

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL article about tree replacement in *BURLEY VILLAGE MAGAZINE* of December 2018:

TREE PLANTING IN POUND LANE The first week of December should at last see the planting of 6 new replacement trees to help prevent Pound Lane from losing its traditional character of a well-wooded avenue into the village.

This will then mark the culmination of eighteen months of discussions with the authorities in response to the concern expressed by villagers about the extensive felling & lopping of mature trees that has been undertaken by the Forestry Commission (most notably in Beechwood Lane, Bisterne Close and Pound Lane). Those works proved to be unavoidable but led to considerable efforts in getting permission for planting to replace lost trees against the Natural England standard policy of requiring such replacement to be left to “Natural Regeneration” outside the FC’s Inclosures.

The background to this current exercise of planting 5 new oak & 1 beech saplings was given in a piece we provided at some length under the heading of ‘TREE WORKS AROUND BURLEY’ back in last February’s edition of the *Burley Village Magazine*. You can see that article again now on the Parish Council’s main Notice Board in the village centre (and on our website) along with a map identifying the approximate positions of the new trees in relation to the stump remains of old trees and the nearby residences.

Back in May of this year, we consulted (as far as we were able) with those neighbours who will be near to the new trees. We are gratified to receive their enthusiastic support for this work.

The overall exercise has been made possible by the kind grants received from our local District Councillors and donation of the actual saplings by the Forestry Commission – the balance is being met from reserve funds put aside by BPC for such purposes some while back.

Clearly, just 6 trees will not be sufficient to meet all the long term arboricultural needs in Pound Lane - and elsewhere along the ‘forest wastes’ of the village - but we now need to watch the survival rates of these first new saplings (within appropriately-designed, animal-resistant timber enclosures) and assess what can be done elsewhere within the limiting parameters of the utility companies’ equipment, household entrance ways and future tree & hedge growth expectations.

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