

## Climate and Ecological Emergency Report, October 2022.

### 1. Tree Planting.

We have approximately 20 young trees available for planting in the A388 verge tree plantation. These include:

- Rowan
- Crab apple
- Hazel
- Goat willow
- Oak

There is sufficient space on the A388 verge to infill with the above. This will probably be done during National Tree Week: 26<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### 2. Wild Flower Planting.

We have a number of perennials available for planting on the Hatt roundabout that are tough, drought resistant and self-seeding. This should ensure that there is a reliable source of pollen and nectar available for our native pollinators for years to come. The two species we have are Oxford Cranesbill (*Geranium oxonianum*) and Red Valerian (*Cetranthus ruber*). Although not native to the UK, they have now naturalised here successfully for several hundred years. Previous sowings of wildflower seeds have not been very successful. This is largely due to the dense turf established on the roundabout which prevents seeds from coming into direct contact with the soil, which is necessary for germination. Direct planting of the above should be much more successful.



Oxford Cranesbill



Red Valerian

### 3. Landmark Tree

Following the vandalism that destroyed the Landmark (Oak) Tree that was planted in the recreation field last year to commemorate its acquisition for the community, Forest for Cornwall have kindly allocated us another tree in its stead. No confirmation of delivery yet, but we would hope to plant it during national tree week (26<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December).

4. **Bulb Planting.**

I would like to propose that the Parish Council spends a small sum to purchase daffodil and crocus bulbs to plant on the mounds on the recreation field. A resident kindly did this last year without payment along a short stretch, and the result was a cheerful celebration of the coming of Spring. Residents and their children could do the planting, ideally at the planting of the Landmark Tree, (see item 3).

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher.