



# Branching Out

Tree Warden Newsletter, Easter 2021



## Easter greetings!

Dear Tree Wardens,

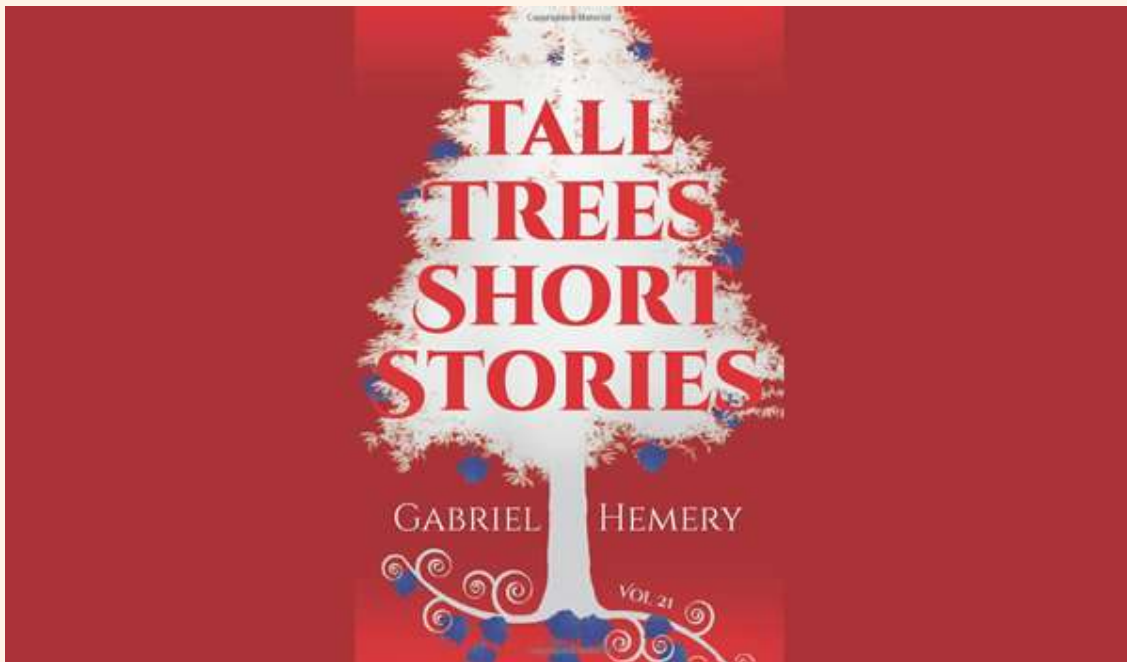
Just like the natural world, activities at Team Tree Council are bursting into bloom in many ways! This month, we're thrilled to share the latest news from two of our programmes: the Close the Gap hedgerows programme and our nationals schools work, including information on how Tree Wardens can get involved. We also share another fantastic Tree Warden project - please keep sharing these with us, we love to read them. You can find our latest guidance on Covid-aware volunteer events [on our website](#).

Before I sign off, here's a little Easter tree-via for you - have you heard of the legend that the wood that formed the cross upon which Jesus was crucified was from the dogwood tree? It turns out dogwood isn't native to Palestine, but it's still an interesting example of the way trees find their way into the stories we tell about our lives and communities. You can read more [in this article](#).

Wishing a wonderful Easter to all who celebrate it,

## Sam and Team Tree Council

### THE LATEST TREE-INSPIRED LITERATURE



### **Celebrated tree author Gabriel Hemery publishes new compendium of charming tree stories**

We were thrilled to be sent an advance copy of the latest instalment of 'Tall Trees, Short Stories' to enjoy. Written by author, photographer and silvologist Gabriel Hemery, Tall Trees, Short Stories Volume 21 is an enchanting and imaginative collection of 18 short tree tales. Using a rich mix of story genres and styles, ranging from a jovial bicker amongst friends to a dark dystopian future and everything in-between, Hemery explores how trees play a role in every part of human life, be it big or small. This book will take the reader on journey after

journey, giving every tree-lover something to smile, cry and reflect on. Why not [order yourself a copy](#) to enjoy?

## TREE COUNCIL NEWS



### **Championing our historic urban and rural hedgerows – how Tree Wardens can help**

We know Tree Wardens are great champions of their local hedgerows. We would love our Tree Wardens to be a part of this exciting new project to help connect wildlife habitats, improve biodiversity, deliver cleaner air in our towns & cities and assist with carbon storage and climate change mitigation.

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**AND FINALLY...**

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### **Planting a new community woodland in a pandemic**

When Liz Ramsay, a Tree Warden in Nutfield, Surrey, hatched a plan to establish a new community woodland, she couldn't have imagined the many challenges the pandemic would present for tree planting. But she and her fellow Tree Wardens didn't let that stop them! Liz tells us how they found ways to navigate the challenges of a pandemic year to achieve her goal of creating a new community woodland.

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