

Report from Worlingworth Tree Warden

This year the Parish Council has achieved the planting of just over 100 trees; 23 at Hope Farm in New Road, and 82 at Stanway Green. The planting at Stanway Green includes 50 roadside trees and 32 along internal field hedgerows. The roadside trees have been planted well back from the edge of the road so should cause no long term problem for traffic.

All the trees have been provided with rabbit guards but are still vulnerable to attack by deer and squirrels. Already 3 trees have been attacked at Stanway Green and others may follow. The damaged trees will need to be inspected at the end of the growing season and some may need to be replaced this winter. In the meantime all the trees will be checked during the late spring and summer and any brambles and other competing vegetation removed from around the stems.

The need now is to find more landowners who are prepared to take part in the scheme. There are still many suitable sites within the Parish boundary, especially along the roadsides. The Parish Council is offering to buy and plant the trees, to keep back any endangering weed growth during the first year or two, and to replace any plants which fail. There is no cost implication on the landowners and no obligation on them to maintain or retain the trees in the future. It really is a brilliant deal for any landowner wishing to preserve our tree heritage for future generations. If anyone knows of landowners who might be interested in taking part in this scheme please let me know (my phone number is 627181). I should be more than pleased to meet with those owners to discuss suitable sites and the preferred species of trees.

John Ridgwell
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