

The Network visited Brundall Cemetery on 14 February 2023 in order to manage the trees and hedges we planted about three years ago.

We were very pleased to see that the success rate of the planting of the two hedges exceeded 95%. That is a very impressive success rate for such a public place.

We replaced the whips that had been lost in both hedges and removed the canes and spiral guards from those that had thrived.

The trees we planted to the south of the site all appear to be doing very well indeed.

I have to report that we were surprised to see the way the cherry laurel adjacent to the car park and lychgate had been reduced. Quite frankly it has been destroyed with no thought given to its future growth. Bad cuts, rips and tears show that whoever carried out the work had no idea about arboriculture. I would suggest that it is coppiced as soon as possible to allow new growth to grow from the base. However, that new growth will require careful management ad the plant has a wide, mature case.

We carried out some reduction work on an *Elaeagnus* adjacent to the western pathway, removing crossed and rubbing branches but it needs more time that we had. Indeed, the whole of that *Elaeagnus* collection is suffering from neglect and I would suggest that the Parish Council considers its required management sooner rather than later.

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