following venues in Kent:

Kent Parks Forum
West Heath School
Canterbury Cathedral Lodge
Ashford Civic Centre

Wye National Nature Reserve
Ham Street Woods
University of Kent at Canterbury
Singleton Environment Centre, Ashford
Aylesford Priory
Kennington Community Centre

Trips to the following historic parks were organised:

Mote Park
Brockhill Country Park
Hothfield Common
Scotney Castle
Doddington Place Gardens
Canterbury Cathedral Gardens
Knole Park
Godinton Park
Lullingstone Park
Belmont Park
Westgate Park
Aylesford Priory
Wilderness Estate
West Heath School
Cobtree Manor
Bedgbury Pinetum
Scotney Castle
Sevenoaks School

APPENDIX VI

HIGHLIGHTS OF KHT COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENTS

HOLLINGBOURNE MEADOWS TRUST



Tree planting at Hollingbourne Meadows Trust.

HMT raised funds to buy land around their village after land bought to put the High Speed Rail link through came up for sale. The High Speed Rail Link and the route of the M20 before it had divided and blighted the village, and this was a chance for villagers to connect their village again and prevent further development.

In obtaining the land, a popular new green space for the local community has been created. Trees planted to celebrate people from the village form an avenue which is part of a 3km mown walkway through 12 acres of meadow and newly planted woodland of locally grown trees. The group now shares their skills and experience with other groups in surrounding villages.

APPENDIX VI continued

HIGHLIGHTS OF KHT COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENTS

HOATH ALLOTMENT GROUP

The Kent Heritage Trees Project collaborated with the newly formed Hoath allotment group to plant trees as a wind break around their new allotment site, working in conjunction with the neighbouring land owner to position the trees on their side of the fence to maximise the growing space on the allotment. A weed preventing mulch mat was laid on planting to give the trees the best chance.

NO WALLS GARDENS, NORTHFLEET

We have planted fruit trees with No Walls Gardens, a project which is transforming derelict pockets of land and in doing so, teaching gardening and landscaping skills to volunteers who include ex-offenders, people with disabilities, long term unemployed and recovering addicts across all age ranges.

It's all about "encouraging people to take pride in their environment and pride in themselves to bring about real and lasting change. Projects are planned and designed to engage with the community: to help people away from worklessness, reoffending or relapsing; and to give them valuable life and work skills; to encourage them to part of something bigger."

Keepers nursery, a small family business near Maidstone that we have used to source some of the fruit trees planted through the KHT Project, offered No walls Group their spare trees at the end of the season as they become too large for sale.

CONNIGBROOK LAKES

We jointly planted 1,650 trees with Kent Wildlife Trust over three sites, the including newly opened Conningbrook Lakes Country Park. This provided a great opportunity for us to get to know volunteers who work on these local sites and inform them of work and opportunities available with the Kent Heritage Trees Project.

POULTON WOOD



Tree planting with volunteers from Canterbury Oast Trust at Poulton Wood.

We joined forces with Canterbury Oast Trust, an organisation which supports adults with learning disabilities to improve Poulton Wood, a local nature reserve that they look after. 100 understorey species were planted with the help of The Poulton Wood Rangers.

WILLESBOROUGH DYKES



Partnered with the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership to plant trees along a new cycle way, part of Ashford's green Corridor in Ashford to provide habitat for a newly found colony of Dormice. Over 6 days in January and February 2014, 3,900 trees were planted with a focus on those favoured by dormice for food and nests: hazel, blackthorn, wayfaring tree, hawthorn and honeysuckle.

Our partners on this project included Ashford Borough Council and Sustrans. A grand opening with lots of kids riding their bikes was in the local press.

BRISLEY FARM



In conjunction with Ashford Borough Council and two local parish councils: Kingsnorth and Great Chart with Singleton, a huge launch day was held for local volunteers, with local families especially being targeted by advertising at local schools. Following the launch event, planting days were carried out with children from three local primary schools, a group of students with learning needs from K College and TCV's Wild Crew.

STEVE'S PLEDGE TO PLANT 60 FOR HIS 60TH

Volunteer, Steve Bishop was delighted to be able to fulfil a pledge to plant 60 trees for his 60th Birthday!

"I wanted to mark my 60 years by putting energy into something positive that will be in this world for years to come. When I heard about the Kent Heritage Trees Project planting tasks I jumped at the chance and have fulfilled my wish."

Steve planted his trees at Poulton Wood and at Monkshill Farm in January 2015

APPENDIX VII

KHT TREE TRAILS

Towards the end of the project, eight Tree Trails were created with an informative leaflet being produced for each trail. The trails were also adapted for use with a smart phone in partnership with TiCL. The trail routes were created in conjunction with KHT volunteers and local communities and incorporated significant heritage trees recorded during the project. The following trails were created:

WYE

Developed in conjunction with staff and young people at Wye Free School, this accessible trail meanders around the historic church yard and green of this historic Kent village and incorporates fascinating tree facts.

<https://ticl.me/Wye-with-Hinxhill/headlines/13167/view>

KNOLE PARK

Developed by staff and young people at Sevenoaks School in conjunction with The National Trust and Sevenoaks Society. This trail explores one of Kent's most wooded areas and tells the story of its incredible history through its heritage tree monuments.

<https://ticl.me/Sevenoaks/headlines/13162/view>

LEYBOURNE LAKES ALDER TRAIL

This trail was developed in conjunction with the Kent Tree and Pond Wardens and looks at the presence of Alder in the context of Kent's maritime history. Now an increasingly threatened sight along Kent's river valleys, Common Alder was regarded as an excellent wood for making gunpowder in Elizabethan times – it took a ton of wood to make a ton of powder!

<https://ticl.me/Leybourne/headlines/13168/view>

BROCKHILL COUNTRY PARK

Developed by heritage tree surveyor George Donaldson in conjunction with Kent Country Parks. This trail winds its way around the lake taking in a monumental hollowing oak.

<https://ticl.me/Saltwood/headlines/13153/view>

MOTE PARK

Mote Park has an amazing stock of heritage trees, including some national champions. It has been voted the Nation's second favourite park by the Green Flag Choice Awards. The tree trail was developed by two KHT tree surveyors in conjunction with Maidstone Borough Council's Park Manager. The trail circles the lake and takes in the parks magnificent trees and historic features.

<https://ticl.me/Maidstone/headlines/13160/view>



MAIDSTONE

This trail starts at the Maidstone Museum and winds through the adjacent Brenchley Gardens. This was Maidstone's first public park, designed and laid out in 1871 by Alexander McKenzie and is the only surviving design of his work outside London, where he designed Alexander Palace, Finsbury Park and the V & A Embankment Garden. The trail also incorporates many heritage features including the war memorial to the Queens own Royal West Kent Regiment, the band stand which is engraved with the name of composers, the finial that once topped the main hall of the House of Commons debating chamber (which was destroyed in the blitz during May 1941), and a statue of a soldier of the 36th Engineer Regiment of Maidstone Invicta Barracks, depicted returning from a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

<https://ticl.me/Maidstone/headlines/13166/view>

GRAVESEND

This trail was developed by tree surveyor Hugh McEwan in conjunction with Gravesham Borough Council. The route explores trees in the beautiful riverside park on the historic river Thames.

<https://ticl.me/Gravesend/headlines/13164/view>

SHELDWICH

This interesting trail encompasses lime avenues, mature trees from the Lees Court Estate and a heritage cherry orchard, celebrating Faversham's fruit belt heritage.

<https://ticl.me/Sheldwich/headlines/13161/view>

APPENDIX VIII

KENT HERITAGE TREES CONFERENCES

We organised two Heritage Tree conferences during the project, in conjunction with The Tree Council and The Kent Tree Wardens. The focus of these events was to foster understanding and facilitate networking opportunities between the tree surveyors, tree wardens and other interested people.

The sessions were designed so that people could gain an understanding of and become involved in the tree warden scheme and develop an interest in recording heritage trees locally to help the work of the KHT Project.

WEST HEATH SCHOOL

West Heath School was chosen for its inspiring location, perfect for getting people up close and personal with old trees so that they would be inspired to learn about them and an ideal opportunity to show-case the Remarkable Trees of Sevenoaks exhibition in its Sevenoaks surroundings.

The conference aimed to celebrate Kent's woodland inheritance, examine the success of the Kent Heritage Trees Project and offer opportunities to contribute to the future of Kent's Trees.

Jon Stokes, Programme Manager for the Tree Council, set the scene of heritage tree recording nationally, describing these natural monuments as national treasures that deserve recognition, study and protection and setting the scene about Kent's trees heritage.

Ceri Watkins, a TCV Natural Talent Trainee based at The Natural History Museum at the University of Oxford, shared her fascinating findings about the importance of veteran trees and their correct management on saproxylic insects.

Jadie Baker, TCV KHT Project Officer, showed how the targets of the project had been massively exceeded due the goodwill, enthusiasm and ensuing networking, generated by the inspiring nature of heritage trees.

Jon Stokes brought veteran trees to life on an exploration around the grounds and rediscovered the lost Diana Cherries, planted to commemorate her marriage and the births of William and Harry.

David Carey used a group workshop session to capture people's ideas, hopes and plans for the future of trees and tree wardens in Kent.

AYLESFORD PRIORY

The 'Making Trees Matter' conference was designed to examine the successes of the past 40 years and look at what we can learn and apply to the next 40 years of 'Making Trees Matter'.

The forum aimed to address questions such as 'What have we learnt from the past?' and 'Will any of the lessons learnt have relevance for the future?'

Speakers explored the tree management changes that have occurred over the last four decades and looked at the future possibilities for enhancing our treescape.

Jon Stokes, Programme Manager at The Tree Council set the scene, followed by Hugh Milner, ex-Forestry Commission Officer and current Chair of Lime Wood Working Group who explored what has been learnt about trees over the last 40 years of planting, managing and selecting trees in Britain.

Neil Strong of Network Rail outlined the risks to safety that trees pose on railway lines in Britain and examined the remote technology methods being employed to manage and predict them.

KHT Project Officer Jadie Baker described how the Kent Heritage Trees Project was contributing to the national record and lead a walk to encouraging people to get creative with words and bring individual heritage trees finds to life to inspire future generations to protect them.

Tree Wardens ran an outdoor workshops looking at the value of selecting the right tree for a situation trees and tree planting.

An informative site visit to look at ash dieback on the Hucking Estate gave people first-hand experience of the identification and die-back pattern of this relatively new threat.

APPENDIX IX

FULL LIST OF KENT VENUES AND SITES USED FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Alex Farm Pastures	East Peckham Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields	Margate Royal School For Deaf Children	St Gregory's Churchyard
Ashford Civic Centre	Eastchurch	Mereworth Primary School	St Jame's Junior School
Ashford Community Woodland	Eastling Primary School	Mersham Primary	St John The Baptist Church
Ashford Library		Monkshill Farm	St Michaels CEP Primary
Ashford Oaks Primary School	Folkestone Warren	Mote Park	St Peters Catholic School
Ashford Prep School	Fredville Park		St Stephens School
Ashford Warren		Neville Cricket Ground	St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Aylesford Priory	Godinton Park Ashford		Stalisfield Green
	Godinton Primary	Oakfield Community School	Stanhope Surestart
Bedgebury Pinetum	Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall	Oakley School	Stanmer Park House
Belmont Estate	Great Chart Primary School	Orlestone Forest, Hamstreet	Stone Street St Mary CEP School
Bethersden Primary			Sturry CoE Primary
Bilting Grange Farm	Hadlow College	Pett Farm	Swan Centre (Sure Start)
Bossenden Woods	Halling Lower Recreation Ground	Phoenix Community School Site	
Bredhurst Woods	Ham Street Woods	Poultton Woods	Tenterden CoE Primary
Brenzett CEP School	Hamstreet National Nature Reserve	Priory Fields School	Teynham School
Bridge Recreation Ground	Herne Bay Primary		The Angel Centre
Brisley Farm	High Halden Primary School	Quex Gardens	The Horsebridge Centre
Brockhill Country Park	Hoads Wood, Great Chart		Towers School
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College	Hoath Allotments	Ray Allan Centre	Trinity Memorial Gardens
Brook Agricultural Museum	Hollingbourne Meadows Trust	Rede Common	Margate
Brunswick House Primary School	Holy Cross Church Palmarsch	Rippledawn Environmental Education Centre	Turners Orchard
	Holy Family Roman Catholic School	River Stour At Hinxhill And Wye	University Of Kent
Canterbury Cathedral Lodge	Holy Trinity CoE Primary	Riverside Youth Club	Vawk
Canterbury College	Horsmonden Village Green	Rogley Wood	
Chantry Primary School	Hothfield Common	Rolvenden Primary	Walmer Baptist Church
Chartham Primary	Hucking Estate	Rolvenden Village Hall	Waterside Children's Centre
Cherry Trees		Ryarsh Primary School	West Faversham Community Centre
Chilham Match Lake	John Wesley School		West Heath School
Christchurch University	Kent History And Library Centre	Sandgate Youth Club	Westgate Park
Cobtree Manor Park	Kent Training Venues	Scotney Castle	Willesborough Dykes
Colemans Kitchen Wood	Kier's Nature Reserve, Blean	Sevenoaks School	Willmington
Conningbrook Lake	Kings Wood	Shorne Woods Country Park	Winchcombe Downs NNR
Cranbrook School	Kingsdown And Ringwould CEP School	Simon Langton Girl's Grammar School	Wittersham CEP School
Crockham Hill School	Kingsnorth Village Hall	Singleton Environment Centre	Woodchurch CoE Primary
	Knole Park	Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow	Wye Free School
Dane Valley Woods		Singleton Village Hall	Wye National Nature Reserve
Deal Parochial C Of E Primary School	Laleham Gap Primary School	St Albans Church	
Deal Parochial C Of E School	Littlebourne Primary School	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	
Doddington Place Gardens	Lullingstone Park	St Botolph's Community Garden	
Dove Hill Allotments, Boxley			
Downs View School			
Dungeness RSPB Reserve			
East Borough Primary School			

APPENDIX X PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Title	Qty
KHT General Leaflets	2,000
KHT Education Leaflets	1,000
How to be a volunteer tree surveyor	2,000
Course Leaflets 2013	500
Course Leaflets 2015	1,000
Surveyor Pad	100
Tree Girth Post card for public	2,000
Tree Girth Wallet card	250
Surveyor called post card	1,000
Sevenoaks Leaflet	2,000
Newsletter January 2016	1,000
Inserts "How to add a tree"	2,000

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Kent Heritage Trees Project

Sorry we missed you!

Your local volunteer Heritage Tree Surveyor:

called today with an interest in recording a tree on your land
If you are happy for your tree to be measured to find whether
it can be included in the Kent Heritage Trees Project,
please contact the volunteer on:

Heritage trees can be added to the Kent Heritage Trees Map with the
landowner's agreement. View the map at tcv.org.uk/kentheritagetrees

education sessions wood boundaries:

To discover more and view the map of heritage trees
already recorded visit tcv.org.uk/kentheritagetrees
or contact us: T 01233 666519 E kent-trees@tcv.org.uk
The Conservation Volunteers, Singleton Environment
Centre, Wesley School Road, Ashford TN23 5LW

Tree species	Minimum girth
Horse Chestnut	255 cm
Sweet Chestnut	340 cm
Scots Pine	208 cm
Sycamore	288 cm
Field Maple	170 cm
Roseau	354 cm
Alder	134 cm
Cherry	181 cm

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Record a Tree

Do you know of a heritage tree in your area?

I'm old or wide for their
breeding history or story and
I've 10,000 heritage trees in
Kent so we can send a volunteer

Complete the form or an online
form to record a tree locally.

Do you know of a heritage tree in your area?

Record a Tree

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The Conservation Volunteers
Singleton Environment Centre
Wesley School Road
ASHFORD
Kent
TN23 5LW



Kent Heritage Trees Project

Recognising heritage trees by girth

English name	'Wide' heritage tree min. girth
Ash	352 cm
English Oak	454 cm
Sessile Oak	446 cm
Hazel	46 cm
Hornbeam	313 cm
Silver/Downy Birch	133 cm
Yew	386 cm
Holly	382 cm
Beech	321 cm
	327 cm



Kent Heritage Trees Project

Tree Recording Form

Please complete a new sheet for each tree surveyed. Add photos/notes to back of form.

Date of survey: Surveyor name:

Surveyor time for this record: Half day ☐ 1 day ☐ Other ☐

Site owner/address:

Story:

Comments:

Site status: ☐ Private land ☐ Public land

Trees on private land: the landowner's consent is given by the following:
Verbally: Letter ☐ E-mail ☐ Other ☐

Location:

Is a sketch map attached? Yes ☐ No ☐

Tree setting: ☐ Parkland ☐ Woodland ☐ Garden ☐ Pasture ☐ Churchyard ☐ Other ☐

Tree species: Girth:

Tree status: ☐ Dead ☐ Alive ☐ Standing ☐ Fallen ☐ Other ☐

Tree form: ☐ Crooked ☐ Hidden ☐ Pollard ☐

Does the tree have historical significance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐

Is this a veteran tree? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐

What is growing on the tree?

Signs of animals: ☐ Insect boring ☐ Bird nesting ☐ Bat roost ☐ Other ☐

Photographs Please list overlap the file names of any photos you have supplied.

APPENDIX XI

EVALUATION MATERIALS USED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT


Kent Heritage Trees Project - Participant Evaluation

Thank you for being part of the Kent Heritage Trees Project, we need your help to evaluate the success of the project.

The information collected will be used to report to the Heritage Lottery Funders and to support future applications to continue to work with communities and young people throughout Kent and to improve our volunteers experience with us.

There is a prize of the Jon Dibbins & Margaret Luptoncombe book "Trees and how to grow them" valued at £20. The winner will be picked by random selection from all questionnaires completed by 5pm on Monday 10th April 2016.

Please do contact us if you have any questions or need any support in completing the questionnaire.
The Kent Heritage Trees Team - 01233 666019, kent-heretrees@tcv.org.uk

The information provided by you in this questionnaire will be used for research purposes. It will not be used in a manner which would allow identification of your individual responses. Your personal details will remain strictly confidential. Data will be kept for 12 months after this the documentation will be destroyed. Anonymous research data will be archived by TCV in order to make it available to other researchers in line with current data sharing practices.

Thank you in advance!

1. Why did you get involved with the Kent Heritage Trees Project?

☐ To learn new skills

☐ To learn about local area - nature or heritage

☐ Make friends and connections

☐ To do something worthwhile

☐ For the kids

Other (please specify):

2. Did you?

☐ Volunteer time

☐ Attend courses

☐ Come to other events and activities

3. What groups both local and national do you belong to? For example The RSPB, a residents or 'friends of' group or parish council, school, scouts ...

4. Through your participation, which of the following statements do you feel apply to you?

☐ I've developed skills and knowledge

☐ I've learnt new things about my surroundings

☐ It's been an enjoyable experience

☐ I feel I've improved my local area

☐ The way I feel about my local surroundings has changed

☐ I've developed my creative side

☐ I want to keep on learning

☐ I feel more connected to the natural world

☐ I've spent more time outside in my local environment

☐ I've explored new places

5. Has being involved in The Project changed you in other ways? Tick any which are true for you

☐ I feel happier

☐ I feel more confident

☐ I am generally more active

☐ I know more people

6. Have you shared your new experiences, skills or enthusiasm with...

☐ Family

☐ Friends

☐ Colleagues/class mates

☐ Members of a group to which you belong

How?

7. Do you feel your local green spaces (including your garden) have benefited (for people or nature) as a result of the project, or your involvement

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Which of these statements do you agree with

☐ I'm encouraged to learn more

☐ I feel there's a lot of heritage (history and nature) to explore in Kent

☐ When people pull together I think a lot can get done

☐ It's quite nice around here when you think about it

☐ I feel connected to my local landscape or history

☐ I feel connected to others in my local or the wider community

9. Do you feel like there's a need for this sort of project in the future?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Would you like to be involved in similar projects in the future?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. In the future, which of the following might you be interested in getting involved with?

☐ Coming on courses

☐ Attending children's events

☐ Practical tasks e.g. tree planting

☐ Assisting at events

☐ Assisting with administrative tasks

☐ Assisting with publicity and marketing

12. What did you enjoy most about being involved in the project?

13. Do you have any more comments or suggestions on how we could expand or improve this sort of project?

14. If you would like to be entered into the prize draw, please enter your e-mail address here.

Please note: entering your e-mail will remove your anonymity



Heritage Trees Surveyor Evaluation

Your involvement in the Kent Heritage Trees Project

Thank you for being part of the Kent Heritage Trees Project, without you, we wouldn't have been able to record so many fantastic heritage trees.

We need your help to evaluate the success of the surveying part of the project.

The information collected will be used to report to the Heritage Lottery Funders and to support future applications to continue to work with communities and young people throughout Kent and to improve our volunteers experience with us.

There is a prize of the Jon Stokes & Margaret Lipscombe book "Trees and how to grow them" valued at £35. The winner will be picked by random selection from all questionnaires completed by [Sun on Monday 4th April 2016](#)

Please do contact us if you have any questions or need any support in completing the questionnaire.
The Kent Heritage Trees Team - 01223 566515, kent-heros@tcv.org.uk

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Thank you in advance!

From your involvement in the Kent Heritage Trees Project...

* 1. Have you developed a greater understanding of your local tree heritage?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 2. Do you feel you developed new skills or knowledge?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 3. Have you been encouraged to learn more about your local heritage?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 4. Have you spoken to friends, neighbours, family or colleagues about what you have learnt?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 5. Have you spent more time outside in your local environment?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 6. Have you explored new places?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 7. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "not at all" and 5 is "a lot", has your involvement with the project...

	1	2	3	4	5
Connected you to others in your local or the wider community?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made you feel connected to your local landscape or history?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been an enjoyable experience?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made you feel you've contributed to your local landscape or history?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 8. Which of the following types of volunteering might you be interested in, in the future?

Please tick all that apply

- ☐ Practical e.g. tree planting
☐ Recording schemes
☐ Assisting at events
☐ Children's education activities
☐ Administrative tasks
☐ Publicity and marketing
☐ None of the above

Other (please specify)

* 9. Would you be interested in being involved in similar local recording schemes in the future?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Tell us about what you enjoyed most about being involved with the project

11. Please suggest any improvements that you think could be made

If you do not wish to continue to receive further information from TCV please e-mail heros@tcv.org.uk or phone 01223 566515 and will be removed from our next meeting list.

12. If you would like to be entered into the prize draw, please enter your e-mail address here.

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APPENDIX XI continued

EVALUATION MATERIALS USED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT

Community Group Leader KHT Evaluation

1. Which group or organisation do you work with?

2. How many of your group (roughly) have been involved in Kent Heritage Trees Project tasks or courses?

3. Tick those which apply. Was your groups involvement mainly?
☐ Training
☐ Practical

4. How has your involvement with the KHT project benefited your site? Tick all that apply.
☐ Improved the site for (botanists)
☐ Improved the landscape
☐ Improves the site for people
☐ Brought the community together

5. How has your groups involvement with the KHT project impacted the individuals/group?
☐ Participants learnt new skills
☐ Participants felt motivated to be involved further or learn more
☐ Participants improved local area e.g. planted trees
☐ Participants felt proud of the area
☐ Participants had fun
☐ Participants shared their skills, enthusiasm and working with others

6. Please use the space below to describe in your own words any other thoughts about the impact on the group or site.
 Below are a selection from others to help you
 I hadn't realised how much our members could learn in a day
 The Brownies still talk about the tree planting a year on
 The fruit trees have transformed the village green

7. How satisfied did you feel regarding your groups involvement and subsequent outcomes?
☐ Our involvement wasn't as valuable as I hoped
☐ Our expectations were met
☐ The outcome of our involvement exceeded expectations

8. Do you have any suggestions as to how the project could be improved or expanded?

9. Have participants continued to use skills or experience gained from their KHT involvement?
☐ To a great extent
☐ To some extent
☐ No

10. Have those participants who engaged with KHT activities continued to be involved in their local site?
☐ All
☐ Most
☐ Some
☐ None

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 The Conservation Volunteers
Kent Heritage Trees Project

Evaluation form for Schools and Youth Groups

Can you help us?

Thank you for being part of the Kent Heritage Trees Project, we need your help to evaluate the success of the project.

The information collected will be sent to report to the Heritage Lottery Funders and to support future applications to continue to work with communities and young people throughout Kent and to improve our volunteers experience with us.

There is a prize of the Jon Stokes & Margaret Lippincott book "Trees and how to grow them" valued at £20. The winner will be picked by random selection from all questionnaires completed by 5pm on Monday 22nd April 2016.

Please do contact us if you have any questions or need any support in completing the questionnaire.
 The Kent Heritage Trees Team - 01233 665510; kht-evaluation@tcv.org.uk

The information provided by you in this questionnaire will be used for research purposes. It will not be used in a manner which would allow identification of your individual responses. Your personal details will remain strictly confidential. Data will be kept for 12 months and then the documentation will be destroyed. Anonymised research data will be archived by TCV in order to make it available to other researchers in line with current data sharing practices.

Thank you in advance!

1. Why did your group/class get involved in the Kent Heritage Trees Project? (select as many as you feel are relevant)
☐ To learn new skills
☐ To take part in curriculum linked activities
☐ To improve habitats
☐ To learn about nature
☐ To be involved in outdoor/conservation activities

2. Through your participation in the project do you feel these are relevant to your group or class? (select as many as you feel are relevant)
 Participants.....
☐ Developed knowledge
☐ Learnt new things about their local environment
☐ Developed their creative skills
☐ Feel more connected to the natural world
☐ Improved school grounds/local area

3. Was learning shared with the rest of the school/group community? If so, please provide details.

4. Have subsequent projects evolved in the school as a result of our work with you?

5. Would you like to be involved in future projects? If so, what kind of projects would you be interested in?

6. Any additional comments or feedback

7. If you would like to be entered into the prize draw please put your email address below



**TCV TRAINING COURSE
EVALUATION FORM
(Kent Heritage Trees Project)**



TCV is committed to monitoring and reviewing the quality of its training activities. Please help us to make changes where they are needed by telling us what you thought of the course.

Event Title			
Trainer(s)		Date(s)	

Please circle or highlight the appropriate answers for each question below:

ABOUT THE COURSE:

Overall, what was the quality of the course?	Low	Average	Good	Excellent
How much did the trainer's style help you to learn?	It didn't	Only a little	Quite a bit	A lot
Do you feel this course was set at the right level for you?	Not at all	Only a little	Most parts	Yes
How satisfactory was the pre-course administration?	Not at all	Fairly	Acceptable	Very
Do you feel encouraged to find out more about this or related topics?	Not at all	Only a little	Quite a bit	A lot
Confidence in using the skills developed?	Low	Average	Good	Very Confident
Do you feel you have more understanding about your local heritage or environment?	Not at all	Fairly	Quite a bit	Yes

Do you think there is a need for this type of project in the future?
The Kent Heritage Trees Project is almost complete, to help us with future funding, please be as detailed as possible.

“Doing these tree surveys I have learned that every tree is different and that each individual tree is really interesting...”

Freddy, 15



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