

Allens View report, Harry Gardiner TCS Cottee 27.11.18.

Tree checks; - site monitored regularly, with priority to public safety areas and issue trees.

1 The Griselinia tree has lost two more branches (one is lodged securely on other branches away from the main access area) despite tree surgeon work to reduce risks. This tree appears to have hit over-maturity, losing four branches in the last two years. It will be monitored for further losses, but may need its longer branches to be shortened, to reduce weight and wind sway/fracture. As a multi stemmed species it will produce extra shoots.

Action will need tree surgeon work later this winter for safety reasons. Est £130.

2 Two sycamores *on the 2015 survey list* for monitoring may need felling within 5 years, but would provide three tree carvable stems each, if 8 feet of stem retained. Felling cost about £200 carving a further £1200 to £1800, depending on complexity of carving. One by the south gate would make an excellent entry marker, the other is shaped to be ideal for three leaping dolphins/ porpoises.

Other work

1 Site measurements show Ordnance survey maps (and deed maps) are wrong (esp east boundary) but don't quite fit the satellite images for the site, so revised more accurate tree map still "in production" !! - not urgent.

2 no further progress on removing surplus shed/ creating water storage feature.

3 next date Cottee agreed to check **metal benches** progress is 10th December. Complete for spring early summer? **One teak bench** touched up with wood stain, another had screws inserted to support loose stays under seat. Needing repair quite frequently. Its hoped that fixings for metal benches can be reproduced to fix the positions of other benches etc..

Two existing teak benches need minor touch up with wood stain, plus bit of wood filler **Brownies bench needs full sand down and re-stain**, need to buy new can suitable wood stain -up to £50 ! Best in Spring. Metal bench needs minor touch up - metal paint £2 .

4 Our anonymous donor will be sorting production of **entry gates** in the new year, materials as for the two picnic benches. May be some sanding and proofing needed and then we will need volunteers to install them, - Park, Lions, or ?. We have a trenching spade ideal for post holes; tested installing the four owl carvings. Some concrete could be needed; confirm with donor in new year.

5 Some minor planting and branch thinning has been done. Some thinning around young trees planted in the Coast Path hedge needed again; new growth of brambles, ferns, nettles risk swamping the plantings. Some planting and rails needed to guide visitor movement.

6 some signage and information panels still needed - HFG could do if more volunteers for other tasks; **we are short of volunteers now.**

7 Two horses now in field to west; vehicles using access lane most days.

8 New owners for camp site to the west.

9 Potentially quite a lot of hardy fuchsias available for Spring planting.

10 Tenby Daffs were unavailable locally or on-line, despite pre ordering. Need to pre -order for autumn 2019 planting.....

11 Brambles attempting a come back in one or two areas....

Harry will be looking at grant aid-able work/improvements/ resources for the longer term including surveillance.