

Report 2014-15: Volunteer work projects

a) Churchyard

Consult PCC on all work proposals.

Remove lowest bough from copper beech tree to raise crown. This will be the last significant work to this tree, and will ensure that the developing crown is above gravestones and grounds maintenance contractors.

Remove side shoots from Irish yews near tower which are overgrowing graves.

Prune *Viburnum* near church door to prevent it becoming straggly.

Continue to cut back conifer and yew in south-west corner and dig out brambles.

Trim branches of weeping birch to 1m above ground level.

Grundy vault railings need repainting.

Seat needs repainting.

Water butt needs overflow pipe.

Bird boxes awaiting repair and re-installation.

Drains at east end of Chancel to be excavated and repaired – probably blocked by builders' debris. When cleared, two yew trees to be planted on west side of path

b) Cemetery

Oak sapling in west hedgerow – check and consider raising crown.

Complete topsoil storage area.

Level new graves, cultivate and sow grass seed.

c) Little Lane

Crown raise wild cherry along western side to allow more light to reach new crab apple and rowan saplings on eastern side.

d) Carlton Green and Glebe Farm Green

Examine coppiced ash tree on West Green next to hedge to 3 Main St; consider removal of one stem now overhanging the Green.

Seat on East Green needs re-painting.

e) Diamond Jubilee Orchard

All works to be carried out by Carlton Gardening Group.

Construct new path; level and cultivate site; sow wildflower meadow; select and plant fruit trees and shrubs.

Check all planted trees, stakes and ties; water as necessary over summer.

f) Bus shelters

Check for leaks and clean.

g) Parish Information Kiosk

Restored 2010. No work required.

h) Parish noticeboard

To be examined: needs repair or replacement.

i) Parish milepost

Needs specialised welding repair.

j) Millennium Noticeboard

Scrub clean over summer.

j) Golden Jubilee Post

To be stripped and oiled.

k) Rights of Way

Liaise with Carlton Footpath Group over all works

Check all routes for Parish Walks publication; arrange opening ceremony for S50 and S68 projects.

l) Highway verges

Specimen street trees have been planted under licence or by agreement and are the responsibility of the Highway Authority. Routine checks and minor management works are carried out by the PC.

Main Street: check Diamond Jubilee oak tree; spray out 1m circle of grass to encourage growth; consider removal of stakes and installation of mower guard after leaf fall.

Barton Road: check condition of fastigate hornbeam and cherry on completion of building works.

Bosworth Road: consider raising crown of lime near parish boundary.

Congerstone Road: check Italian alder at junction which appear to be dying and liaise with LCC Highways & Tree Officer. Consider raising crown of ash tree near to Nanny Sands Corner.

Nailstone Road: examine oak trees next to Harry's Grave and prune as necessary.

m) Hedgerow trees

These are the responsibility of the landowner.

Some hedgerow trees (mostly the Millennium Trees) were planted or promoted by the PC with the consent of the landowner, and in these cases the PC marks the trees in late summer to prevent them being cut off when the hedges are cut, cuts back the adjacent hedge where mechanical cutters cannot reach, and prunes the saplings to promote good crown growth. This work will not be necessary once the saplings have reached a good size.

n) Works completed 2012-14

Churchyard – Leyland cypresses removed, *Viburnum* cut back to ground level, Millennium yew pruned, elder and brambles dug up, new graves levelled and seeded.

Cemetery – graves spaces 48-91 set out and marked with blue bricks.

Carlton Greens – grass established on Glebe Farm Green; one stem removed from coppiced ash on W Green.

Little Lane – seat repaired, dead elm made safe, brambles spot treated with herbicide.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – hedge planted, 6 specimen trees planted, ground-breaking ceremony held, pollard ash in W hedge reduced and tidied, gate and fencing erected, parking area constructed.

Footpaths – stiles replaced by kissing gates on footpaths S50, S51; fallen branches cleared from jitty (S51) after heavy snow.

Highway verges – seat at Harry's Grave repaired.

Hedgerow trees – ash on Congerstone Road crown raised; millennium oaks on Barton and Nailstone Roads crown raised and pruned;

Previous reports: Report 2011-18; 2012-13.

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