

Jubilee Hedge Trees

To mark this year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association (WDVTA) is aiming to save, or plant, at least 60 hedge trees throughout the Borough. We are aware that the countryside is losing its feature hedge trees, and very few are being replaced due to unsympathetic hedgerow management.

What is a Hedge Tree?

A hedge tree is an individual tree growing above a hedge; it may be a "forest" species or a fruit/nut species. The wildlife and landscape significance of hedge trees is immense. However, their numbers have declined dramatically through hedge removal and mechanical management.

The future for hedge trees depends on the present generation valuing such trees for their contribution to our environment, to the farm and to the continuing life of our countryside.

Can you help?

As a landowner, you may have some sapling trees growing in your hedges that could be allowed to grow on to become feature trees in the landscape. We simply request that any suitable trees are tagged with a Tree Council marker to prevent them being cut, and that the position and details of the tree are recorded on a WDVTA Jubilee Hedge Tree database for posterity.

You may prefer to plant a sapling to become a future hedge tree and if so, a representative of WDVTA can provide all the necessary information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this worthwhile project.

For further information see the WDVTA website at <http://www.wdvta.org.uk/treewarden.php>

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