

Playford Tree Warden Report

I became the Playford Tree Warden in September 2025. Since then I have been busy planting and tending to trees in the parish.

In the Autumn, and with it being a mast year, I collected many seeds. These are now small seedlings and doing well in the tree nursery at Hill Farm. Through the free trees scheme by the Tree Council, the Little Bealings Tree Wardens and I have planted several hundred trees and hedging plants in the two parishes and have kept some back for next winter due to the concerns over potential drought this spring and summer.

We have also commenced surveys of the ancient and veteran trees in our two parishes; this work will continue in the years to come as it is a lengthy process. I have helped liaise between parishioners where there have been queries or concerns raised regarding trees on areas with shared access. I have also mulched and re-staked the new oak tree in the village hall playing field and removed the broken and redundant guard for the sweet chestnut tree.

I met with the Suffolk Tree Wardens in Autumn for a bud grafting course and attended another grafting session in the winter to further my grafting experience and stock of fruit trees. There will be a small number of apple trees available for parishioners to purchase, with all proceeds to the Suffolk Tree Warden Network. There will be hundreds of free trees and hedging plants with guards available from October/November time, parishioners may contact me directly for this.

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