

Report to Full WMPC Council meeting 19th October 2026
Tree Wardens A Westover and S Exton

Tree Warden activities, a brief summary

Projects for new tree planting and ongoing care have been discussed between our core volunteer team. We will start the season with tree care and gapping up on the west boundary of the Simons Cross playing field (October 25th).

Discussions taking place with Environment Agency Woods and Water team regarding some new tree planting to tie in with the Section 19 Flood and Water Management Act 2010 report by SCC.

WMPC Clerk is hoping to facilitate the removal of 220 metres of plastic spiral rabbit guards from a 20-year-old hedge on Green Lane. This is to be carried out by Community Payback group for the farming landowner.

Surplus village grown native trees are likely to be available for other WMPC projects. Please ask! Young nursery trees to be potted on and grown on for next seasons plantings.

Further discussions taken place regarding the Simons Cross proposed development and concerns expressed regarding significant hedge and in relation to the made WMPC Neighbourhood Plan policies. Updates to be provided to WMPC Planning Committee.

Responses sought and given to Planning Committee for ESC Tree works applications (TPO and TCA notifications) via Cllr Jenkinson.

Volunteer Green Gym are reasonably events well attended including regular last Thursday morning of each month in the Cemetery. Wombles often in attendance too! Proposals for winter 2026/2027 in hand. Meet up with the SWT to seek further advice on biodiversity initiatives will be very welcome.

Support from STWN (below) is invaluable. Approx £130 has also been raised through doorstep plant sales to be used for bulbs purchases. Nature First grant will also be considered for further materials funding (to include bird and bat boxes). Support from WMPC will be welcomed.

Support from the Suffolk Tree Warden network is invaluable. Advice and materials available. Events coming up for sharing, learning and communicating; swap event at Debenham Two Fields Oct 11th, regional forum Oct 24th Stowmarket, tree giveaway plus Woodland Trust packs take place Great Barton, Mid Suffolk, mid-November.

Anne Westover Parish Tree Warden 9th October 2026