

Parish Tree Planting

Summary of update presented to Rudby Parish Council

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Forms of Planting

A number of options are available including

Individual trees

Arboretums

Orchards

Aerial image planting (e.g. plant flowering trees/different leaf colour trees to display image/lettering from the air)

Community Walk planting

Hedgerow (Potto undertook hedgerow planting about 10 years ago)

Bare root planting is likely to be adopted which limits the planting season to when the trees are dormant.

Type of Trees

There are many broad leaf native deciduous trees of various sizes suitable for a planting programme. Due to disease concerns, it is unlikely that Elm (Dutch Elm disease) or Ash (Ash die back) will be used. Horse Chestnut (Bleeding Canker and Leaf Blotch) suffers some disease concerns but would not seem to be as serious a problem as that encountered by Elm and Ash trees.

Potential trees include Lime, Hazel, Oak (none were planted on the Green originally), Beech (various types), Field Maple, Hornbeam, Sycamore, etc as well as smaller decorative trees.

Size of Tree to Plant

Probably aim for bare root trees in the 1.25m to 2m range. Above this height, girth size becomes the measure.

Locations

There are many locations where trees could be planted. For example,

Village Green (including North End)

Allotments

Burial Ground

Broadacres; e.g. Deepdale

Cricket Field

Old Linen Mill

Hedgerows

Sports Area

School

Private gardens

Fir tree (Xmas tree) outside the Hub - this was raised a number of years ago but generated a lot of objections

The above are just examples and land owners/organisations have not been approached.

It would be hoped to identify areas in Middleton and Skutterskelfe for planting.

Costs

Areas of potential costs are

Trees
Digging the holes/planting the trees
Guards/Stakes

Trees

The difference in the price of trees between retail and wholesale is wide. For the size of tree mentioned above, the retail price could be in the £30 to £60 price range. The wholesale price would be in the £10 to £20 price range.

It is hoped, that any tender for the trees would generate prices closer to wholesale, rather than retail, prices.

There is also the opportunity to seek free trees (e.g. Woodland Trust) or sponsored trees.

The original Village Green trees cost 1/9d each except for the Sycamores which were 9d.

Digging the holes/planting the trees

This is potentially as expensive, if not more so, than the trees themselves but the intention would be to plant the trees with volunteers. The Stokesley & Villages Climate Action Group have offered to help with tree planting.

The cost for the original tree planting was 9/- for the 31 holes.

Guards/Stakes

Guards such as the Tubex Easywrap Tree Shelter Guard (<https://www.green-tech.co.uk/tree-planting-products/>) which cost from 30p each should be used.

Metal guards, similar to those used for the original trees, would start from around £80 each.

The original wrought iron guards cost 11/6 each.

Tanalised tree stakes are between £1 and £2 each.