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| **Meeting** | Full Council |
| **Date** | 20th October 2026 |
| **Report Title** | Tree Planting |
| **Agenda Reference** | 18 C |
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**Proposed Resolution**

That Haydon Wick Parish Council resolves to:

1. **Approve the planting of up to 45 trees, associated native hedgerows and habitat improvements across the four identified locations, with the aim of improving great crested newt habitat connectivity, replacing lost trees and increasing canopy cover where appropriate.**
2. **Recognise Wiltshire Wildlife Trust as the ecological and technical lead, working in partnership with HWPC, and acknowledge the anticipated funding allocation of £18,000 to £22,000 through the Great Western Community Forest programme, subject to final confirmation.**
3. **Delegate authority to the Chief Officer, in consultation with WWT and the Parks & Open Spaces Manager, to finalise planting specifications, procure contractors and coordinate delivery during the 2026/27 winter planting season, subject to ecological requirements and the Council's financial regulations.**
4. **Support community volunteer planting sessions, including efforts to involve Orchid Vale Primary School, St Francis Primary School, residents, youth groups and community organisations, drawing on the Council's previous experience at Heaton Close.**
5. **Confirm that the Council's Parks & Open Spaces Team will undertake ongoing maintenance, with provision for up to five years within the external funding allocation.**
6. **Authorise expenditure within the final confirmed grant allocation, subject to funding conditions and financial regulations, with any additional unfunded expenditure requiring separate Council approval, and request a progress report following the initial planting programme.**

**Purpose**

To approve a programme of up to 45 trees, native hedgerow planting and habitat improvements across four public open spaces within the parish.
The programme aims to improve great, crested newt habitat connectivity, replace missing or declining trees, increase canopy cover and improve public open spaces.

**Background and Proposed Works**

Following an environmental walk organised by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) in association with Haydon Wick Parish Council (HWPC), opportunities were identified to improve habitats connecting breeding ponds between Grace Walk, White Eagle Open Space, The Chestnuts, Queen Elizabeth Drive and Mouldon Hill.

WWT has undertaken relevant ground assessments and will lead the ecological and technical aspects of the project.

The proposed locations are:

1. **Henchard Open Space:** Four additional trees.
2. **Orchid Care Home:** Native hedgerow planting and three birch trees to improve habitat connectivity.
3. **The Chestnuts:** Replacement of dead or declining trees and additional planting alongside pathways.
4. **Queen Elizabeth Park:** Extension of the existing walnut avenue, replacement of missing trees and consideration of additional flowering, specimen and fruit trees.

Final layouts, species and quantities will be confirmed following completion of the necessary searches and assessments.

**Funding and Delivery**

- Funding has been allocated through the Great Western Community Forest programme via Swindon Borough Council (SBC).

- The anticipated allocation is £18,000 to £22,000, with the final amount confirmed following completion of layouts, searches and detailed costings. Funding includes planting and up to five years of maintenance.

- WWT will lead the ecological and technical work. HWPC will administer funding, appoint contractors where required and coordinate delivery. The Council's Parks & Open Spaces Team will undertake ongoing maintenance.

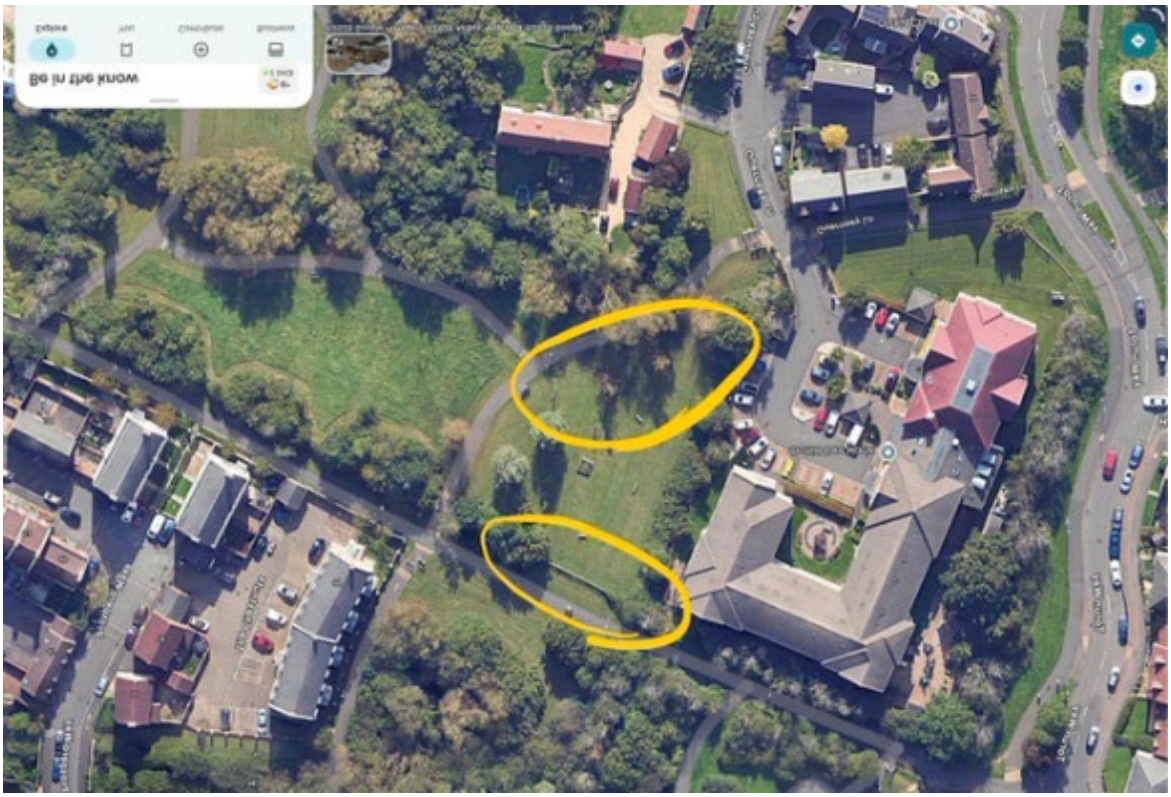
- Building on the previous Heaton Close scheme, community planting sessions will be encouraged, including participation from Orchid Vale Primary School, St Francis Primary School, residents and community groups.

- Planting is intended for the 2026/27 winter season, subject to operational constraints, ecological requirements and final arrangements.


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