

Drinkstone Parish Council

Tree Warden's Report

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 2nd Aug 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios

The Queen's Green Canopy

(QGC)

Platinum Jubilee 2022

1. Land next to Rattlesden Road Allotments

Further to my report to the June meeting of Drinkstone Parish Council, I have spoken to Lucy Blake twice and she has indicated that she wishes to give up her tenancy of the land in Rattlesden road by September 2022. She has told me she wishes to return the land in good state and this includes removing the blackthorn scrub that has developed next to the track and cutting the roadside hedge this autumn. The land would therefore be available to allow some planting to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early winter 2022. The Parish Council will need to consider and decide what other beneficial uses the land can be put to once it returns to its control.

2. Major Landowners

I have had useful meetings with Robert Baker (Tostock Hall Farms) and Paul Francis (Clopton Green Farm). They have both agreed in principle that they would like to do a significant amount of hedgerow tree planting this winter. This is likely to involve planting native deciduous saplings along field boundaries at Hall Farm, Burts Farm and Clopton Green Farm, some of which is in the neighbouring Parish of Rattlesden. I also discussed with Paul Francis doing some planting along the western boundary of the industrial units on Green Road (formerly Francis Farm) to screen views from FP8. I will work up details for them and submit applications to The Suffolk Tree Wardens Network under their free trees scheme.

3. Rattlesden Road Allotments

Subject to the agreement of the Rattlesden Road allotment holders I will also order some free trees, shrubs and materials trees for planting in the NE corner of the site to screen off a gap towards "Hamlett House." I will arrange a work party in the autumn to clear some of the existing nettles and brambles.

Councillor Peter Holborn, Drinkstone Parish Tree Warden