



Woodland Report for Parish Council Meeting on November 21st, 2022

Action Update

1. Tree Work

We have now had permission from Newark and Sherwood District Council to do the tree work that is required. Full details of the work required can be found in the [tree report](#) which was issued in 2020. This work will be done on 28th November, 2022. I draw your attention to the following work:

- a. Trees 811, 812, 821, 857– will be soft felled as recommended in the ecologist's report
- b. Tree 823 - will be pollarded at 6m and then the tree specialist will neaten up side-stems off the main stool, remove smaller deadwood branches at the end of stems. (The standing dead wood will provide habitat for a variety of invertebrates).
- c. Tree 821 could possibly be used for woodcarving – I am meeting the wood carver on 17 November to see what is possible and what the costs will be. The Council will be asked to consider whether to proceed with wood carving during the meeting.
- d. The tree specialist and I have met to look at all the trees due to be felled and he has recommended reassessing tree 875 in 2 years so this tree will not be felled for now.
- e. 5 native trees (Oak , Yew, Lime) will be planted around positions of trees 811 and 812 (which will be felled). Our tree specialist has sent a proposal for this to the N&SDC tree officer and we are awaiting feedback
- f. Tree numbers 860 to 869 do not belong to Fernwood Parish Council so no work will be done on these trees. The hall owner has said he will organise any tree work required on these trees.
- g. Tree 853 will not be felled yet – we will be having another bat survey next Spring to see how to approach the felling of this tree.

2. Area behind Marron Court

I have consulted with residents who live on Marron Court/Close whose properties back on to the area that has been earmarked for clearing/enhancing. The following brief has been given to the consultant that is going to design the area:

- a. Retain a strip ('Retained area') in front of the fences of the Marron Court border – approx. half of the area. – to be cut once a year and arisings removed (this strip will not be cut for now - the ecologist has said: 'The best time to cut this area would be late winter, as the seeds on the plants are a good winter food resource for birds and small mammals so its best to leave them until late February')
- b. Residents have mentioned that the weeds do come into their gardens from this area, so I suggest a small strip is cut just behind their fences - another concern of theirs is anti-social behaviour and people having access to back their properties, so this is fine balance.
- c. In front of the retained area (Up to the pathway):
 - 2 Acer Campestre 12-14cm girth
 - Rowans
 - Cherries
 - Buddleias
 - Hazel
 - Sloe
 - Wildflower meadow
- d. Have in mind the need to keep people away from the properties backing onto the area and minimisation of people accessing the whole area to leave it for nature.

Newark and Sherwood District Council are going to prepare this area detailed this month. This will mean plants will be cut back and the land scraped. I'm taking advice from the designer on what is required for this.

3. Lighting/upgrade

The 2 lamps that were not working were fixed/upgraded in September. The third lamp that belongs to Fernwood Parish Council in the woodland will be upgraded to LED.

4. Regarding a sign for the woods to indicate name/map of the area/what species to look out for, I have left this until we have a plan of what will be in the area behind Marron Court and the coat of arms has been finished.
5. The community bulb planting session on 15th October was well attended with many families and children helping to plant Anemones, Bluebells, Narcissus, and Snowdrops . There were bulbs left over after the session so the Caretaker/Groundsman to the Parish Council has planted them.

6. I have yet to arrange a date for a bat/bird box making community session, but this is on my list.
7. I have approached one company that may be able to repair the paths for us and intend to get further quotes so the council can consider this expenditure.

Decisions Required

The Council is asked to consider:

- a. Whether to have Tree 821 carved. (If this is possible, costs for this will be provided as soon as possible after 17 November)

**Marion Fox Goddard, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
November 14th, 2022**