

Trees are valuable for lots of reasons. They help clean the air around you, absorb noise from the surrounding area, provide shade and shelter, make streets and green spaces more appealing, provide privacy, mark boundaries and provide habitats for wildlife. There are an enormous variety of trees and shrubs growing at the edge of pavements, in gardens and parks.



*Hawthorn leaf*



*Holly leaf*

On your way to school, look out for where trees and shrubs are growing.

Have any of the trees or shrubs been planted recently? What clues are there to make you think that?

Why do you think the trees or shrubs along your route have been encouraged to grow?

Would you enjoy your walk just as much if the trees were cut down?

If it were up to you, are there any places you would plant more trees or shrubs? Why?

Discuss your views with your walking partners.

