

Maintenance

The Parties agree that ownership of the trees and forest furniture (fencing, gate, seating, signage as applicable) shall pass to Landowner on the date of installation. Maintenance of the Tiny Forest shall be incorporated into the Landowner’s green space management plan.

In line with the Tiny Forest methodology, the forests should be given the opportunity to develop as naturally as possible with as little maintenance other than for health and safety reasons, as possible. No chemical pesticides are used, no tree thinning should be required and fallen branches should remain in the forest where possible to provide food and habitat for wildlife.

Earthwatch will recruit and manage local volunteer Tree Keepers to support with low-level maintenance tasks.

Maintenance Tasks

Landowner desired responsibilities	<p>Watering: An extended period of dry hot weather will mean that the Tiny Forest requires weekly watering at sufficient quantities which will be undertaken by the Landowner should this be necessary, for the first 2 years after planting.</p> <p>Pruning: Only prune branches that block paths or create a health and safety risk</p> <p>Repairs: Repair any damage to the plaque or forest furniture (gate, fence, benches), renew mulch, where possible.</p>
Maintenance tasks that Tree Keepers are supported to get involved with include:	<p>Litter picking (monthly) – Earthwatch supply litter pickers to Tree Keepers</p> <p>Reporting any damage to Earthwatch or the Landowner</p> <p>Weeding (monthly in summer months)- Earthwatch can provide guidance on what to weed and what to leave</p> <p>Watering (in extended dry weather) - if Landowner can supply the water</p> <p>Mulching if mulch can be obtained from the landowner for example</p>

Where the Tiny Forest is vandalised in the first two years, after the Planting Date, Earthwatch will make available replacement trees, of the initial planting size, during the planting season or subsequent planting seasons, but is not obliged to do so. Earthwatch will not be liable for any repairs to The Tiny Forest, fencing, urban furniture or signage but will, if practicable and coincides with a monitoring visit, work with the Landowner to organise repairs. Earthwatch will not provide or be liable for any additional expenditure except where this is agreed to in writing.