



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Hall Farm Road Jubilee Green

Sign

Wording has been drafted for the Jubilee Green sign:

The Jubilee Green – Hall Farm Road

History

This dedicated play space was created in 1974 after land was transferred from Ida Nancy Churchman, Cyprian John Bridge and Violet Churchman to what was then the Deben Rural District Council. It was later transferred from East Suffolk District Council to Melton Parish Council in April 2021.

After extensive consultation with residents, Melton Parish Council installed a new football goal, basketball hoop, bench and carried out works to the woodland wetland area and together with Transition Woodbridge planted saplings, fruit trees and wildflowers in 2022. It was renamed The Jubilee Green in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Melton Parish Council hopes you enjoy this area and if you have any further suggestions for enhancements to the Jubilee Green, please contact the office.

Flora and Fauna

*The Jubilee Green is an important habitat for *Lucanus cervus* – Stag beetle, *Erinaceus europaeus* - Hedgehog and *Apus apus* – Swift.*

The scrub in the wetland area provides good nesting, roosting and feeding habitat for birds such as wrens, dunnock and members of the tit family. Alder and willow catkins are an important early source of pollen and nectar supply for bees and the small seeds found in alder cones are food for birds such as goldfinches. There are many invertebrates associated with alder and willows, which in turn provide food for birdlife, especially during the breeding season.

To keep this area at its best and for the enjoyment of everyone please:

Put litter and dog waste in the bins provided

Don't vandalise or damage the equipment

Keep out of the wet woodland area – this is an important wildlife habitat that needs to be protected

Help water the trees in times of drought/extreme dry weather

Help yourself to the fruit from the fruit trees by the bench

Do not practice dangerous sports or golf in this area

Respect the residents living nearby

Do not light fires or have BBQs

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Fruit Tree Proposal

Transition Woodbridge have put together a proposal of further planting of fruit trees at the Jubilee Green.



The above image of the Jubilee Green shows the original planting as green dots and the new proposed planting of trees as pink dots.

So far Transition Woodbridge has planted two pears, both “eating” pears, “use by November”, Louise Bonne is a little earlier than Duchesse d’Angouleme. Both are reasonably upright in habit. Along with three plums, gage type, red, yellow & green, two early & one late, mainly “eating” but also good in pies. Cambridge gage, Count Althann’s gage, Late Transparent gage.

As there are twelve apple trees of various types planted locally, Transition Woodbridge has decided to stick with the plums & pears and have on order:

Two pears: Beth, very early and sweet “use at once” and Doyenne de Comice which will keep a little longer.

Two plums: Avalon & Blue Tit, both modern varieties producing sweet purple dessert plums.

Transition Woodbridge will plant exactly as before i.e. cages, etc and maintain/water them as now, certainly for the first 3 years of their lives.

Sports Equipment

No further complaints have been received regarding the sports equipment.

Members are asked to:

- Note and comment on this report
- Agree the content for the Jubilee Green sign
- Agree to the proposal of fruit tree planting

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