

SPIRIT OF SUTTERBY

Hedge Planting around Sutterby Churchyard

March 2016

Denise had this idea that the churchyard at Sutterby would look so much better if it had the long lost boundary hedge reinstated.

The Woodland Trust was approached and asked if they could help, they said they would donate up to 420 hedging plants. It was calculated that 480 hedging plants would be needed. Crowders a local plant nursery was asked if they could help, and they offered make up the shortfall of 60 plants. With the plants from the Woodland Trust came canes and protective plastic growing tubes.

The hedging plants etc. were delivered to East Keal where the Wheatleys cared for them until planting day.

On the weekend of 12/13th March 2016 four fine men Mike Morgan, Dave Start, David Stonehouse and Geoff Wheatley went to the churchyard and strimmed down the grass and weeds in the area where the hedge would be planted on Wednesday 16th March 2016



Denise Wheatley





Preparation and strimming around churchyard





Everything you need to plant a hedge!!! A small group of volunteers, hedging plants, First Aid kit (hopefully containing embrocation), a tea bar and Sutterby biscuits.



After listening to Denise reading out the Health and Safety warning, we set about our task.



Kevin the farm manager gave us some advice on spacing, and we marked out 2 rows and staggered the plants equidistant along each row. Dig hole, put in plant, tread in, put in cane, place plastic growing tube around cane and plant, repeat 480 times, simple???????





Very soon it was tea break, after that plant some more hedge, and then it was picnic break, plant some more hedge , and then tea break again, doesn't time fly when you're having fun?????





Job done! All we need now is gentle rain, warm sun and lots of time.

We have done our bit, now it's up to nature.

Good team effort folks, let's hope Denise does not have any more planting ideas anytime soon, or if she does, they are on a smaller scale????