

## **CORONATION OAKS – Planting Scheme for Coveney, Way Head and Wardy Hill**

### **The Scheme**

Funded by the Coronation Living Heritage Fund, the Coronation Oaks scheme is one of ECDC's flagship environmental projects for 2023/24 whereby the District Council has allocated 75 oaks to commemorate both the coronation of King Charles and his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023. It has proved very popular and the Parish Council is very fortunate to have secured 10 of the 75 trees – no other applicant was so successful. The Coronation Oak scheme is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create something that will be a pride and joy to the community for generations to come.

### **Why Plant Oak Trees?**

There has been a 13% decline in the average abundance of wildlife in the UK since the 1970s and the State of Nature report 2023 found that 1 in 6 species in the UK is now threatened with extinction. Under the Environment Act 2021 all councils have a responsibility to conserve and enhance bio-diversity. Oak trees support a massive 2300 species including 555 species that depend entirely on oak.

And of course oak trees have always had a special place in the literature, folk lore, arts and history of the United Kingdom. Our ancestors held courts and meetings, got married under them, and built their homes and furniture and navy with them. In fact, the UK has more ancient oaks than the whole of Europe combined and many have become the stuff of legend. Today the Major Oak still stands in Sherwood where Robin Hood is reputed to have sheltered beneath its boughs. The trees we plant in the next few weeks may still be standing in 1,000 years.

For details of the proposed planting scheme, please see below.

### **Comments**

If you have any comments on the scheme please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk) by Sunday 19th May.

## Proposed Planting Scheme

**Note:** There is no No. 1, numbering is from 2 to 8.

| Wardy Hill – see map below (note there is no No. 1) |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| No.                                                 | Location                       | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2                                                   | The Green, more or less centre | Space for 1. This would not interfere with use of the play apparatus. This is the only site in Wardy Hill that has been identified as suitable under the requirements of the scheme. |



| Way Head - see map below |                                               |                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| No.                      | Location                                      | Remarks                                                    |
| 3,4                      | Land beside Old Lynn Drove                    | Space for 2                                                |
| 5                        | Junction of Way Head Drove and Straight Drove | Space for 1 possibly 2 plus some small understorey shrubs. |



| Coveney – see map below |                                                                                                                   |                                              |
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| No.                     | Location                                                                                                          | Remarks                                      |
| 6                       | Long Causeway - verge on west side just before field entrance on right before Wilbey Hill Farm (travelling south) | Space for 2 or 3 oak trees plus understorey. |
| 7                       | Grudge's Bank, end of byway beside Short Causeway                                                                 | Space for 1 oak tree                         |
| 8                       | Grudge's Bank, end of byway beside Long Causeway                                                                  | Space for 2 or 3 beside byway                |

