

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

Elwell Woods

We are disappointed at the poor response to repeated cutting of the invasive heliotrope which is invading the orchard and suppressing the native wildflowers. At this time of year, it is just about to regrow very actively. We shall persist with physical methods, and try additional smothering. Would it be acceptable to the public for us to smother large areas of the orchard with the black plastic as used on Celtic Cross last year.

If the Council has different view on how to deal with the heliotrope, we would like to hear it.

One apple tree in the orchard is apparently died suddenly, which we thought was due to drought. Looking at my records, I find another apple tree about 4m away died suddenly in May 2018, in a similar fashion. I would like your permission to send some small portions of root to RHS for analysis in case we have some disease in the orchard.

Tree Saltash

We are extremely grateful to the Services Delivery for watering a specific list of trees during the hot summer. Without water, some of the trees undoubtedly would have died, and because of Services Delivery's attention, they are all now thriving. Thank you.

The tree planting season approaches, so if any Councillors have areas of land in their ward suitable for planting trees, they are welcome to contact us (treesaltash@gmail.com). We naturally seek permission of the landowner: if this is Cornwall, then we work through Forest for Cornwall. We sign up with Cormac annually for public liability insurance when working on Cornwall land.

One of the birches planted beside the Celtic Cross died (it was ring-barked by voles or similar). We would like to replace it this Autumn. We are still planning to plant other trees this November/March, a total of about 8 trees. We intend to recycle posts and cages as much as possible, but will need to replace some. We estimate that our maximum costs for trees and accessories will be as follows:

Cost of trees, up to maximum	£400.00
Tudor environmental weldmesh roll 25m x 1.2m	£122.92
Bond Timber stakes 8 @ £13.50	£108.00
British Hardwood crossbars 8 @ 2.33	£18.64
British Hardwood PVC belting roll 38mm 1 roll	£37.57
Bags of bark, 6 at £8.00	£48.00
Total of estimate	£735.13

We would appreciate your approval of these costs.

Adrian White

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End of report.