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| <b>Survey date:</b>   |  | <b>Location:</b>  |  |
| <b>6 figure grid ref:</b>   |  |   |  |
| <b>Recorder name:</b>   |  |   |  |
| If you have marked the tree location on a base map please give  |  |   |  |
| Map title:  |  | Tree number on map:   |  |
| Photograph? Y/N   |  |   |  |
| <b>Species of tree</b>  |  |   |  |
| Sycamore <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>(Acer pseudoplatanus)</i>   | Horse Chestnut <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>(Aesculus hippocastanum)</i> | Sweet Chestnut <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>(Castanea sativa)</i>   | Beech <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>(Fagus sylvatica)</i> |
| Ash <i>(Fraxinus excelsior)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  | Poplar <i>(Populus sp.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Oak <i>(Quercus robur)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>   | Willow <i>(Salix sp.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| Yew <i>(Taxus baccata)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>   | Lime <i>(Tilia sp.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>                           | Elm <i>(Ulmus sp.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other <i>(please specify)</i> _____                        |
| <b>What does the tree look like?</b>  |  |   |  |
| Full canopy <input type="checkbox"/>  |  | Pollard recent <input type="checkbox"/>   | old <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| Stump <input type="checkbox"/>  |  | Coppiced recent <input type="checkbox"/>  | old <input type="checkbox"/>                               |
| Are branches supported? Y/N   |  |   |  |
| Use a tape measure to work out the distance round the tree at a height of about 1.3 metres above the ground (i.e. breast height). You may need two people for this. If this is impractical measure the girth at any height above 0.5 metres and state the reason for doing so. For this survey the distance should be measured in metres to the nearest 10cm (i.e. to one decimal point). |  |   |  |
| <b>Girth of tree (m):</b><br>(at 1.3m up trunk)   |  | If measured at a different height please state height of girth measurement and reason:  |  |
| <b>Height (m):</b>  |  | State the reason for recording the tree if it is under 3.77 metres in girth. (e.g. lichen interest or an old tree that is not large): |  |
| <b>Condition of tree</b>  |  |   |  |
| Dead standing tree <input type="checkbox"/>   | Dead <input type="checkbox"/>  | Leaning <input type="checkbox"/>  | Standing Upright <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Dead Boughs above 2m <input type="checkbox"/>   | Fallen <input type="checkbox"/>  | Visible Fungi <input type="checkbox"/>  | Split Trunk <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| Hollows in trunk <input type="checkbox"/> elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/>  |  | Wounds <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. a dropped branch scar)  |  |
| Stripped Bark <input type="checkbox"/> where?   |  | Lightning damage <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |
| <b>Where the tree is</b>  |  |   |  |
| Hedgerow <input type="checkbox"/>   | Woodland <input type="checkbox"/>  | Church <input type="checkbox"/>   | Old Parkland <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| Garden <input type="checkbox"/>   | Park <input type="checkbox"/>  | In Field <input type="checkbox"/>   | Avenue <input type="checkbox"/>                            |
| Highway <input type="checkbox"/>  | Orchard <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other...  |  |
| Other comments:   |  |   |  |
| Owner of land if known:   |  | Contact details:  |  |
| Other people associated with tree e.g. tree warden, tenant farmer:  |  |   |  |
| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Address</b>   | <b>Telephone</b>  | <b>Role</b>  |
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| <b>Recorder details:</b><br>(address, contact no, email) |  |
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# ANCIENT TREE SURVEY

The Ancient Tree Survey aims to record details of individual trees as part of an inventory of ancient or mature trees in an area, such as a parish or a nature reserve.

It should be used in conjunction with a large-scale base map on which the position of individual trees can be marked. In addition, you will need a tape measure and someone to help you. One form should be filled in for each tree. Maps are available from Leicestershire County Council for completing this survey and should only be used for this purpose. Instructions for completing this form are detailed below.

A recognised definition of a 'veteran' tree (another name given to an ancient or mature tree) is one with a girth greater than 3.77 metres (377 cm). The aim of the Ancient Tree Survey is to compile an inventory of all trees of this size or above within a parish. However, you may wish to record smaller trees if they are of obvious potential value to wildlife.

## Instructions

-  Choose an area such as a parish, wood or urban district.
-  Obtain an Ordnance Survey base map at 1:10,000, through the parish council or County Council if you do not have one.
-  Copy a number of the Ancient Tree forms if you need more than supplied, download extra copies from the Leicestershire County Council Website at [www.leics.gov.uk/celebrating\\_wildlife](http://www.leics.gov.uk/celebrating_wildlife) or contact the Community Heritage Initiative for more copies.
-  Write a title on the map which describes the location.
-  Ask for permission before entering private land and do not leave a public right of way without a landowners consent, otherwise you will be trespassing and liable to prosecution. Always let your contact know when you will be visiting if you will be leaving a right of way.
-  As you go round, identify ancient trees.
-  For each tree, mark its position on the base map using a unique number and enter the number on a separate Ancient Tree Survey form.
-  For each tree, measure its girth with a tape measure at breast height. If this is impractical measure the girth at any height above 0.5 metres and state the reason for doing so.
-  For each tree, fill in all fields on the form for species, condition, situation etc.
-  Return the base map and the survey forms to the Community Heritage Initiative.

**Please do not forget to include a six figure grid reference and map where possible.**

