



Briefing Note on Planting of New Arch at Village Orchard

Introduction

A metal arch has recently been installed at the entrance to the Village Orchard as part of the Parish Council's Orchard Restoration Project. This project has been possible thanks to a generous bequest from the late Mr Akerman, who requested the legacy be used for the 'general improvement of the village environment'.

The new arch now needs to be planted. Given its location it is believed that climbing roses would be the best option as they are very hardy, fast growing, easy to maintain, given year-round colour, and would in fact protect the arch given their prickly nature. Other plants such as clematis, wisteria or ivy wouldn't work as they are delicate, high maintenance and vigorous.

Recommendation

- To plant four climbing roses of different colours to grow over the arch.
- To approve a budget not exceeding £300 for purchase and labour, to come from the Akerman Bequest.

Prepared by the Clerk

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