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Working in partnership, Groundwork and Manchester City Council initiated the Tree Warden movement as part of a national Tree Warden volunteer scheme. The initiative was set up by the Tree Council in 1987 in response to the loss of 15 million trees in the Great Storm and ran until 2013.

Manchester Tree Wardens acted as guardians for local trees, celebrating some of the fantastic examples of trees in their area and engaging in tree-related stewardship; reporting any tree issues, including disease and health and safety issues.

More recently, Manchester's City of Trees group has initiated a Citizen Foresters scheme, following on from the role of the former Tree Warden. The movement promotes environmental engagement at individual, community and business level with a range of projects offering opportunities for organisations to become partners of the movement as well as for people to lend a caring hand. Projects currently range from planting trees and urban orchards, to participation in school projects such as rain gardens and food growing, to the transformation of green streets and the funding of a forest or woodland to provide the means to bring it back to life.

To find out more information about becoming a Citizen Forester please visit the City of Trees website at: <http://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/>



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