

Meeting:	Full Council
Date:	25 th November 2025
Report Title:	Parish Tree Identification Trail
Proposer:	Councillor L Stevenson
Seconder:	Councillor V Manro

Motion:

Haydon Wick Parish Council resolves to create a Tree Identification Trail across parish-managed land during National Tree Week. The trail will highlight notable, mature, and clearly visible trees within Seven Fields, Mouldon Hill, and other suitable open spaces. The purpose is to improve public understanding of local tree species, support outdoor learning, and promote walking within the parish.

Trees are essential for local biodiversity and provide habitat for birds, insects, and small mammals.

1. Trees support climate aims by storing carbon, improving air quality, and regulating local temperatures.
2. The trail will give residents clear, accessible information while using spaces they already enjoy.
3. National Tree Week offers an appropriate opportunity to bring forward this project.

Council can identify ten suitable trees based on age, visibility, ecological interest, and condition.

1. Locations should remain accessible for wheelchair users, pushchairs, and older residents.
2. Non-invasive fixings must be used to avoid harm to the trees.
3. Plaques should be made from durable, weather resistant materials.
4. Maintenance can be incorporated into routine inspections, supported by an annual review.
5. The QR-linked webpage must be concise, easy to navigate, and load reliably on mobile devices.
6. Local schools may be invited to use the trail during National Tree Week to support curriculum-linked outdoor learning.
7. A feedback link can be included to allow residents to suggest further trees or improvements.
8. A simple location map can be created for use by families, schools, and community groups.
9. All plaques should be mounted at a consistent, accessible height to support mixed-age use.
10. Design and presentation should follow the parish's branding for consistency.
11. A guided walk may be held at launch to introduce the trail and support public engagement.

Council Resolves to



1. Approve the installation of the Tree Identification Trail at a cost of £100 to £150.
2. Authorise officers to prepare the webpage and install plaques once the council has identified the ten locations.
3. Promote the trail as part of National Tree Week.
4. Include the trail within the wider parish biodiversity and environmental programme.

Officer's Operational Observations:

Recommend this is implemented in spring 2026. It is too short notice to run it alongside National Tree Week which kicks off on the 23rd November. The idea is sound and straightforward. Suggest it is discussed alongside the Bulb, Tree and Wildflower Working Party's plan for 26/27.