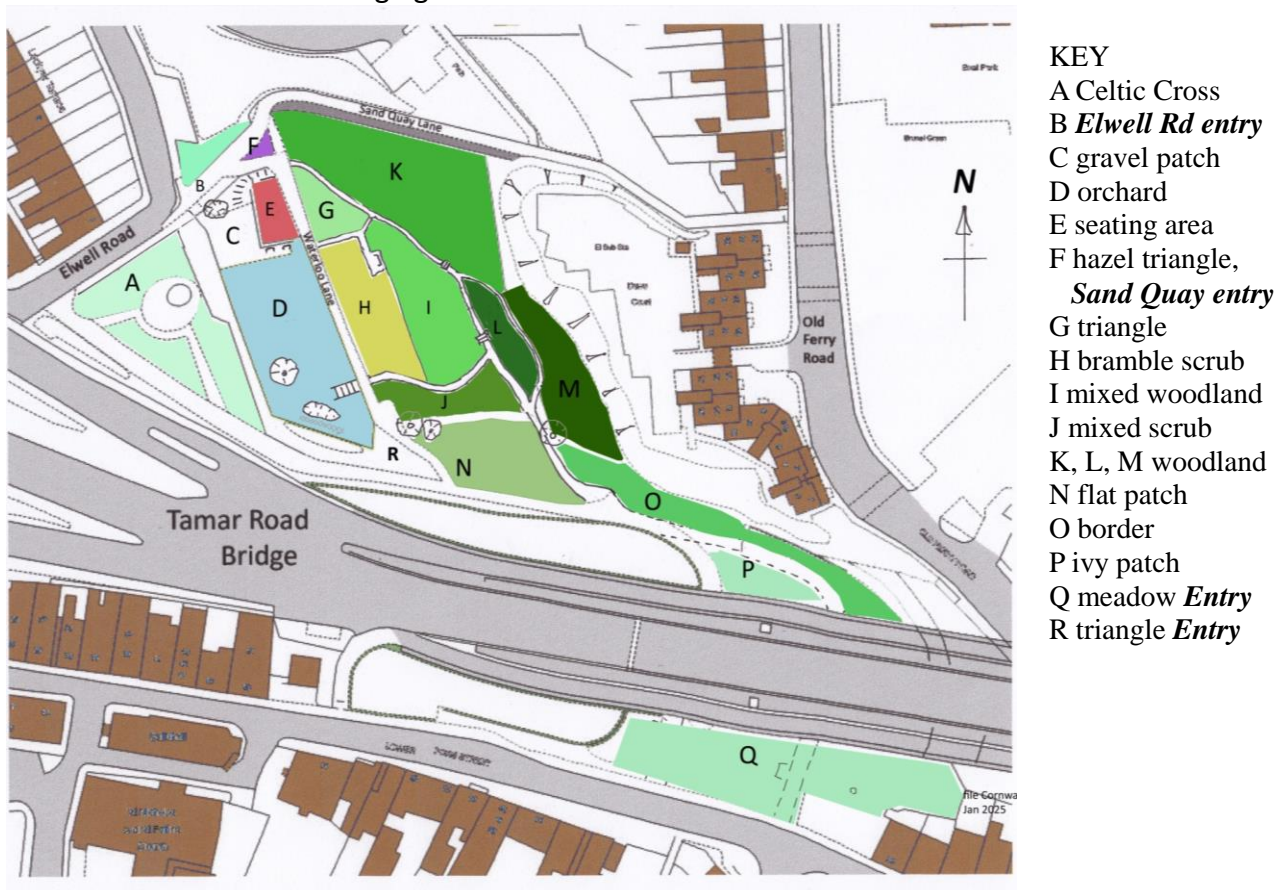


**SEA Report to STC
Services Committee
February 2025**

Elwell Woods

We have shared a first draft of the **Management Plan** with the Services Manager, and will also consult residents before bringing it to the Services committee.



1. We are battling with the heliotrope in the orchard D, by regular scything/pulling. We are considering digging and handweeding a trial **patch** of 2m x 3m to how effective that is compared with the current pulling method. If we can remove the great majority of tubers, we would seed with meadow grass and wildflowers. We seek Services committee approval.

2. Volunteers have cleared the walls alongside Waterloo Lane, and now seek permission to plant a **native hedge** behind the wall on the Tamar side, as suggested by our visiting ecologist. It will massively increase the range of habitat in that area H which is currently almost entirely bramble scrub. Woodland Trust would provide us with hedging at no charge. We plan to limit hedge height to about 5 feet, and to keep it free from brambles. We seek Services committee approval for planting.

Tree Saltash

We plan to plant 3 silver birches in the verge beside Tobruk Road, and have permission from Cornwall. We would like the Committee to fund six (1.8m) '**cundy stakes**' to support protective caging. Cost about £55 at Bond Timber.

The season approaches for routine maintenance of the trees planted in previous years, and we would like the Committee to fund 3 100Li **bags of bark** for mulching. (We reason that seasoned and composted commercial bark probably carries less disease risk to these young trees than fresh chippings from local trees.)

Adrian White

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