

## Tree information sheet

Port Sunlight is a designated conservation area; these are areas designated because of their special character and appearance. This designation essentially controls the demolition of unlisted buildings (as well as the usual protections for listed buildings), restricts permitted development rights on dwelling houses, tightens regulations on advertising and controls works to trees.

Tree maintenance in Port Sunlight is either the responsibility of Port Sunlight Village Trust (PSVT), Wirral Council or residents depending on their location.

- **On public footpaths:** These are the responsibility of Wirral Council. If you spot an issue with a tree in a public footpath, please contact Wirral Council here <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/trees-along-road>).
- **In front gardens:** These are cared for and maintained by PSVT. If you spot an issue with a tree in a front garden please contact our main office on 0151 644 4800. Like individual property owners, PSVT must get permission from Wirral Borough Council to work on or fell trees.
- **In rear gardens:** These are the responsibility of individual residents. If you are thinking of doing any work to a tree in your rear garden, you must notify Wirral Council 6 weeks in advance. This is to give the council time to assess the contribution the tree makes to the character of the conservation area. You shouldn't carry out any work during this period unless you have received agreement from the council. Failure to give notice is an offence. To give notice you can either apply online or download and print a paper form here: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/built-conservation/tree-preservation/trees-conservation-areas#wgSM-0>).