

Bulletin No 50 May News

New tree for tennis court car park

Further to the note in the last bulletin, the old lilac was removed, the bed cleaned up, and the new cedar was planted. In the following days Jim and Peter landscaped and sowed grass around it. The grass has taken well – helped by Jim’s regular attention and watering during the dry spell. The pictures show before and after.



After planting the cedar, the two men from Vertigrow removed the stump and roots of the old cherry tree on the green. It turned out to be quite a task, and they didn’t finish until after dark. Again, the following day, Jim and Peter landscaped the area, laid turf and sowed grass. This too now looks good, and the new sorbus, which we planted to replace the cherry, is also growing well.



Paddocks

The paddocks have recently been cut, and look quite smart. We intend to cut them regularly, so the grass is kept reasonably short. The photo shows the left paddock cut, and the right is uncut.



Bus Layby situation

As part of the road improvements, Highways England were planning to construct a bus layby a little way up the road towards York. Those of you who have walked or driven up there will have noticed that the layby has not been built, and the new footpath follows the line of the original kerb. Steve spoke to the scheme Designer at Highways England, and was told that there are BT cables which pass through the area intended for the layby, so he was having to review the design. There is actually an inspection cover next to the new footpath.



We will have to wait and see what they decide to do, and we will let you know as soon as there is any news.

Giant Hogweed near the river

Peter has recently looked for any signs of this plant near the riverside path. You may remember from bulletins in the last few years that Giant Hogweed is potentially invasive and the sap can cause severe skin burns. It poses a serious risk to people who are unaware of its potential for harm. Each year we have found a small number of these plants, and killed them with Roundup (after consultation with Natural England). So far, Peter has only found a small number in one area, just before the second fence, and they have all been sprayed.

New Flogas price

Richard has been in discussion with Flogas to sort out the price we will be paying for the second year of our current contract. We have agreed a price of 32p per litre, which is a 7.6% reduction. We are expecting confirmation from Flogas soon.

Tennis Court open

Following the latest guidance from the Government concerning the Covid19 restrictions, we have reopened the court. The combination is the same as before the lockdown. Please follow the rules about who you can play with, which are displayed on the court.

AGM postponed

Because of the ongoing situation, the AGM, which had been planned for June, has been postponed. We will issue the directors' report and financial summary in June.

Best wishes

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