

Green Spaces November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

At the beginning of the year the JPC commissioned a survey to identify any vulnerable trees on Parish Land, particularly the River lands, Jubilee Play area and Littleworth. The report identified work that had to be undertaken immediately, within 6/12 months and 2 years. The first phase has been completed

Since then there has been some emergency work but now it's time to start the next stage on the survey. There are 6 trees identified.

Two of these trees are actually on Highways land and we are waiting to hear if and when they will be dealt with by WCC.

Two need planning permission being in the Conservation Area and two are in the Jubilee Field so do not.

I propose we ask Mousley's to obtain the planning permissions and proceed with the work that the JPC are responsible for. There are a couple of other trees that have been identified as needing attention and I will obtain quotes for the work to those and will come back to the JPC.

The Queen's Green Canopy

For the Jubilee I propose the planting of 70 assorted English trees. Trees were often planted to denote boundaries and I would like to suggest the JPC plants English trees on the Parish boundaries of Beaudesert and Henley. Although Henley has quite a small boundary Beaudesert is large and much of it is farm land. This would entail negotiations with all the land owners but I feel would be a lasting and ecological memorial of the Queen's 70 years. There is an area in Jubilee that could take some new planting.

We have to register if we wish to be part of the Queen's Green Canopy and I recommend that we do this.

Littleworth Field

A first hand cut by scythe was completed at the beginning of October and a second is proposed on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. The idea is to weaken the vigorous grass to allow other seeds to germinate and flourish.

Anyone who is interested please come along. Give Scything a go!

Community Engagement Scheme

WCC have a scheme to work with the community via the JPC to change the mowing regimes of the grass verges to encourage existing flora and fauna to flourish or to plant wild flower areas.

I would like to suggest we start the process of applying for this scheme. It will involve members of the community. I know that schemes like this have been applauded on Henley Matters.

## Japanese Knot Weed

The most aggressive and invasive weed in this country growing up to 10 centimetres a day.

The JPC is responsible for the Riverbanks and as Japanese Knotweed has been identified we are investigating the best possible way of eradication which is a lengthy and possibly expensive process.