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Memorial Meadow - Working group Report

Hilton Parish Council Memorial Meadow Working Group was formed at the Council Meeting on 27th November 2019 as per Minute no. **79/19** when it was decided to take some expert advice on the trees planted at the Memorial Meadow.

A site meeting was arranged with Hilton resident arborist, Jack Taylor-Day. An initial assessment by our volunteer arborist parish council adviser confirmed that the young trees were showing signs of overcrowding and were in need of thinning out to enable them to mature appropriately.

Jack Taylor-Day felt that it should be possible to move some of the smaller trees and transplant these further into the clear central meadow area without impinging too much on the overall layout as planted up under the direction of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

The trees will be assessed by Jack Taylor-Day and the Working group in a couple of months' time to see which ones are still alive and healthy. The Working group would also consult with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in developing a future strategy.

Jack Taylor-Day suggested that the Memorial Meadow should continue as a Community project, for instance through volunteers mulching around existing trees and moving saplings. Young trees need to be kept clear of grass so that they are not at risk of being damaged by strimming or mowing.

Cllr Chris Nield, Cllr Sandra Stanton, Cllr Siân Davies

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