

Briefing Note

Community Orchard in Jubilee Park, St Keyne

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1.0 Proposal

1.1 To plant trees in an area of Jubilee Park with the aim being for this to become a Community Orchard – i.e. the fruit will be for the people of St. Keyne and Trewidland to pick and use themselves.

1.2 This idea came from meetings of the Green Team. Originally, the intention was to install planters and raised beds to create a community growing space. However, it was suggested that planting trees would be preferable as less upkeep is required; if this is successful then the original idea could be revisited. Cllr Featherston in particular is keen for the trees planted to be heritage – i.e. trees which are native to the area

1.3 Since this meeting, Cllr Featherston has been able to make contact with Forest for Cornwall, who have confirmed that grant funding is available for this. The funding process would require the parish council to fund the purchase of the trees and then submit for the grant funding, which will cover the cost of the trees.

2.0 Next steps

- Liaise with Cllr Featherston and members of the Garden Club to seek their guidance in drawing up an outline for the proposed orchard, including area of the park to be planted, number and type of trees and an outline cost
- Bring this proposal back to the parish council for approval
- Purchase and plant trees
- Submit funding form to reclaim outlay

3.0 Outcome

3.1 This project would allow the developing Green Team to start making a visible impact, as well as providing an area of benefit to the local community. It would also provide an opportunity for collaboration between the parish council, Green Team and Gardening Club, which is something which could then be built upon.

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