

Climate Change Working Group
7pm on Monday 6th February 2023 – The Cannon Inn

Present: Ted Swan, Geraldine Swan, Rosemary Walker, Chris Lea, Maz Dufall and Gill Cameron Webb.

Apologies: Steve Filer, Howard Hughes, Brian Carpenter and Lindi Rich (East Devon AONB).

MINUTES

1. We decided to use this meeting to plan the Free Tree day (11th Feb) and the last DCC tree planting day (15th Feb).

At the next meeting we'll do a roundup of all our achievements!

2. DCC Tree planting on 15th February

We had good weather and enough volunteers to finish the sportsfield, the old cemetery and all but 3 trees in the new cemetery. This means the only planting left for 15th February is four trees at Burrow Green and three trees at the new cemetery

Volunteers for the 15th include Gill and Rosemary, Ted and Geraldine (if back from holiday in time), Parklife staff and any volunteers that turn up.

We'll start with the four trees at Burrow Lane and then move to the new cemetery.

All the trees need to be collected from storage at Ted and Geraldine's:

- Rosemary will speak to 'Christine' about leaving 4 bags of woodchip and 3 bare rooted trees at her house on 14th Feb so they're ready for Burrow Green the next morning;
- Martin Ord (volunteer) has kindly offered to collect the three heavier potted trees from Ted's at 9.15am on 15th Feb. One potted tree is for Burrow Green, the others are for the new cemetery.

Gill has asked Lorna and Makala if they could do their delicious refreshments in the allotment again as that worked so well after the 1st Feb planting.

Other planting:

- Keith Rennells has approx. 50 whips to bulk out the Treeline in the Sportsfield, but we could do that another day.
- Jacqui Baldwin asked if we could bulk out the hedging around the allotment field. Parklife have already put 20 whips in one corner and they can provide some whips for the other gaps once the banks are cleared and ready.
- Joy Bagwell decided not to plant a memorial tree for Jean Salter as they wanted it in the new not old cemetery.

- Ted asked the Harpford churchwarden if we could plant a commemorative tree for Val Ranger in Harpford Churchyard. Mark Ward is in general agreement but thinks authority might be needed from a higher level. As requested, Ted has emailed Mark Ward and is waiting for the reply.

3. Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) Free Tree Give-Away on 11th Feb

Trees will be given away from 10am on Saturday 11th February on the sportsfield, next to the pavilion car park

Preparation:

- Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) will deliver all the stuff to Gill's house on Friday 10th Feb;
- Rosemary and Gill take it all to the pavilion ready for putting out next day;
- Rosemary, Steve, Gill, Maz, Brian and Chris will get to site at 9.30am on 11th Feb;
- Steve will bring a gazebo which we'll situate according to the weather;
- we'll use tables from the pavilion;
- Gill will bring plastic bags for people to take their trees home in;
- A couple of people will hand out DWT pledge cards as people join the queue. These require people to pledge that they'll plant the trees on their own land; they're not financial pledges however donations to DWT will be accepted;
- DWT will provide planting and aftercare and guides for each type of tree;
- Lindi will also come with some free bird boxes to give away;
- Brian will take photos of the day.

DWT will deliver the following:

- 250 cell grown trees of mixed UK broadleaf species (we expect these to be varieties such as hawthorne, field maple, cherry, crabapple and birch)
- Spiral guards and bamboo canes
- Planting and aftercare guides and other flyers
- A 'donation bucket' for the completed pledge cards, and any donations to DWT
- Pens
- Mini buckets with labels
- Info on each tree species
- Pop up banner

4. Publicity

The tree planting poster appeared in Feb's Parish Magazine but the Free Tree poster didn't for some reason;

Gill asked Sidmouth Herald to put the Free Tree Give-Away in their Events Listing on 10th Feb. She also put up a couple more posters, will do a Facebook post and has drafted a round-robin email for everyone to send out.

5. East Devon AONB Project

Lindi has already given us a standard crabapple tree and on 11th Feb will also bring the following trees for us to use in the Parish:

- 1 lime, 1 beech and 1 alder standards
- 1 field maple and hawthorn whips

We will need to decide the best places to put them at a later date.

6. Webber's Meadow flooding

Rosemary provided an update on the flooding in Webber's Meadow.

The Parish Clerk will go back to the people who built the MUGA and ask them what can be done with the MUGA soil to alleviate the flooding, without accidentally flooding other areas such as the Orchard.

Also there are big blocks of concrete in the MUGA soil which need to be removed before they damage the mower. Ted and Rosemary will bring this up at the next Parish Council meeting.

7. Next Meeting

We'll have the next meeting on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm on in the Cannon Inn.