**Reedham Parish Tree Warden’s Report for 2021-22**

**Tree issues**

Two issues were identified to the tree warden during the reporting period.

This involved 2 mature beech trees at a property on Middle Hill in Reedham. The Tree Warden was contact following the felling of the first, smaller, tree, as there were concerns the second would also be felled. The remaining tree proved to be a large beech, in generally good condition, although with some rot in part of the crown following previous tree surgery. Broadland District Council’s Tree Officer was contacted for advice, and determined tat the tree met criteria for a Tree Preservation Order. This is now in place. BDC will work with the owners of the property to ensure that the tree is safe and mainlined in good condition.

One of the circular copses on the edge of Searchlight Field was thought by an adjacent property owner to be had become over-tall, blocking light to the property and with some branches considered to be unsafe. On inspection, the trees are all <40 years old, and in generally good condition, with non considered to be unsafe and none overhanging the property. Minor trimming was carried out.

**Tree Planting**

A number of fruit trees were ordered for the allotments from Broadland District Council. The Council continues to provide a small budget for this.

A walnut was planted in the east of the Searchlight Field in memory of those who lost their lives to the COVID pandemic. The event took place on Sunday 6th March, with members of the WI, village hall committee, and District Council representative present.

An oak and field maple were supplied for planting at Reedham Church in March 2022.

A standard oak was planted at Searchlight Field on Sunday 27th March in celebration of the Jubilee.

**District Tree Warden Network**

The Broadland Parish Tree Wardens Network now operates under the auspices of the national Tree Council, a registered charity. Around 40 Tree Wardens are coordinated through an Executive Committee made up of 7 individuals including myself. Our Network Coordinator, John Fleetwood, is also the lead representative for the East Anglia Region on the Tree Council’s new Tree Warden Advisory Group.

Funding for day to day running of the Broadland Network is supported by a small annual donation from town and parish councils.

**Requests for trees**

Requests for trees for delivery and planting in the autumn-winter of 2022-2023 should be made by email to the Parish Tree Warden jo.parmenter@tlp.uk.com by the end of September 2022. We are sorry, but due to a change in the Broadland DC funding, it is no longer possible to provide fruit bushes or canes. Native trees, cultivated fruit trees and hedging whips are still available.

Dr Jo Parmenter

28th March, 2022