Dear [xxx]

As a resident of [xxx], I urge you, as an electoral candidate, to support tree care.

Although past government commitments to plant trees are appreciated, a focus on hectares of tree planting risks undervaluing amenity trees. Trees outside of woods include the trees lining our streets and standing for centuries in our churchyards, through to the trees in the fields and hedgerows across our farmed landscape. These trees support food production, mitigate the effects of climate change, help make our towns and cities liveable and attractive, and are part of the nation’s natural heritage.

The profession which is responsible for amenity tree care is arboriculture, and it is the members of organisations such as the Arboricultural Association who are the experts in this field. Arboriculture suffers from a lack of awareness and is currently experiencing a skills shortage.

The Arboricultural Association works to inspire, support and promote the tree care community for a society that better appreciates and cares for trees. Its general election recommendations include investing in people, allocating funding, and enabling the tree care profession.

Please read more here:

[**Download the flyer**](https://www.trees.org.uk/Trees.org.uk/media/Trees-org.uk/News/News-2024/Arboricultural-Association-%E2%80%93-Asks-General-Election.pdf)

There will be many priorities for the new government that forms after the election on 4th July.

Delivering for trees outside of woodlands will benefit residents like me. Trees improve our local spaces and can make a huge difference to mental and physical health.

Please, commit to engaging with the tree care community in your constituency, including local authorities, groups and charities, and the Arboricultural Association — the voice for tree care across the UK.

Kind regards

[Name]