

## **SEA report to Services Committee April 2023**

### **'Tree Saltash' Aftercare**

The Tree Saltash team are committed to aftercare for the trees that were planted; the one thing we can't manage ourselves is delivering water to trees during periods without rain. We have the Wardens and volunteers who can do the actual watering, but water is heavy and we need to get it onto the various sites. We would appreciate the help of Service Delivery with their bowser, once weekly during dry periods.

The needy trees are situated around the Brooking Way, Porter Way, Oaklands Close area; Warraton Close; Yellowtor Lane; Broad Walk; and finally Prowse Rise and Frobisher Drive (but local help may be adequate in these two sites).

Dry periods are occasionally in Spring (extra water requirements during leaf burst), occasionally in June and September, and most commonly in July and August.

During any dry period, each tree will need to be given 1-2 gallons of water every week. We would anticipate liaising with Services for a particular morning of the week when we can have volunteers ready with watering cans, to meet the bowser on the various sites. This would be set up 'on demand' depending on the rainfall, by arrangement between Wardens and the Services Manager.

It is difficult to estimate the need: we guess we will need between zero and 8 trips by the bowser each year, taking perhaps 2 hours.

We would be pleased to discuss this application with Services and with the Town Council

**Adrian White on behalf of SEA and Tree Wardens**