

Ashwell Springs, Planting Project. Request for Quote.

1. Project Overview

Following tree removal works carried out earlier this year, Ashwell Parish Council (APC) is seeking quotations for a small-scale planting scheme at Ashwell Springs.

The aim of the project is to enhance biodiversity and improve the visual amenity of the area. Planting is intended to take place between late September to early November, subject to suitable conditions and contractor availability.

2. Scope of Works

The works comprise the supply and planting of:

- 12 semi-mature trees (approximately 3–5 years old);
- 12 tree whips;
- Approximately 20 shrubs.

All trees are to be supplied and installed with appropriate protective measures, including wire mesh guards to protect against wildlife, particularly muntjac deer.

3. Planting Specification

Tree species should be native and include, in broadly equal proportions:

- Crab Apple
- Common Hawthorn
- Field Maple
- Holly
- Cherry

Shrub planting should include equal proportions of:

- Hazel
- Grey Willow
- Privet

Contractors may also suggest suitable alternative native species where appropriate to enhance biodiversity and site conditions.

4. Contractor Requirements

Contractors should ensure that:

- All planting stock is healthy, suitably sourced, and appropriate for the site conditions;
- Ashwell Springs is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is environmentally sensitive. Contractors must ensure that all works are carried out in a manner that avoids pollution, disturbance to habitats, and damage to vegetation or watercourses;
- Planting is carried out to good horticultural practice standards;
- All works include appropriate protection and aftercare advice where relevant;
- Site is left clean and tidy upon completion.