

## Tree Saltash Report: Phase 1 2022/3

The idea behind Tree Saltash is to beautify the town. Although Saltash is surrounded by good woodlands and parks, some of the built-up housing areas and streets do look bare for lack of trees. Trees enhance the appearance of the place, and they filter air pollution and provide shelter from wind and sun, all the time also sequestering greenhouse gases. Where possible, we have planted unusual trees, as we think that Saltash residents deserve something a little different!

Tree Saltash is an initiative of the voluntary Saltash Tree Wardens and was supported by Saltash Town Council and Forest for Cornwall's 'Forest for My Place' initiative.

The inaugural planting event took place in National Tree Week, on Town Council land at the Library, on the initiative of the Library Manager, where a decorative crab apple was planted by the Mayor (30 Nov) with the assistance of the children of Brunel School.



For the main planting event on 6<sup>th</sup> December, volunteers planted 10 trees on various sites around Brooking Way, Buller Park, Carew Gardens and Oaklands Close. Then, patches of hedging were planted in Porter Way, and in Warraton Road either side of the entrance to Warraton Close.



On 10<sup>th</sup> December (in falling snow!) the Venture Scouts planted an avenue of five liquidambar trees in the playing field alongside Yellowtor Lane.



The Tree Saltash team also helped other planting events including the Royal British Legion's oak on Jubilee Green; and planting of trees and shrubs at the Roman Catholic Church Our Lady of the Angels.

From February 2023 onwards, more limited planting events were held as follows: Frobisher Drive, where another liquidambar replaced fallen trees, and hedging was planted to hide plain garage walls; at the top of Coombe Woods between Prowse rise and Spencer Gardens, where 3 birches and a scattering of smaller saplings; a circle of hawthorn saplings (funded by Saltash Bakery charity box) was set at the football field in Broad Walk, hoping to act as nursery protection for a standard tree to be planted in Autumn 2023; a third maple was added to Oaklands Green in response to a specific request by a resident; the hedgerow at Porter Way was extended; and right at the close of the planting season on 30<sup>th</sup> March the last remaining hawthorns were used to thicken up a hedge in Latchbrook Valley.

The Wardens have in mind some sites for the next planting season (November to March) and would welcome more suggestions.

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