

# 2016 London Tree and Woodland Awards

The aim of the Awards is to:

- celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover
- inspire others to manage trees and woodlands
- raise the profile of London's trees / woodlands and the need for management



*The Hillingdon Group of London Wildlife Trust receiving their award at City Hall in May 2015.*

*From left to right: Ian Elliott, Roger Taylor, Kevin Gates, Val Borrell, Andy Willmore (LWT West Region Manager), Ray Smith, Ian Gambles (Director of Forestry Commission England) and Roger Evans (Deputy Mayor of London)*

## **The deadline for nominations is 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The nomination form is available from [www.forestry.gov.uk/london-awards](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/london-awards). Winners will receive their award on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Award categories are overleaf

*"The Awards showcase the fantastic work taking place in London. They demonstrate how we can all play a part in protecting and increasing the tree canopy cover of London, and hope the winners inspire others to get involved."*

– **Craig Harrison, Forestry Commission London Manager**

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## The Award categories for 2016 are:

### **A) The Community Woodland Award**

***An award for woodland planting or management projects that have been inspired, driven, and delivered by local community groups.*** There should be (i) tangible evidence of collaboration with local people and groups, with demonstrable community gains (ii) active management and/or planting of woodlands (iii) evidence of long term management and co-operation that will ensure the sustainability of the project and resilient woodland

### **B) The Community Tree Award**

***An award for tree planting or other tree related projects that have been inspired, driven, and delivered by local community groups.*** There should be (i) tangible evidence of collaboration with local people and groups, with demonstrable community gains (ii) active management and/or planting of trees (iii) evidence of long term management and co-operation that will ensure the sustainability of the project

### **C) The Acorn Award**

***An award for an individual member of the public who has made a particular contribution to promoting or conserving trees,*** for example a student who has shown considerable aptitude and achieved success through a particular project or training course, or an extraordinary individual who has shown dedication through voluntary involvement, or an iTree volunteer who has shown dedication and commitment to the project.

### **D) Trees in a Development Award**

***An award to recognise the importance of integrating trees into developments, and the variety of roles trees can play*** including, for example, sustainable urban drainage, traffic calming, and regeneration. This category is open to developers, boroughs, business improvement districts, regeneration schemes. Projects need to:

- (i) include rationale behind the tree management; demonstrate an overall increase in tree cover and/or sensitive incorporation of existing mature trees in the development; before and after photos; extracts from relevant design documents, specifications
- (ii) demonstrate that new trees are at least 3 years in the ground, are stable in the ground with all above ground support systems removed, show measurable incremental extension growth across the whole canopy along with commensurate increase in stem girth
- (iii) go beyond street tree planting (*see street tree award category*)
- (iv) explain how trees in the development are performing a function over and above their amenity value

### **E) The Tree Council Trees and Learning Award**

***An award for a project that has engaged and involved children of any age up to 16.*** The panel will be looking for (i) evidence that the project has resulted in a sustainable tree-related educational and planting programme in which U16s have taken an active part (ii) Evidence of increased knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the environment by the children and young people who have participated (iii) evidence of sustainable environmental improvements

### **F) The London Tree Officers Association Individual Commitment Award**

***An award for an individual employed professionally within London who has shown consistent dedication and commitment over a prolonged period.*** For example in the advancement of tree and/or woodland management within London, or has demonstrated a significant contribution that has made a particular difference to tree and/or woodland care within their organisation.