

Drinkstone Parish Council

Tree Warden's Report

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated Tues 4th May 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios

I am pleased to report that at last a hornbeam hedge has been planted just inside the post and rail fence at Birch House Rattlesden Road.

A small work party of volunteers removed low branches overhanging the graves on the northern boundary of the churchyard on the morning of 19th April. Many thanks to Nick Hill for taking away and disposing of the "lop and top" on his land. The Hills have repaired and replaced the wrought iron boundary fence over the winter and with the tree trimming everything looks much tidier there now.

Giles Young and I would like to plant a substantial group of shrubs and a few trees in the NE corner of the Rattlesden Road Allotment site between the fence and the ditch. This will help screen the new house being built and provide some shelter to that corner of the allotments from cold North Easterly winds. The area was previously used for disposing waste plant material and clippings but now we have the new compost bins it is not needed for this purpose. I can source the plants and materials free from The Woodland Trust/Suffolk Tree Wardens Network free of charge.

Councillor Peter Holborn
Drinkstone Parish Tree Warden