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New tree for tennis court car park

As part of our effort to improve the car park near the tennis court we are planning to remove the rather untidy lilac, clean up the bed, and plant a cedar atlantica glauca. A tree has been selected, and we hope to plant it in the next few weeks. The photo below right is the same species growing at the arboretum, so you can see what the new tree should look like (eventually) when grown in an open location.



Centenary Way signs

Following the piece in the December Bulletin, the new posts and waymarks were delivered last week, and Jim and Peter have now installed them. They will make route finding through the village much simpler, especially for walkers who have forgotten their map.



Nature trail steps

Those of you who use the Nature Trail will know that the steps near Jim's container are in a poor condition, partly because they cross a steep slope which is gradually eroding. We are working on a new set of steps which will take a different route, so they will not be affected by the bank erosion in future. A trial section has been installed, and work will continue over the next few months. When the new steps are finished, the present route will be closed, dismantled and landscaped.



Effects of recent storms

The recent periods of heavy rainfall and strong winds in the area have had an impact on some of the village land. The River Derwent has flooded parts of our riverside path, but the high point so far this year was not quite as high as in April 2018.



A number of trees have fallen, mainly in the Nature Trail woodland, but also odd ones in the village and by the river. These have generally been dead or dying, so their time was coming to an end anyway. Jim and Peter have started clearing them, and this work will continue when they can and when conditions allow.



Dog waste bin repositioned

The RDCC man who empties the dog waste bins told us that the bin next to the Nature Trail entrance (A64 end) was rarely used, and suggested moving it. As the litter bin on the finger post near the Wellingtonia was regularly used by dog walkers, Peter and Jim have relocated the dog waste bin to there, and moved the litter bin to the Nature Trail entrance. The dog bin has already been emptied, so all is going to plan.



Best wishes

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