

Beaples Standing Stone

After initial restoration of the Beaples Standing Stone last year, the Parish Council agreed to engage a contractor to clear the whole area around the stones, lay weed suppressant sheeting and cover with stone chippings to generally enhance the area. This work should be started by the end of this month. It is intended to stop the inevitable jungle of brambles and nettles which is knee deep by summer, thus obscuring the stones and preventing anyone to venture onto the site. Also this will replace the need (and cost) of engaging contractors to trim once or twice every year.

A bid to acquire free trees from The Woodland Trust has been accepted, and a pack of 30 mixed young trees are due to arrive in November. We are planning a small ceremony for parishioners and local children to help establish the site and plant the trees. Hopefully, Devon Wildlife Trust will be present on the day to instruct in the planting and talk about general aspects of wildlife we may encounter on the site. In the future, we hope to place some benches at the site to allow anyone, who wishes, to sit for a while and enjoy the exceptional views of Exmoor as well birds and wildlife.

The whole concept of this project is to maintain and preserve these special and historic features which make up the fabric of our parish for both local residents and visitors to enjoy. Further information about the history of the Beaples Standing Stone can be found on the Knowstone website.

Cllr Timothy Browse

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