



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Trees do more than you think**

The London Tree Officers Association (LTOA) has produced a leaflet illustrating why trees are good for us. The leaflet 'Trees do more than you think' will be launched by Professor David Bellamy OBE at a tree planting ceremony at Swiss Cottage Open Space, next to Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA at 3pm on Tuesday 20 November 2007.

Trees in cities provide a range of benefits that can sometimes be difficult to quantify but are real and have considerable beneficial impacts on the lives of those who live in cities but do not have immediate access to other more traditional types of open space. Trees, for example, can add colour, interest and beauty to our busy streets.

Andy Tipping, Chair of the LTOA, said "Trees are often undervalued and it is fantastic to have a leaflet that summarises all the latest research into trees and why they are good for us".

Professor David Bellamy, OBE, said "A Londoner born and bred I grew up street wise in a city blessed with the virtues of many trees. Trees are the high rise guardians of the urban environment. Your support is essential to their future".

The production of the leaflet 'Trees do more than you think' has kindly been sponsored by the London Borough of Camden, Lush Landscapes, and KPS Contractors. The leaflet will be available by free download from the LTOA website [www.ltoa.org.uk](http://www.ltoa.org.uk) from 20 November 2007 coinciding with National Tree Week run by the Tree Council.

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### **Notes to Editors**

The London Tree Officers Association (LTOA) provides an information network for the exchange of views, experiences and ideas on trees. The Association dates back to 1982 and aims to enhance the management of the Capital's trees and woodlands. It involves local authority Tree Officers in all 33 London Boroughs from which there are approximately 90 members. The LTOA is funded by London Borough subscriptions and an associate member scheme. For more information take a look at the LTOA website at [www.ltoa.org.uk](http://www.ltoa.org.uk).

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