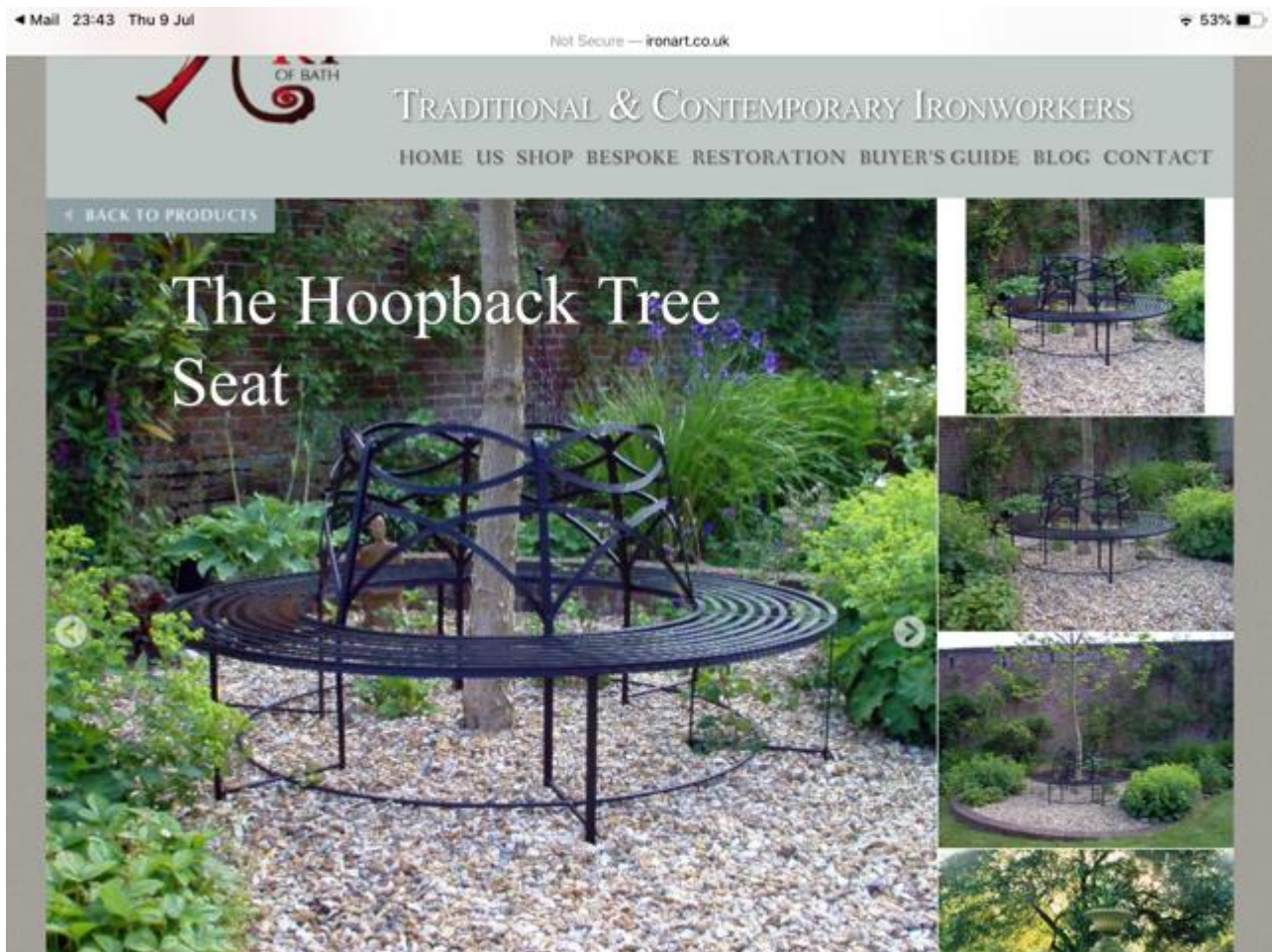


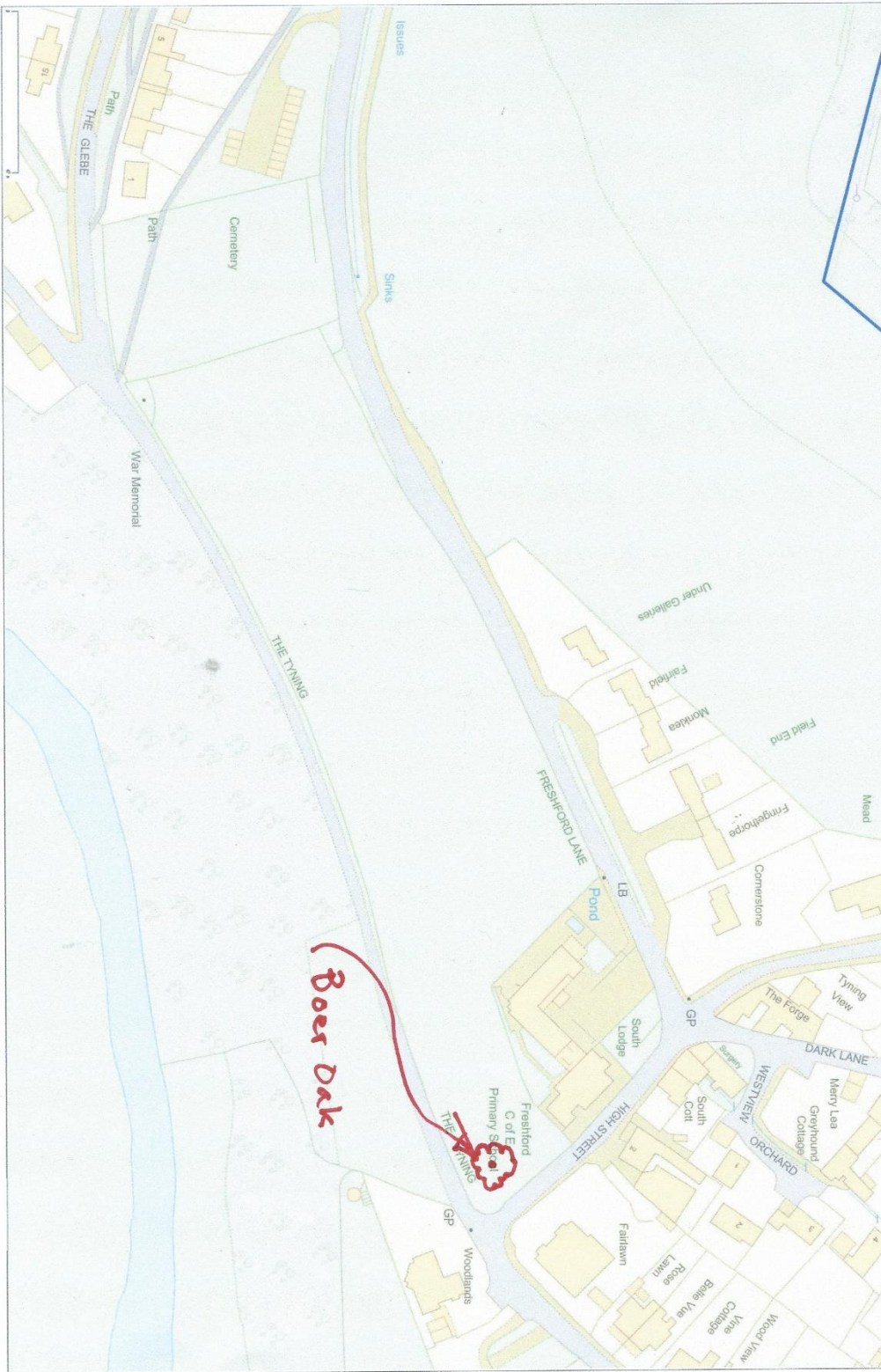
Bench around Boer War Oak on the Tying Field.

Stephanie and John Jenkins wish to commission a quality eight seat wrought iron bench to encircle the Boer Oak on the Tying Field above the School. See image of proposed bench below and location plan.



This is indeed a quality precoated purpose made circular bench by Iron Art of Bath. Stephanie and John will purchase the bench and install around the tree. The bench will be secured to concrete anchors beneath the existing grass surface. The iron bench will have a life in excess of 50 or more years with little maintenance required. Once installed the bench will become a Village Asset with FPC responsible for insurance against theft and damage.

I recommend approval.



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The present FPC bench policy is in my view in need of review. The Policy states that FPC will purchase and install new benches and then clean maintain and remove at the end of the contract period. A typical guide quotation is attached to the policy for £2,430.00.

In the last few years two benches have been installed along the Tynning. One by Margaret Dodge in memory of Alan Dodge and the other by Freshford and District Horticultural Society to celebrate 50 years. Both benches were purchased and installed by these donors including suitable base and ongoing cleaning. These two hardwood benches have a life of at least 30 years.

My view is that we consider and approve each and every bench application and then agree how best to proceed.

Martin Walker, August 2020.