

Agenda item 10

For Information: Update on FTC's tree planting project

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Summary

This report outlines the next steps for a tree planting project to the north-east of the town, focused on Stonebridge Terrace & Brunel Way.

The Town Council is committed to looking after the trees in the town's parks and green spaces and to succession planting and introducing new trees. This is to ensure that Frome has a variety of trees for future generations to enjoy and for all the known and stated benefits that trees bring to a town, including air quality, natural flood management, canopy cover, shade and amenity.

This means that there are a number of new trees set for the Old Showfield this spring and the project to improve Foundry Barton is also set to include new trees later in the year.

In addition to this, FTC is set to follow-up initial approaches to Mendip District Council, Somerset County Council and home owners about tree planting elsewhere in the town.

This year, the tree planting project will focus on Stonebridge Drive & Brunel Way, and will also include Birch Walk, Holly Court & Priddy Close.

We will be offering MDC, SCC and private owners the chance to plant one of the following trees:

Smaller trees on offer:	Larger trees on offer:
Amelanchier arborea Robin Hill	Tilia platyphyllos Rubra
Malus Rudolph	Acer campestre Elsrijk
Betula pendula Obelisk	Betula pendula

Next steps

- We will formally approach MDC with a planting scheme, identifying locations and species along the grass verges bounding Stonebridge Drive and Brunel Way
- We will contact property owners with street-facing gardens in the above streets over the summer period
- Preparing simple, straightforward agreements for interested parties to cover the future care of the planted trees
- Preparing promotional materials and organising delivery and planting days for the trees, likely in the autumn