

Summersdale Residents Association - Environment Report 29th June

Grass cutting

Both WSCC Highways and CDC Open Spaces have adopted a reduced cutting frequency for roadside verges and open spaces.

However Hyde who are responsible for Winterbourne have increased their grounds maintenance. And it is noticeable that many residents continue to cut and keep grass verges tidy outside their properties.

Roadside trees

On the 17th May an audit of trees was made in the neighbourhood by Chair/Vice Chair/ Laura Eccott Summersdale Tree Warden and myself.

A note was made of recently planted roadside trees and gaps where trees could be planted in the future. (See maps Jill Shaw)

Laura Eccott and Sara produced a guide to watering trees which asked residents to be active in watering trees close to where they lived. This leaflet has been posted to our website and on notice boards.

To date we have had positive responses from six residents living in Summersdale Rd, Highland Rd, Maplehurst Rd, The Avenue and Roman Fields

Planning Application 22/01109/TPA - Fell 7 Maple Trees - was considered as Chair had received a letter from a resident - considering the location of this clump of trees no comment would be made by the SRA.

The dry weather has continued and trees will be stressed which will cause further losses.

NB Prunus 45 Highland Road leaves lost - looking very sickly

Rowan Summersdale Road - struggling

Many of the whips planted in the four green areas under the Tree Planting Initiative by CDC in Summersdale, have died or are struggling, with the exception of Ferndale/ Maplehurst where Mike Steel's noble efforts with bucket and can has ensured a better result.

[The World is facing a climate emergency, planting and safeguarding trees is one of the ways communities and individuals can help preserve a future for our children.]

Chichester Tree Wardens

Chichester Tree Wardens continue to be active:

ChiTrees 18th June conference and practical session attracted 40 Chichester Residents

Local initiatives eg Brandy Hole Lane - Chestnut Gall Wasp survey this is a notifiable pest.

Matters in hand

Plaque ordered for the Golden Jubilee Tree in Highland Rd.(Ray Carter)

Response to complaint from resident of Ferndale Rd reference tree planting on Ferndale/ Maplehurst Open Space (Jill Shaw)

Tree watering, further action following up SRA leaflet

Decision on sites for further roadside tree planting for 2023 Season.

Food for thought

Householders hedges, bushes, trees obstructing public pathways.? Cause for concern? Action ?

Ray Carter
SRA Environmental Report for July Committee Meeting