

CEE Report, August 2023,

1. A388 Verge Tree Plantation.

We now have a total of 153 trees on the verge north-east of Hatt roundabout. They are of varying size and maturity, some over 2 metres in height, others barely 60cm. Those at the southern end of the verge seem to have thrived better than those at the northern end. The reasons will be complex, but will probably include depth and quality of soil, as well as drainage. As last year, the rowan are quite badly effected by fire blight. This is a bacterial disease caused by *Erwinia amylovora*, and is highly contagious. It is probably best if we remove the rowans and replace with other species that are not members of the *Rosacea* family, e.g. birch, hazel, alder, oak.

The species we have are:

- Horse Chestnut
- Hornbeam
- Alder
- Wild Cherry
- Hawthorne
- Dogwood
- Goat Willow
- Hazel
- Downy Birch
- Silver Birch
- Rowan
- Beech
- Oak.

2. Landmark Tree.

The English oak planted this year is looking very healthy, and has survived some prolonged dry spells, thanks to the dedicated watering by resident Elaine Davies.. It even has its first few acorns!

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