

Abbey Road Residents Hand delivered

Dated 8th February 2022

Dear Resident

I am sending this letter to you on behalf of the Steypning Parish Council Community Committee to inform you of our latest news regarding the Abbey Road Village Green.

As part of the Parish Council's Management Plan for the Abbey Road Open Space, our team of volunteers have recently been cutting back bushes and trees to widen access paths; they have deepened the pond, have overseen works to the stream: have planted six Silver Birch trees and have been generally tidying and maintaining this greening project of which we are very proud.



With the assistance of the Steypning Community Orchard Group the next part of the plan is to plant the first of the Orchard Trees on the southwestern end of the site, with this work due to start on the 26th of February. The Exact location is noted over page for your information.

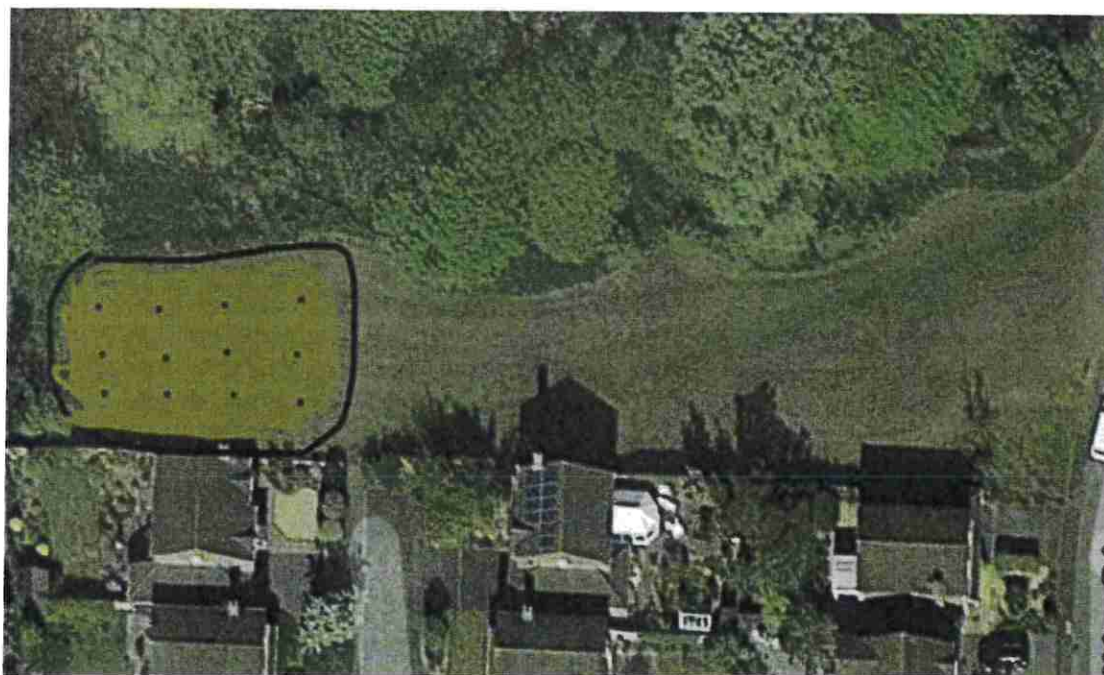
Description of Site / Proposal

- The Orchard will be at the far end of the narrow section of the Abbey Road area, beyond the access to Church Mead. The Orchard itself would measure when fully populated approx. 10m x 14m and would hold 12 trees with a 4-meter spacing. They are to be semi-dwarfing apple trees on MM106 rootstocks.
- We would expect to be planting 3 trees a year for the next 4 years and would invite local residents to sponsor a tree, if they so wish.
- No protective wire fencing is proposed for the base of the trees, with volunteers continuing to regularly monitor and maintain them instead.
- By 2030 these 12 trees would all be semi-mature, providing insects and bees with pollen and nectar for several months. It will also enhance the biodiversity and improve the wildlife corridor that is linking the open countryside beyond the by-pass with the Abbey Road Village Green, Gatewick Park, the Churchyard and Fletchers Croft.

SITE LOCATION



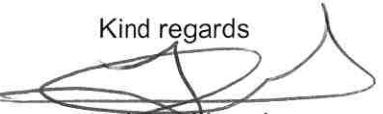
Site Plan



If you have any queries, then please email or call the Steyning Parish Office team. If you are interested in joining our group of volunteers, then again please contact us via the addresses noted.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support

Kind regards


John Fullbrook
Steyning Parish Council Clerk



Parish Clerk: John Fullbrook
Deputy Clerk: Hazel Roxby

Email: clerk@steyningpc.gov.uk
Email: hazel.roxby@steyningpc.gov.uk