

Biodiversity Report, May 2020.

1. Tree Planting Programme.

On 11th March 2020, with the aid of several volunteers from the community, BFPC planted 105 tree “whips” on the north-east verge of the A388 as it leaves Hatt roundabout. We had had weeks of virtually uninterrupted rain up to that date. Since then we have had only two day’s worth of “useful” rain. The ground at the planted area has become as hard as concrete. A very inauspicious beginning for newly-planted trees! However, thanks to the generosity of Vicki Lintern and Amanda Le Page, who have provided watering facilities, and several volunteer waterers, we still have 103 survivors from the original 105! And not just surviving, but apparently thriving! With no rain in prospect for the next two weeks, the watering will most likely have to continue.

2. Hatt Roundabout.

BFPC has decided to propose that it assumes responsibility for the future care and management of the grassed area on Hatt roundabout and its approach verges. The proposal that is being sent to Cormac is on the attached Pdf document. It is hoped that this will take effect from 1st June 2020.

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher, May 2020.