



Westbourne

Parish Council

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Dear Resident

New trees proposed for Churcher Road, Homefield Road and Edgell Road

Westbourne Parish Council would like to plant new small, decorative trees on the wide grass verges of Churcher Road, Homefield Road and Edgell Road in Westbourne.

The project to plant trees would boost the environmental value of the area by providing a habitat for birds and other wildlife, as well as contributing to cleaner air. The trees would also enhance the visual appeal of the area for the benefit of local residents. It is believed trees used to be present in these locations when the housing was first built thirty five years ago, but unfortunately they have been lost for a number of reasons.

West Sussex County Council, who is responsible for the maintenance of the verges, has given permission for the new trees to be planted and will look after them in the long-term. They have also offered to part-fund the project and the Parish Council will be applying for funding from Chichester District Council to cover the remainder of the costs.

Greening Westbourne, a local environmental group, will be supporting the project by watering the trees to help them reach maturity. The Parish Council will also look for volunteers who live locally to support this. A similar project has been carried out on Ellesmere Orchard in Westbourne and some of the local residents have 'adopted' individual trees to help look after them.

The map overleaf shows the proposed locations of the trees along with the species of tree.

Show your support for the project by contacting the Parish Council using the details above by 20 July 2020. Please also let us know if you have any comments or questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Richard Hitchcock, Chair of Westbourne Parish Council