

# Table Top Tree Replacement

A collaboration between 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame and Thame Town Council



Sponsored by Josey and her husband and Lucy Electric

## Before the last tree fell down



## Trees there now



After delivering leaflets to 70 households around Table Top we had responses shown on next page. We then met with John Morris (acknowledged local Tree expert) who has suggested the proposed planting below.

## PROPOSED PLANTING



The proposed planting would be 9 to 12 specimen trees in a line between the two large Sycamore trees avoiding the service covers by 5 meters and planted on the flat area at the top of the slope.

The varieties could be 3 silver birch (*Betula pendula*), 3 wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) and 3 hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*).

We could add 1 English oak (*Quercus robur*) as a long term tree towards the middle of the row of trees.

John suggests planting 1.5 metre feathered whips or light standards in December so they can develop good roots over the winter. Ideally they should have a bark mulch around the base to suppress the grass and keep mowers away. Using two short stakes and ties would give more protection from the mowers.

If you would like to discuss this at any time please email [trees@21stcenturythame.co.uk](mailto:trees@21stcenturythame.co.uk) and we will be in touch.



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We delivered leaflets to 70 households around Table Top

Resident respondents: 7 (and spoke to 2 others whilst delivering letters)

Watering volunteers: 5

Feedback:

- All respondents wanted to see additional trees, particularly woodland
- All respondents wanted to ensure plenty of open space remained
- 3 respondents said no to any hedges (because they may obscure the view of their children playing)
- 4 respondents said 'yes' to fruit trees and 1 said 'no'. There are concerns about rotting fruit on the ground (shared by 2 respondents)
- 1 respondent (Eddy) is a landscape gardener, so I asked if he would be willing to get involved and share his professional views, to which he agreed
- Eddy also asked if we could grind out the remaining stump, but I explained this wasn't what our funding was for and that he would need to take it up with the Council

General consensus, based on feedback received, is that the residents would like to see a few more trees, but to ensure that plenty of open space is maintained for kids to play on. Mixed feelings about fruit trees, but all were happy with woodland tree(s). Several volunteers for watering, but one resident pointed out that if planted in Oct/Nov, there would be little need for additional watering.