

South Norfolk Warden Tree Warden Network
Meeting 09/09/2023 Forncett St Mary Village Hall

Attending:

Sarah Barney Colney

Robert Hosea Forncett

Anne Edwards Hethersett

Richard Beese Volunteer Tree Warden

Ross Jolliffe Saxlingham

Roma Beardsell Brooke

Christine Jones Brooke

Sarah Long Shotesham

Sally-Ann Meadows Bramerton

Joe Darrell Tacolneston

Apologies: Henry Dowman, Freddie Daryl, Jeanie Harris.

Welcome: Sarah Barney opened the meeting

Accounts:

Joe D: Bussey's promised £5,000. Remittance 8 th September payment of £5,000. Waiting to clear. £1,306.22. Taking total to: ?

Hire of Forncett Hall £25.00

Richard Beese: What are our operating costs? Offered to approach businesses with a presentation for donations.

Joe Darrell: Funding is fine for this year.

Anne Edwards: Does that include grant for tree nursery?

Joe: Yes.

Anne: Will need to reclaim £300.

Joe D: Last year expenditure was £?

Sarah B: ? Carbon offset from John Innes still under consideration.

Speaker: Ross Jolliffe-Saxlingham Nethergate: Tree Mapping

PowerPoint presentation also to be circulated.

Does Mapping Help?

Process shown in PowerPoint but in brief:

Save in CSV format

Google My Maps

Create new map

Import-choose file- CSV file on computer

Shorten doc link [bit.ly/sax trees](https://bit.ly/saxtrees)

Editing: Saved-maps-open my maps

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Many trees are tied to parish boundaries-trees are used as markers.

Key to tree icons:

Blue icons=historically interesting

Orange=interesting or large

System also provides durable labelling for Community Orchard's

This provides a great opportunity for kids and young people to get involved as linking using phone apps and nature.

Ross also provided a list of Pros and Cons regarding the mapping project. These are included in his presentation PowerPoint.

Pro's include tree maps create an opportunity for parishioners and visitors to do tree walks.

Sarah Long: Asked how this could be used to work more closely with farmers.

Joe D: Defra consultation re hedges-no mention of 'farmers'

Discussion about farming practices and trees. Historic links to land is important. Drive to

efficiency on farms has had negative effects on trees.

Carbon offset value of large trees v. whips

Tree mapping walks for younger people

Sarah Barney: Flora Group- do plants surveys. Could we link with them? Could we do trees with flowers?

Roma Beardsell: Does this link with Memory Map's?

Ross Jolliffe: Asked if we should create a South Norfolk map?

Ross can send people a template data form. The information from completed forms could then be uploaded.

Roma B: Important as this would provide pride for landowners. Peer pressure.

? links to children orienteering- ? geo caching.

Joe D: how does it work with denser woodland? Could it cope with trees growing down to 3 metres apart?

Ross: Yes. You can blow it up.

Cathy Terry: Asked about the criteria for defining villages. Norfolk County Council map?

Defra map??

Anne Edwards: <https://norfolkcc.maps.arcgis.com>

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Ross asked if he should carry on and expand via databases for each parish or do you want to have individual village maps?

Followed by a general discussion- agreed to try and create a South. Norfolk map

Richard B : ? Should he do more fundraising

He proposed an 8 page leaflet, aims and objectives, key activities. Different tree wardens to send in activities and pictures.

Businesses want to see that their money is used.

They want public thanks. Not just sticking it on our website

Acknowledgments on reverse.

Graphic designer who had offered to design and printer who has offered to print gratis.

Sally-Ann M: make a PDF and then printable but also printed copies.

Busseys should be 'Principle Sponsor'

Test: We also have funding from.....

Joe D: Proposed branding Busseys logo on to wooden markers where we are doing a project

Roma B: proposed using QR codes but concern as they only work on plastic/laminated.

Does anyone do QR codes in wood??

Sarah Long: Funding for our tree nursery [Colney Wood]- important that these are local trees.

Anne Need a seed gathering.

Roma uses pallets as part of deliveries and suggested that these make good raised beds.

Cathy Terry Wool tree guards- heavy but here is link. <https://www.green-tech.co.uk/tree-planting-products/tree-protection-and-shelters/nexgen-tree-protection-shelters>

We can purchase local orchard species.

Also adding fruit trees into hedgerows is beneficial.

It was noted that South Norfolk District Council do not provide support for their Tree Wardens whereas Broadland District Council do.

Christmas meeting: Sarah Barney to check dates for availability at John Innes and circulate.

Bramerton/Surlingham Tree Wardens proposed to co-host the spring meeting.

Joe Darrell date for orders? Delivery for end of November.

Ross has black poplar cuttings from Ben Potterton if anyone would like some. Please contact Ross.

Meeting ended 12.10.