My name is Richard Farley, I am part of the Broadland Tree Warden Network. I work closely with our coordinator John Fleetwood who used to be the tree warden for Brundall for many years, so I have big boots to fill.

The pandemic has made things very difficult but Sharon, Claudia and Lawrence of the planning committee know I am available to advise and support local residents on any tree issues and this has worked well over the last year.

My enthusiasm and work output has been restricted due to the lockdown but John and I have been able to complete the planting scheme at the cemetery. John was able to secure funding from Broadland District Council to purchase the hedging and saplings and we both planted near to 400 in three days in foul weather conditions. Once completed we both felt very pleased with what we had achieved.

During the planning process for the football pitch again, John and I made several suggestions to the proposed planting scheme at the end of the project. With Sharon’s help we spoke to the contractor who took these on board and appreciated our input. We offered further help and in time we will see if they take up our offer.

I work closely with Graham and the Land Management committee and as part of the Broadland Tree Warden Network we have been able to secure 2 management plans for Low Farm Wood and Church Fen, John will explain further in a few minutes.

Graham and the committee have kindly agreed for me to buy appropriate tools to allow us to complete the tasks ahead and I look forward to the challenge.

Regarding the cemetery I agreed with the Land management committee that I could plant 15 roses at the main entrance and I have restored the memorial bench to its former glory.

I would like to say that I have enjoyed being your local tree warden, I am always open to suggestions for future planting.

One area I would like to explore is the small parcel of land adjacent to Cucumber Lane at the Pastures.

Thank you

Richard Farley

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