

LANGLEY WITH HARDLEY TREE WARDEN REPORT
MAY 2012

Since May of last year I have continued to look after the trees of this parish. I have tended those planted by myself, weeding as much as possible and removing stakes, ties and guards when no longer necessary. Due to adverse weather conditions many small plants have struggled but now seem to be recovering well although some losses have occurred. The new hedge in the playing field has done extremely well and can now be left in the care of the grass cutter for just the occasional trim. I have pruned many lower branches away from the roadside and reported any possible dangers. I also helped prune those outside the Saffron houses in Hardley on Parish Council land, which all look lovely this spring. I have advised on many tree matters locally and am always available to help if possible. I have attended the bi-monthly meetings for tree wardens at S.N.D.C. organised by Robin Taylor, and have found them very informative. I also attend Parish Council meetings each month with a brief report of my activities. I organised an exhibition of photographs showing the work of wardens in our area, collecting them from each parish, and presented it at Swan House. Part of this was later displayed for locals to see in the window of Youngs Funeral Directors, Loddon and it is now available to any warden for use in exhibitions or local fetes. I also attended a hedge-laying day in December that was enjoyed by about 25 wardens from all over south Norfolk.

Last November S.N.D.C. once again provided wardens with trees and hedge plants on request and I helped to distribute them as part of National Tree Week. My allocation was a length of hedge along the lower end of Gentleman's Walk. This was planted after the dry weather and is doing well at present.

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations I grew six Black Poplar cuttings from a native tree and these have been planted around Langley and Hardley (one to represent each decade) I hope they will grow well into the future as a reminder of this historic occasion. I continue to grow trees from seed and to keep a photographic record of all events.

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