

Friends of Freshford – Tynning Projects Monthly Report – December 2021

Please note, *Friends of Freshford* will not be holding a committee meeting in January so this report covers November 2021 – January 2022

Actions undertaken in November 2021

- Fifteen of eighteen bollard trees planted on the Tynning during community tree planting weekend 28/27 November. Two of the remaining trees to be planted w/c 13 December. The third tree – a John Downie – arriving with the orchard trees in February 2022

Actions to be undertaken during December 2021 and January 2022

- Due to the exceptionally warm autumn, the suppliers of the orchard trees have been unable to lift bare-rooted stock and therefore delivery has been delayed until 2022. A similar situation exists with the new native hedge, so the community tree planting weekend on 11/12 December has been postponed to February 2022.
- Monday 13th December. 1,000 tete-a-tete and 1,000 crocus to be planted in cemetery triangle and path with Freshford Church School.
- The orchard trees will be delivered in February 2022. Two weekends are being considered for community tree planting - either 19/20 or 26/27 February. To be decided once tree delivery is confirmed.
- Delivery of the remaining whips for the new native hedge expected in January, but there will be a shortfall because the Woodland Trust packs that have already arrived contain substantial amounts of blackthorn and dogwood which FPC has advised against using. However, Freshford Church School has received hedge packs from the Woodland Trust and by combining these with FoF's whips, we will have enough to plant the 30-metre hedge. As a result, planting the new native hedge will become an FoF/FCS project and will take place once all the whips have arrived.
- Sponsorship scheme extended to the wider community and to community organisations

Advance dates

- February 2022 (date tbc): New native hedge planting with FCS
- February 19/20 or 26/27 2022 (date tbc): Community orchard planting weekend
- March 2022 (date tbc): Coppice planting