

around the site and perhaps pay more attention to the magnificent yew.

Any substantial changes through management calls for public consultation/information and this can be an ideal situation to involve the community.

- This site would benefit from more tree planting; even if it were just one or two. It would increase the age range of the trees on site, and have some young trees coming on as the others mature and may have to be removed. Keep the species choice and number as simple as possible, be mindful of the significance and age of the site, the other types of tree found there, the scale of the site and eventual height of a tree, and its benefit for wildlife. Therefore a native species (but not varieties or cultivars of) would be the first choice. Examples include English or Sessile oak, Field maple, Ash, English yew, Silver Birch, Wild Cherry or Gean.
- Thin out or prune the lower branches of the 'holly' group, nos. two to five. They tend to obscure the yew tree.

Useful contacts

- Arboricultural Association, Ampfield House, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 9PA. 01794 368717

Can supply list of approved contractors, they also have a web site www.arboricultural.org.uk

- Institute of Chartered Foresters, 7A, St Colne Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6AA. Also supply a list of practitioners including those who specialise in tree inspections. Web site: www.icf.co.uk
- The Tree Council, 51, Catherine Place, London, SW1e 6DY, 0207 828 9928. The organisation that run the Tree Warden Scheme, volunteers who act as 'eyes and ears' for the trees in the parish. The Council runs the scheme mainly through local authorities and are involved in providing training for the wardens. Web site: www.treecouncil.org.uk

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