

## **Knighton Tree Allotments Trust**

### **What is it and How will it work?**

The Knighton Tree Allotments Trust has been registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It is a not-for-profit Trust that will either own woodland or lease it, long term, from another organisation. The Knighton Tree Allotments Trust will be responsible for the creation and implementation of an environmentally sustainable management plan which will ensure that there is a viable forest for future generations. In other words, the management plan will be based on the life span of trees that can live for hundreds of years.

The land will be divided into 'tree allotments' which as well as providing fire-wood, fruit, nuts, timber trees and other woodland products needed by the local community, will also encourage biodiversity by creating and maintaining wildlife habitats and corridors. The space will also be used for creative and performance arts projects especially those that link sciences with art.

Local people (preferably within easy cycling distance – not more than 5 miles) would sign a yearly contract with the Trust – paying a set sum per year, possibly up to £50 per year, depending on the amount of woodland products they could realistically harvest in a sustainable manner from that area. The contract would authorise them to manage a tree allotment (that is likely to be around a hectare in size although it might be larger if there were a group wishing to jointly manage the Tree Allotment) and require them to attend the necessary trainings that would enable them to carry out the management plan safely and responsibly.

The trainings would introduce the allotment-holders to their specific tree allotment and its management plan, and pass on the skills necessary for local fauna and flora recognition, planting, fencing, coppicing, felling, splitting, drying, the use of tools, health and safety, etc. These trainings would be provided at cost (not for profit) and would be mandatory for all tree allotment holders. A Woodland Manager and a Training Manager would work together to design and implement the trainings and management work to ensure that Tree Allotmenters have the support needed to maintain and enhance their allotments.

Each block is likely to have some trees on it that are meant to stay for a long time (for example for quality timber, seed trees, or biodiversity) as well as trees that can be harvested quite quickly, on a coppicing rotation, for firewood.

There will be communal areas for at least some of the following:

- tree nursery,
- tool shed,
- wood-drying and storage area,
- bio-loo,
- recreational/educational space,
- water supply,
- sheltered meeting space and outside work area for the courses, creative events, and forest school work.

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