

# Oliver's Battery Parish Council

## All-inclusive Rec Project - Progress up-date

### Report for meeting July 2023.

Another quiet month for the Project.

Grant application for Lottery Funding sent off by Cllr Blundell.

Meeting with Cllrs Kirkby, Blundell and Clare Shorter (Countryside Group)

Cllr Kirkby passed across list of proposed hedge and specimen tree species, together with plan of notional planting and hedge infilling positions. He confirmed that, while we are looking to employ professionals for the preparation and planting, volunteer help would be essential once the planting had been completed, with watering and general maintenance. There was also still discussion to be had on the issue of sponsoring individual trees.

Given the lush nature of the summer growth along the boundary, and inspection will be held in the coming weeks to assess the nature of the final planting scheme - full hedge along boundary, or in-fill of major gaps.

It will also be necessary to secure booking with the professional tree surgeons, to complete the project in the autumn and also to finalise choice of species of proposed trees and hedge plants.

#### **See below the types of plants proposed for the hedge for planting in Autumn 2023:**

Crataegus monogyna 60-90cm 2yr (Hawthorn)  
Corylus avellana 60-90cm 2yr (Hazel)  
Carpinus betulus 60-90cm 2yr (Hornbeam)  
Ilex aquifolium 30-50cm pot (Holly)  
Cornus sanguinea 60-90cm 2yr (Dogwood)  
Rosa canina 60-90cm 2yr (Dog rose)

#### **Please see below the individual trees proposed for planting in Autumn 2023:**

Acer campestre 200-250cm (Field Maple)  
Crataegus monogyna 200-250cm (Hawthorn)  
Sorbus aria 200-250cm (Whitebeam)  
Tilia cordata 200-250cm (Lime)  
Quercus robur 200 - 250cm (Oak) PZc20  
Fagus purpurea 200-250cm (Purple Beech)  
Castanea sativa 200-250cm (Sweet Chestnut) PZb2

The Countryside group will be getting back to the Rec Project Group with suggestions and advice.

C M Leach July 2023