

Drinkstone Parish Council

Tree Warden's Report

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 10th Jan 2022

Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios

Robert Baker has now confirmed to me that he has the go ahead to carry out tree planting on field boundaries at Burt's Farm as well at the previously agreed locations at Hall Farm. A total of 30 English Oak trees and 20 Hornbeam will be planted in the next few weeks and these will contribute towards the Queen's Green Canopy Project. Around 170 native hedging plants will also be used to gap up hedges at Hall Farm. I suggest the Parish Council records its appreciation to Mr Baker for his efforts in bringing forward these tree planting schemes that will help conserve and enhance the landscape of Drinkstone in years to come.

I should like the Parish Council to further consider what tree planting it can promote on its own and private land to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It would be fitting if we can find space for 70 trees in the village. The use of the land in Rattlesden Road currently let to Lucy Blake has previously been discussed and discounted but I would like to suggest that the hedgerow along Rattlesden road northwards from the junction with Garden House Lane could be thickened and a line of oak trees planted where there are no overhead lines. A small group of oaks could also be planted in the field behind the BT box without the taking up much land. The sketch below gives an indication of the location suggested and would take around 15 -20 trees. I believe this provide an attractive and lasting commemorative feature at the approach to Drinkstone Green from the south.

Recommendations

1. The Parish Council develops further proposals for tree planting on land it owns in Drinkstone in 2022 to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
2. The Parish Council continues to liaise with private landowners who may be willing to take part in Queen's Green Canopy Project schemes.

Councillor Peter Holborn
Drinkstone Parish Tree Warden



IVY COTTAGE

Parish Land at the junction of Garden House Lane

Suggested indicative location for new trees: ●