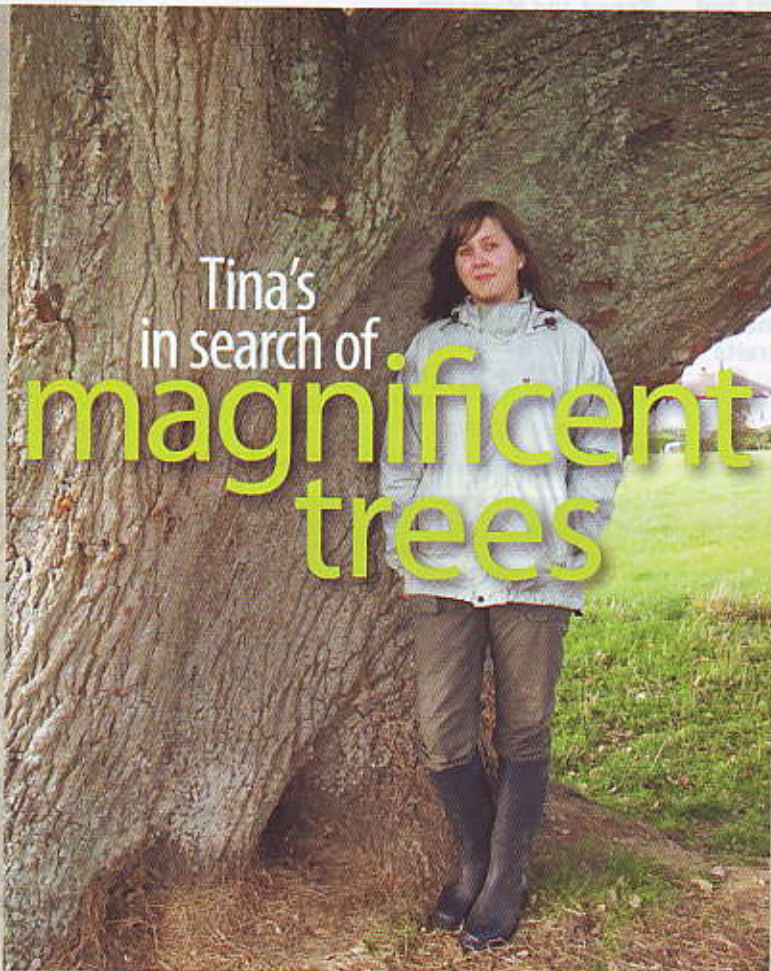


A National Lottery-funded project to identify and record the Island's most magnificent trees and their heritage, is now underway.

The Histree Trail Project has been up and running for several weeks, with project officer Tina Williamson (pictured) taking up her new role in November. She will see the two year project through from start to finish, working three days a week, based at the council's parks and countryside section.

The project will take her out to meet people and organisations that have information regarding magnificent trees and/or local heritage.

She said: 'We're looking for magnificent trees and stories that go with them. We want to know about the trees in your area – and especially the things you know about them. Perhaps someone famous planted a tree, or maybe it marked the spot where something once was. Or it could be personal to you – perhaps your mum



used to tell you a story about it! If you want to get involved please contact me.'

The project will go on to publish some of these stories with a series of walking and cycling trails across the Island.

The Histree Trail Project has brought to the Island a £47,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund; the culmination of several years work by local volunteers Pete Dyer, Gill Salter, Roy Brinton and Charles McNamara. The development works and funding application were overseen by Karl Dyson, who as leading wildlife ranger is funded by Leader+ monies secured through the Isle of Wight Economic Partnership, and the council.

• To get in touch with Tina Williamson, or provide details that might be included within the project, you can call the parks and countryside section on 823893 or email histreetrail@iow.gov.uk