

WHPC Meeting 6th February 2024 Agenda Item 24/060 Another Landmark Tree for West Hill?

For Consideration: To consider the Devon Wildlife's offer of a Landmark Tree.

Background

Devon Wildlife is offering a of a Landmark Tree to every parish in Devon. This is a tree to be planted in a community space that can act as a focal point and be enjoyed by everyone.

Over the 5 years of the Saving Devon's Treescapes project (which started in 2020), Devon Wildlife plan to plant and nurture 250,000 trees outside of woodlands to help combat the devastating affect Ash Dieback is having on the landscape with a significant proportion of ash trees due to die in the coming years.

In 2020 WHPC accepted a similar offer and planted a <u>Landmark Tree</u> at Courtfield Close to replace the 1950's Coronation Tree which had died. Courtfield Close is also the location of another tree planted by WHPC to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Both trees are oak trees.

Thanks to the kind attention of residents of Courtfield Close both trees are now established and growing well.

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Such offers present a challenge as WHPC's doesn't own any land. EDDC have previously kindly granted permission for the trees to be planted on their land at Courtfield Close.

The Offer

Devon Wildlife have 50 trees available now, and these are being offered to East Devon, Torridge and North Devon recipients to be planted in a community space that can act as a focal point and be enjoyed by everyone. For example, some of the parishes that received trees in previous years linked the planting to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Queen's Green Canopy, or King Charles III's coronation. Local Councils are encouraged mark a national event or commemorate a local event or person.

The young trees are 1.2m - 2m tall. Half of the trees are potted and half bare-root and all need to be planted before the end of March (asap for the bare-rooted ones). The trees can be collected from the tree nursery at Meeth Quarry nature reserve, near Hatherleigh, by prior arrangement or they can be delivered. The tree will be supplied with a tree planting guide, stakes, tree ties and protection

The trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If demand exceeds supply this season there will be opportunities in the next couple of years.

The species available are:- (see appendix 1 for details)

Silver birch (Betula pendula/pubescens),

Hornbean (Carpinus betulus),



Rowan (Sorbus acuparia), Small leaf lime (Tilia cordata),

Black Poplar (Poplus nigra),

Alder buckthorn (Frangula alnus)

In addition, Devon Wildlife offer up to 20 orchard trees to plant in any space which Town/Parish Councils have permission for, and that can be enjoyed by the wider community. Stakes, rubber ties and protective spirals are also provided.

For Decision

a. Does West Hill Parish Council wish to accept Devon Wildlife's offer of a Landmark Tree?

If yes,

- b. To propose a location for the tree to be planted and to seek the landowner's permission.
- c. To nominate the Council's preferred species.

Anne Oliver, Parish Clerk

30th January 2024



Size

- 1 Ultimate height Higher than 12 metres
- C Time to ultimate height 20-50 years

← Ultimate spread 4-8 metres

Colour & scent

	Stem	Flower	Foliage	Fruit
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Rowan

(Sorbus aucuparia)

Growing conditions



Sand

Moisture Well-drained **pH** Acid, Neutral

Position

🔅 Full sun 🛛 🐔 Partial shade

Aspect

South-facing or North-facing or West-facing or East-facing

Exposure Exposed or Sheltered Hardiness 🚯

Summer

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Alder Buckthorn

(Frangula alnus)

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Source: RHS website



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(Prunus avium)

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Source: RHS website

Autumn

Winter

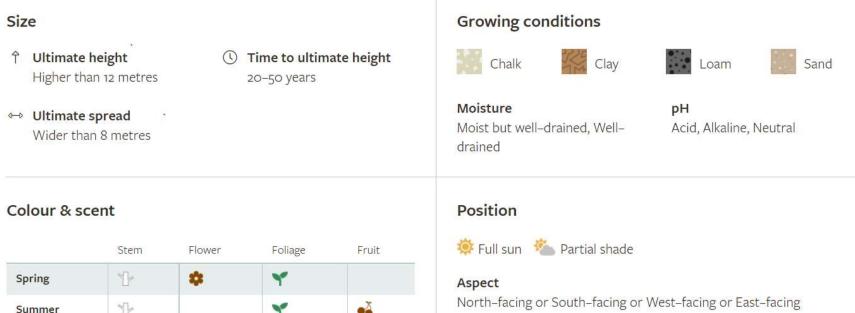


Silver birch

(Betula pendula)

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(Tilia cordata)

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