

A large number of Ash trees behind Moat Close have been felled in the past few weeks (at no cost to the Council) because of Ash Dieback and the close proximity of Moat Close if they fell over. As this area was mainly Ash with a few Oak and Cherry I have applied for a grant to replant this area with Oak, Beech and Hornbeam with Hazel and Field Maple as understory. There have been some comments from a very few members of the public, but when we show them the holes in the stumps they realize it had to be done. We are clearing the site at the moment in anticipation of getting the grant so we can plant them in December or January.

The grazing fencing on the Manor field is dragging on at the moment but I have now gone out for quotes which will be needed when the application is made to the National Park for funding. Out of all the people I have spoken to only one have been dead against it, and another not happy but can see the advantages for the Flora and fauna.

Re the Flooding in Park Lane we are still waiting for HCC to remove the pipe in the ditch which they have agreed to do, so that is still status quo.

The Conservation Group is still going well, and we have had to limit the membership, so we have now started a waiting list. But the Public have continued to be very supportive with what we are doing.

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