



## Trees for Henfield

Here in Henfield village and parish we are lucky to have a thriving tree population, an essential part of the rural nature of our village. As we know, trees play a crucial role in keeping our environment balanced – producing oxygen, reducing flooding, providing habitats and food for our abundant wildlife, and they have hugely positive impact upon our wellbeing in general.

Inspiring tree planting projects have been taking place over recent years: Conservation group volunteers have planted fruit trees on Borrer Bank, Henfield Parish Council have supported the creation of a whole new community orchard at the 'Sandpit Field' north of Henfield Common where various fruit trees were planted this February. Our long-serving tree Wardens deserve thanks and recognition for this work.

The Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee project ( <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>) saw hundreds of free small tree 'whips' donated to the Parish Council and planted in various suitable areas, as well as a larger Rowan tree planted behind the library, and a new tree to be planted in St Peter's school grounds.

Many individuals are also quietly planting trees on their own land, all contributing towards strengthening and maintaining our green and diverse habitats and enhancing the rural nature of this parish.

All of the above contributes greatly to counterbalancing the tree losses that have occurred in recent years due to Ash Dieback disease, damage done by storms, and trees reaching the end of their lives, or being felled.

This year, Henfield Tree Wardens (with a couple of new additions) are coming together to fundraise in order to plant a new generation of 'street' trees in Henfield. This will mean planting on grass verges within the built -up areas of the village where suitable.

We wish to involve residents, businesses and the community in continuing the legacy of keeping Henfield's verges and residential areas green, as we continue the work of past generations who planted the trees we enjoy now.

Tree Wardens will be working to collaborate with residents on where they would be happy to see new trees, via village magazines, leaflets and being available as points of contact.

Each tree location will be checked for suitability by West Sussex County Council, and the tree sourced and planted on behalf of WSCC at a cost of £209.80 per tree under its 'Donate a Tree' Scheme.

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/donate-a-tree-scheme/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/donate-a-tree-scheme/)

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/donate-a-tree-scheme-takes-root-with-start-of-planting-season/>

If you would like to support this project, we would be very grateful for your donations **of whatever you can afford** to go towards a 'Trees for Henfield' fund, either by cash/cheque to Henfield Parish council or online:

<https://gofund.me/c203fae5>

The deadline for donations is mid- July, so there is sufficient time for approval of sites and ordering of trees by the end of July.

Please let us know where you would like to see more trees, and your suggestions for the project.

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