

New Trees for Shamley Green

You may have seen a flurry of activity on the Common near Hullmead and Lords Hill on Tuesday 18th January. This was the fruition of a year of planning and consultation for the Shamley Green Environment Group (SGEG) in partnership with Wonersh Parish Council.

Last summer SGEG organised a visit by Professor Hitchmough, (ecologist and landscape designer who worked on designs for the London Olympic Park). He advised us on our wildflower planting, which we undertook during the summer. He thought the village had a good supply of larger trees such as oak and chestnut but not smaller trees like crab apple and hawthorn which benefit birds and insects. Once plans were formulated a public consultation was undertaken in the summer and the sites at Hullmead common and Lords Hill were agreed with Waverley and the Parish Council.

As this is the Queen's Jubilee year and she has requested the planting of trees as part of the celebrations, SGEG decided it was appropriate to do this project as part of the Queen's Canopy Jubilee project. We are also thrilled to know that Wonersh & Shamley Green School and Longacre School are also taking part in this project too. Hopefully seeing these beautiful new trees growing in the village will encourage us all to plant trees in own gardens, particularly this year. The official planting season for the Project is October to March. If you don't manage to plant this Spring all is not lost because the tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year. Or you could plant a container grown tree at any time of year, but in the summer months newly planted trees may need a bit more looking after.

A huge thank you to local resident (and SGEG member), Claire Merriman, who is also a landscape designer - www.clairemerrimandesign.co.uk. She has led on the project and sourced the trees via her company. Her advice and expertise has been invaluable in bringing this project to together.

If you feel you have an area near you that could do with some trees or lend itself to some wildflower planting then do get in touch with SGEG via our new website www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk

