



Tyning Report and Proposals. September/October 2022

Actions undertaken over the summer

- FoF's committee established a watering rota for the heritage & bollard trees, the new native hedge, and the orchard. We also watered the school's QGC oak. The watering regime was successful and most of the planting has survived the drought.
- Community Orchard: the grass was strimmed around the orchard trees to allow for growth and watering.

Actions to be undertaken in the autumn

- Sunday, 23rd October. Seed sowing and bulb planting day on the Tyning. Seeds and bulbs to be planted to include native daffodils and yellow rattle, and will supplement the sowing/planting FoF has undertaken over the past two years.
- New native hedge: approximately 10 whips have failed, and these will be removed and replaced with larger whips that will benefit from watering in 2023.

Proposals

Following Elli Bate's attendance at FoF's committee meeting on Tuesday 27th September, we submit two proposals to FPC for approval:

- Grassland: owing to the difficulty FPC has had cutting and baling the steep slope of the Tyning, FoF proposes a change in management of the Tyning grassland that will still allow us to increase its biodiversity. Namely, that specific areas of the flat part of the Tyning be seeded and left unmown, and that the mowing regime in place before 2021 be reinstated for the steep area of the Tyning (see map attached). We also propose that the area of the Tyning mowed by Alan Duck is reduced to the dimensions agreed in 2021, and the biodiversity strip, which was mowed in error by Chris Mills in September 2022, be reinstated.
- Tap on trough: We propose putting a tap on the trough to facilitate watering the new native hedge planted by the children of Freshford School, the school's oak, the community orchard, and the heritage & bollard trees. It has been ascertained that the water supply to the trough is unmetered. Alan Duck has put in a post for the tap, and a local plumber has agreed to install the tap free of charge because it is a village project.