

Tree Planting in Uphill

The Village Society has had continued discussions with the Tree Officers at North Somerset Council to agree the site for planting trees around the village as part of the late Queen's Green Canopy project.

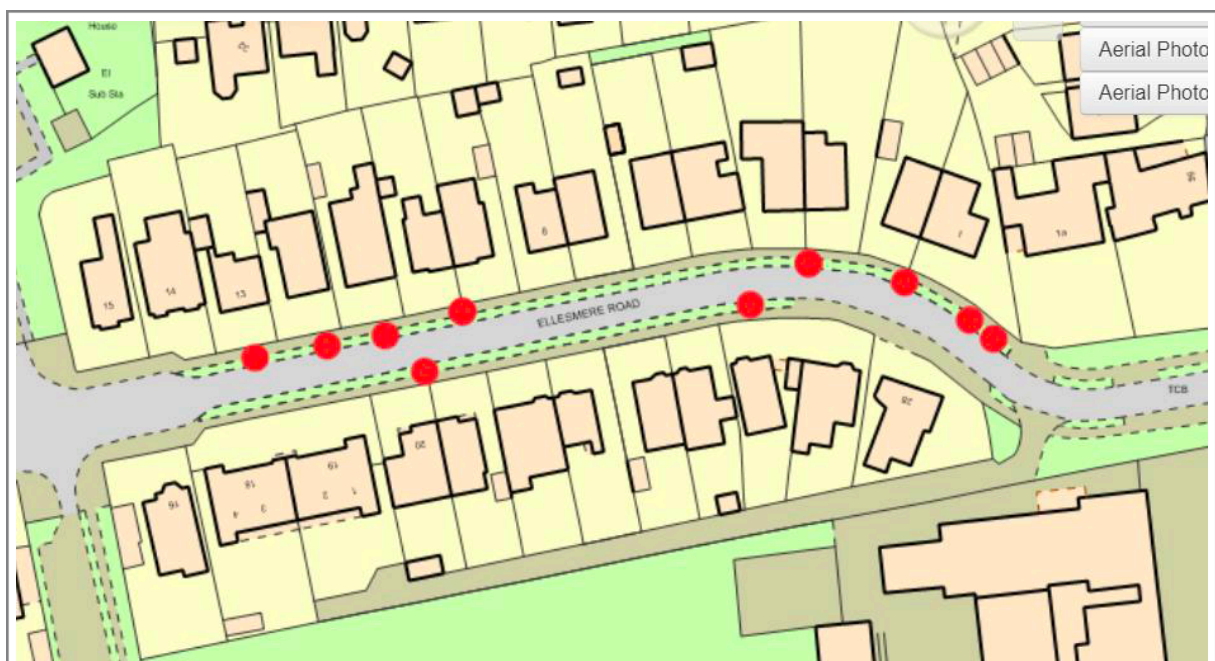
The sites identified are at the bus stops adjacent to the school in Ellesmere Road, and also to be the site of a new village noticeboard where a Rowen, part funded by Uphill WI has already been planted. The others are the two junctions of Laurel Drive with Uphill Road South, the Kynfton Close entrance verges, Widgery Corner and, if required the replacement of the Oak tree at the flower boat roundabout in Uphill Road South.



In addition North Somerset Council has created a provisional tree planting proposal for the verges along Ellesmere Road comprising of all available tree locations at this time. Conflicts with underground services may reduce the final number of trees. The officers are now apply for funding subject to requirements and the final number of authorised trees. The predominant tree species of choice is Common Alder but the officers are open to suggestions for alternatives.

Due to high competition for available stock from tree nurseries, the Council, if the scheme is approved may not be able to achieve any planting this year.

The council has a dedicated email available for tree planting enquires, including on this scheme if residents wish to express views on the proposal - Treeplanting@n-somerset.gov.uk



Potential sites for tree planting in Ellesmere Road verges proposed by North Somerset Council
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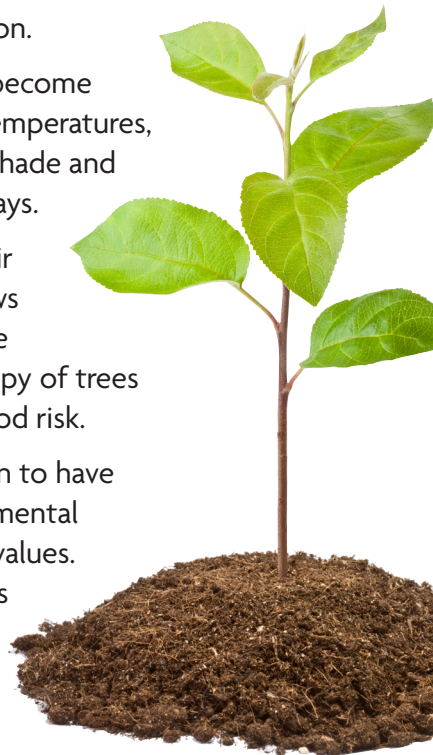
New trees in your area

North Somerset Council is looking to plant trees in open spaces across the area.

This is mainly to help combat the climate emergency. Trees are vital for the health of our planet and are our greatest tool to reduce the impact of climate change, through the carbon they remove from the atmosphere.

Trees have many benefits, including:

- **Carbon** – trees absorb carbon and lock it away, permanently removing it from our atmosphere.
- **Cleaner air** – not only do trees produce oxygen but they absorb pollutant gases. This gives cleaner air and decreases illness linked to air pollution.
- **Cooler temperatures** – urban areas can become heat islands. This can result in extreme temperatures, especially in the summer. Trees provide shade and can even block harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays.
- **Flood prevention** – root systems allow air and water to penetrate the soil. This slows water flow through the soil, which can be helpful at times of high rainfall. The canopy of trees intercepting rain also helps to reduce flood risk.
- **Improved living** – trees have been proven to have numerous benefits, including improving mental health and helping to increase property values. Studies have shown that improved access to trees can have a calming effect, and neighbourhoods with more trees have lower levels of antisocial behaviour.



Want more trees in your area?

We would love to hear from you if you know of any piece of land that could benefit from tree planting.

Get involved

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help with our tree planting and aftercare. If this is something you would like to be a part of, please email the tree planting team at treeplanting@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Please scan the QR code for more information.



www.n-somerset.gov.uk/treeplanting

North Somerset Council is working in partnership with the Forest of Avon and Trees for Climate to deliver this project.

