

## Report on Nature Trail Project

Here is the provisional budget for the nature trail below the telephone mast. This is based on planting 20 mixed deciduous trees, 8 rubbing plaques of local wildlife, interpretation boards and signage. This will all be done in harmony with the surroundings, as far as possible.

Please feel free to comment and then I'd be grateful if it was accepted so that we can begin the work once it has been agreed by East Devon District Council.

CDE have offered assistance and Kate Ponting will see to the planting, aided by her team of volunteers, members of the parish and the school. (All this depends on the covid situations.).

We will plant a mixture of two year old whips (sweet chestnut, oak, small leafed lime) in February/March as recommended by John Wilding, CDE forestry expert. Trees will be staked and protected by guards so as to protect against grazers (deer, rabbits). These will also act as mini-greenhouses to encourage growth. Whilst Clinton will undertake the initial hedge work before planting, we will need a programme of maintenance so as to allow the trees to establish.

We will provide two information boards - constructed by John Maynard - and some rubbings plaques. A recycled-plastic seat will be placed on the trail with a lovely view over the village (plastic needs little maintenance and should last well). One board will be placed by the seat and the other hopefully on the Pound (after discussions with Clare James). A flyer will be printed, detailing what to look for, material which might be used by the school, etc." David White has agreed to supply images of wildlife

The fund-holder will look at the estimated figures and if she believes it is necessary, will adjust for other costs and present us with the suggested total that she will provide. It is possible to go back and ask for adjustments, but it is best to try and get this right on the first application.

Councillor Fiona Ward 19/10/2020

### Approximate Costings for Nature Trail All Net of VAT

Trees 25 60-90cm whips	33.00
Stakes/guards for trees plus delivery	106.00
2 Notice Boards	220.00
2 Nature Trail signs	36.00
Rubbing plaques – 8	200.00
Stakes for plaques	80.00
Bench & installation (£544.00 + c£41.00)	585.00
Posters for notice board – print costs x 3	90.00
Delivery costs for plaques & stakes	30.00
Preservative for base of all stakes	20.00
Contingencies	100.00

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