



TiCL National Tree Watering Scheme

Creating Watering Groups And Befriending Trees with TiCL

Background

New trees need regular watering in the first few years after planting. The TiCL National Tree Watering Scheme helps local Tree Watering Champions highlight local trees that need extra water for individuals to 'Befriend' – that is give water regularly to, during the hottest parts of the year.

By matching individuals to trees (usually their closest) in this way, tree watering can be effectively and efficiently shared locally preventing gaps (missed trees) and duplication of effort. The scheme supports community involvement in a worthwhile project that has a direct benefit to the local environment.

A local **Tree Watering Champion** (which could be an individual or a Group) selects a group of local trees that need watering (trees with stakes and pipes) and creates a map of those trees (a watering group) using **TiCL App IOS** or **Android**.

The virtual map created, and physical tree labels, help the Tree Watering Champion promote the trees that need befriending (regular watering).

People discover the trees in the watering group and 'befriend' them – each person focuses their attention on a particular tree for regular watering during the hottest part of the year.

The local Tree Watering Champion encourages the Group with App notifications to prompt tree watering during particularly dry periods and everyone helps find new tree waterers locally to befriend more trees in the watering group.





Create A TiCL Tree Watering Group

Creating a TiCL Tree Watering Group is quick and easy if you follow these simple steps:

Register yourself or your Group with TiCL

You can do this via the TiCLApp <https://ticl.me/ticlapp> (Apple or Android) or via the website <https://ticl.me>

Tips

- **Don't forget your password**
- **If you don't receive your 'Activation Code' within a few moments please check your spam folder**
- **Allow push notifications and enable location services**

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- 1 Go to the centre (roughly) of the group of trees you want to make your Watering Group with your smartphone and TiCL App

Tip

Have your Watering Group logo as a photo already prepared on your phone

- 2 Open TiCL App
- 3 Press + in the top right hand corner
- 4 In Title write '*Your Watering Group's Name*' Watering Group
- 5 In More write: To befriend a tree please add a comment to the tree you want to befriend
- 6 Add photo from library eg your Watering Group's logo
- 7 Press submit (while you are by one of the trees)

YOU HAVE STARTED THE WATERING GROUP!

NOW MAKE IT FREE AND LAST INDEFINITLY

- 1 Go back into the Headline you have just submitted
- 2 Press 'Edit' in the top right hand corner
- 3 Press Premium Editing
- 4 In the Promotion Code Box enter [TogetherWeCan](#)





YOU ARE NOW READY TO ADD TREES TO THE WATERING GROUP

Adding trees to the headline you have created is easy

You will need the TiCL App

Tip

- Add the tree as 'Articles' on TiCL.
 - You might decide that you are going to create the whole watering group there and then yourself or you might map some trees and add others another time.
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- 1 Go to a tree you want to add with TiCL App
 - 2 Find and open the Headline about the Watering Group. Keep the App open and running so that it calculates the most accurate GPS position
 - 3 Press refresh (curly arrow top left) a couple of times (this also helps the App calculate your position accurately)
 - 4 Press 'Add Article To The List Below'
 - 5 In Text add a description of the point of interest eg Rowan outside 36/38 Leafy Road.
It doesn't matter if you don't know what type of tree it is – If someone befriends it they might tell you!
 - 6 Take Photo of the tree
 - 7 Press Submit at the location of the point of the tree
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Tip

If you have had to move away from them tree to take the photo move back to it before you press submit)

- 8 Check where you have geo-located the point of interest by looking at it using 'Map'

REPEAT THIS PROCESS UNTIL YOU HAVE FINISHED ADDING AS MANY TREES AS YOU WANT TO YOUR WATERING GROUP

You might want to edit the Headline and each Article (tree) to add weblinks to appropriate websites either about the tree species or tree watering instructions.





MANAGING THE TREE WATERING GROUP

You might like to encourage tree befriending by physically attaching specially created tree befriending labels downloadable from the Arb Association to the trees in your watering Group: [Download the label here](#)



You can find a static weblink to your trail on the <https://ticl.me> website. Use your TiCL registration to log in and enter the location of your Watering Group. You may need to search category 'Watering Group' Click on the Watering group pin as it occurs on the Map and 'fix' it with a left click. Underline the title and left click to open it. When the headline opens in the centre of the screen click the URL button to find and open the static URL for the Watering Group. Here for example is the URL for the Pleasence Watering group in West Putney <https://ticl.me/Rosslyn-Park/headlines/13839/view>

When someone adds a comment to one of the trees (befriends the tree) you will get a notification of the comment. You can respond, if you want, by adding another comment to the same tree. A response added as a Comment will only notify the people who added comments to that Article (i.e. the tree befriender)

Periodically, whenever you feel the local trees need watering add a new Article with a motivating prompt eg 'It's been three days with hot sun – let's water our trees!' You might like to untick the show my location button as you do this so that people can't identify where the suggestion came from (if you forget to do this you can delete the Article instead). The Article you Add gets sent as a notification to EVERYONE in your tree watering group.

In this way TiCL App acts as a simple messaging device locally for the Watering Group.





BEFRIENDING Trees with TiCL App

New trees (those with stakes and pipes) need regular watering during the hottest part of the year.

See instructions for watering trees here www.trees.org.uk/watering

Although Councils water the trees they plant, the trees simple often don't get the **regular** watering they need during the hottest part of the year. Even if thirsty trees don't die, they are prone to disease and poor growth – by befriending a tree you pledge to give it some regular top up watering during the driest parts of the year during its first few years.

Just think – **if every tree had a best Friend then all our local trees would thrive** - **#TogetherWeCan**

To '**Best Friend**' a tree – contact your local Tree Watering Champion using TiCL App (or reply to their label)

Download TiCL App for IOS or Android <https://ticl.me/ticlapp> or go online <https://ticl.me>

'Search' for a tree you'd like to befriend (Search in the Category 'Watering Group'). Your nearest Watering Group will be top of the list (but that might not be the group the tree you want to water is in – check the name of the Watering Group your tree is in)

Add a comment to the tree to say you'd like to befriend it
e.g. *'I'll befriend and water this one'*

The Tree Watering Champion will send you notifications from time to time, especially when it's been hot, to remind you to water your tree.

When you water a tree you might like to leave a comment on TiCL App that you've watered it. TiCL App will record the date.

If there isn't a local watering group perhaps you'd like to **become a local Tree Watering Champion** and create one? – see above.

