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Kouy Young

From: Edward Brown
Sent: 09 February 2021 12:06
To: Jane Mason
Cc: Mike Balbini; Kouy Young
Subject: RE: Information on Veteran Trees

Thanks Jane.

I have a standing slot on the R & A agenda for community issues and can bring it up in that, unless Mike would like to flag it up separately.

Regards

Eddie

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From: [Jane Mason](#)
Sent: 09 February 2021 07:07
To: [Edward Brown](#)
Subject: RE: Information on Veteran Trees

Thank you for getting this together.

I think it is a great easy project – I would mention Pride in Our Parish as it is !

Let Mike/Kouy know by Thursday, this week you would like it on the agenda

Mrs Jane Mason,
Finance Manager, Shinfield Parish Council

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From: Edward Brown <edward.brown@shinfieldparish.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 February 2021 19:52

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Jane Mason <jane.mason@shinfieldparish.gov.uk>; Mike Balbini <mike.balbini@shinfieldparish.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Information on Veteran Trees

Got my dates mixed up. The R&A is not until a week Thursday. 25th February.

Eddie

On 8 Feb 2021 19:37, Edward Brown <edward.brown@shinfieldparish.gov.uk> wrote:

Evening [REDACTED] and All.

This is all very feasible.

I'll take it to R&A on Thursday and I would be amazed if it doesn't go through.

Nominations for trees could come through a newsletter as you say and also from SPC and Community Facebook pages.

Afterwards we could put together a new website page complete with photographs.

Regards

Eddie

On 8 Feb 2021 15:40, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Eddie,

I agree with Jane's suggestion that it's worth putting them on trees within housing areas, but not just the new developments.

We might want to consider different ways of informing people about other significant trees (such as the old willows at Langley Mead, or Wellingtonias at Wellington court).

Finchampstead are labelling their trees. They paid £133 for a batch of 24 labels. with individual labels costing between £4.95 and £6.10 depending on the amount of text.

The text on the labels is different for each tree.

The specification of the most expensive (example is attached) is:

Engraved Black, 100mm x 75mm x 1,5mm Tree Labels with up to 7 lines of white text, 1 central fixing

hole and tree label fixing kit @ £6.10 each.

This isn't a great expenditure and so hopefully you'll have no problem getting approval in principal. You will obviously need someone to fix them to the tree - instructions attached.

I don't know how many trees would be involved, but we'd need to identify them and decide on the wording before we could order the labels. I can make some suggestions. but it would make an interesting item in a parish newsletter - asking people whether they had a significant tree in their neighbourhood.

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,

On 08/02/2021 14:07, Edward Brown wrote:

Hi

To help follow this through, are you able to estimate approximately how many trees we might have in prominent Shinfield places that would qualify and roughly what an individual plaque engraved with the detail you suggest might cost?

Nothing too precise. Just enough to guestimate likely cost and I'll take it to the next Recreation and Amenities meeting.

Regards

Eddie

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From:

Sent: 08 February 2021 11:52

To: [Edward Brown](#); [Jane Mason](#)

Cc: [Mike Balbini](#)

Subject: Re: Information on Veteran Trees

Hi Eddie,

A great idea.

Jane has already found one of interest and there are others like that (especially some in Shinfield Park). The plaque should include the estimated age of the tree, germination date, as well as species (mostly oaks) and perhaps an historical reference, where known (eg originally part of Windsor Forest - for the ones in Shinfield Park) plus a QR code for more information (eg to the WDVTA record).

WDVTA is currently looking at what sort of plaques are best. Some of the ones used for the jubilee trees have rotted and we are looking at alternatives, such as the ones put directly on the tree (as used in arboreta).

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

On 08/02/2021 10:36, Edward Brown wrote:

Morning Jane.

From a walks perspective, this is something [REDACTED] and I have discussed as potential future project but the focus at the moment is SANG walks and local history. A St. Mary's walk has just been published. Three Mile Cross is soon to follow and then Spencers Wood but it is time consuming. One SANG walk has been published and Mays and Ridge SANGS's will soon be looked at. It will take the rest of this year and probably part of next year to do what we have in mind at the moment.

Veteran trees certainly deserve a higher profile. I don't think the public in general realize how much history they are looking at with some of our mature trees. I'll have a look at what we have on our website and see what can be done to improve the information available.

[REDACTED] are you able to identify any very visible interesting trees that might deserve a plaque? If so I could take it to a Recreation and Amenities meeting for consideration.

Regards

Eddie

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From: [Jane Mason](#)
Sent: 07 February 2021 16:34
To: [Edward Brown](#)
Cc: [Mike Balbini](#)
Subject: Information on Veteran Trees

Suggestion – Wouldn't it be great if the Parish could erect some small plaques providing information about some of these trees – would be great for the walks

I asked [REDACTED] about a tree in Garrett Drive and this is her response! Interesting

This tree is in our database. See the attached record (<https://wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS/record.php?mrn=7490>).
You can see it on our map (wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS/) by typing the tree number (7490) into the appropriate box.
We got the details from an arboricultural survey of the area prior to the new development (which is why there's no photo yet).
It's an English or pedunculate oak with a girth of 5m at a height of 1.5m, when measured in 2011. This makes it about 320 years old - so germinated around 1700.
It's not as old as the one you remember, which is tree number 432 in Shinfield Park and had a girth of 6.28m in 2001.

As you say there's no TPO on the tree. WBC will only put TPO on a tree if it's considered at risk. Of course often the first time you know it's at risk is when it's been cut down! I would have thought this tree is fairly safe, but if you have any doubts about that, do apply for a TPO.

Mrs Jane Mason,

Finance Manager, Shinfield Parish Council

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