

INFORMAL SURVEY OF FURZEDOWN WARD – OPPORTUNITIES TO PLANT MORE TREES. December 2019

Following the first meeting of the **1000 Trees for Furzedown** group, members offered to carry out an informal walking street survey of the area, identifying possible spaces where more trees might be planted.

Our survey is subjective, although we have tried to make sure locations identified are not near utility supplies and do not block resident's ability to apply for a drop-down kerb.

Our aim here has simply been to see what **could be possible** in this area, given the political will, sense of climate urgency and funding. We realise that more trees mean a bigger maintenance bill, at least for the first two years after planting.

We have noticed several things:

- When asked directly, residents are usually positive about new trees being planted in their streets.
- Smaller / flowering tree varieties on streets are preferred.
- Streets with bigger and higher-value properties tended to have more trees, although the Aldrington and Fayland Road estates have roads and green spaces with many mature trees.
- There may be a finite number of further street trees that could be planted in the area but **many more overall** could be planted: our aims are to reach this number sooner rather than later, to identify additional spaces where trees might be planted and to encourage local residents/organisations to plant trees or hedging in their gardens and grounds.
- If asked to identify priorities for planting, this survey highlighted the need for virtually all the streets south of Mitcham Lane to have more trees, for trees to be planted in the parade of the shops outside Budgens in Moyser Road and for consideration to be given to some longer streets, e.g. Ribblesdale Road, which have surprisingly few trees. Since sharing the initial results of the survey with EnableLC and Wandsworth Council, we are pleased to see that 3 new tree pits have been prepared in Moyser Road (with 1 more to come), 8 new pits in Fernthorpe Road and 3 new pits in Penwortham Road.
- Not all new trees planted are properly maintained...a few are dying. Some do not appear to have been planted properly and contribute to broken / pushed up paving around tree roots. Greater consideration may need to be given to watering new trees and using planting methods which have the greatest chance of protecting new trees and their root systems from damage.

Street /open space	No. of existing trees	Est. no. of further trees that could be planted	Notes
TOTALS	Approx 952 + others planted on green spaces bordering Tooting Common or between estate buildings.	549 with proviso that this estimate could be revised down slightly due to unsuitability of some sites for planting	A detailed street survey like this should be the starting point for planning tree planting across the borough (the copy of this survey given to Wandsworth Council/EnableLC survey indicates sites for tree planting on streets via house number or other location details which have been omitted here). Even if this survey has over-estimated potential planting sites on streets, it clearly demonstrates that there is potential to plant a considerable number of additional street trees in this Ward alone.
Abbotsleigh Road	26	9	Leafy road. 1 broken tree stump outside 14.
Aldrington Road	45	8	Broken tree outside 55, 2 dying newly planted trees on verges near Nugent House. Leafy road but still potential for planting a few more trees on verges where there are gaps, especially nearer Eardley Road, outside Salter House and the Alders, opposite Nugent Court.
Anvil Close	1	2	Not huge potential for more trees...limited pavement or other space.
Beclands Road	8	3	
Besley Street	13	18	Only 2 trees on one side of this long street and therefore plenty of planting potential.
Blegborough Road	8	15	One side of this street has only one tree. Plenty of room for more on both sides of street. Room for 2 more trees in paved triangle at end of Leveson and Blegborough streets. Room for another tree at side of Goldfinch Primary School
Birchwood Road	All trees on Common that borders one side of the road. None on other side of road.	23	Plenty of room for trees on Common side of road but existing trees have significant overhang, so may be difficult to plant more. People at 37 want a tree.
Brookview Road	17	2	This short road has a good number and variety of trees, though some not in great condition and one looks dangerous.
Chillerton Road	40	3	
Clairview Road	Many on strip of Common that borders	0	Houses only on one side of road and beautiful avenue of trees on strip of land on opposite side of road. Low priority for more trees given proximity to extensive area of mature trees.

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Colson Way	Approx 16	0	Not a priority for planting. Many trees in green spaces and paved areas- no room for any more on paved areas.
Corsehill Street	9	13	Relatively treeless street, especially on one side of the road.
Credenhill Street	9	11	Relatively treeless street, especially on one side of the road.
Crowborough Road	44	34 (min)	People at 200 and 214 would like small flowering trees.
Cunliffe Street	8	Min 6	Short street with few trees.
Dahomey Road	16	0	Good range and number of trees already
Daleside Road	11	7	Not well served by trees but lots of drop down kerbs and driveways restrict planting.
Eardley Road	12	3	Lots of drop-down kerbs and driveways prevent many more trees being planted.
Eastwood Street	11	19	A wide road that could benefit from the 'avenue' effect more trees...there are relatively few given its length.
Edencourt Road	22	13	Empty tree pit on this street. Leafy road at Mitcham Lane end...fewer trees at other end.
Fallsbrook Road	13	Min 14	The entire lower stretch of this street between Eastwood Street and Kettering Street devoid of trees.
Fayland Avenue	13	5	Quite leafy but room for a few more trees. 1 decaying tree to be removed and replaced with note from EnableLC attached to tree.
Fernthorpe Road	5	Min. 15	Priority street for planting? The entire even house number side of Fernthorpe has no trees.
Fir Tree Close	12	0	Small close bordered by trees. Treelined on one side and a couple of mature trees on the other. Low priority.
Freshwater Road	3	8	A virtually treeless road
Furzedown Drive	1	12+	Plenty of potential planting space on this road.
Furzedown Road	Many	0	Tree borders Common on one side and broad strip of land planted with mature trees on the other. Low priority for planting more trees
Furzedown Recreation Ground	Many	5+	Friends of the Rec group instrumental in getting 5 new trees planted here by EnableLC in November 2019. Room for still more trees on this recreation ground.
Gorse Rise	11	0	Leafy road – low priority for planting
Gracedale Road	13	7	Comparatively leafy but a few long gaps.
Greyswood Street	34	0	Replace damaged tree outside no. 6
Idlecombe Road	21	2	Leafy road.

Kettering Street	11	2	Broken tree near 52.
Leverson Street	12	17	This long road should be a priority for planting. No trees at all on one side of this road and no trees on either side of road from Eardley Road end to junction with Fernthorpe Road. Room for at least 6 in this section alone.
Longstone Road	15	7	
Masters Close	0	0	Narrow pavements and parking spaces take up room.
Mitcham Lane/Streatham Road	1-2	20+	Practically treeless on both sides of road.
Moyser Road	34	21	Strong local support for trees on the broad area of paving outside Budgens/Furzedown Project.
Moyser Court	0	5	
Nimrod Road	50	36	Replace dead tree outside 170. Replace newly planted dead tree at 148.
North Drive	20+	0	Not a priority for planting
Parklands Road	18	9	Leafy road but quite a number of potential gaps more additional trees.
Pendle Road	34	10	Dead tree hole 99 Long stretches without trees at Thrale Road end of Pendle Road.
Penrith Street	0	8	Treeless Road
Penwortham Road	13	10	
Pretoria Road	17	15	Dying tree outside 74? Dead tree outside 102A. Vacant planting hole near the Nimrod end of this road near to the even number side close to Moyser Road
Pringle Gardens	0	0	No room for any on paved areas.
Rackham Mews	0	0	Narrow pavements; parking spaces use up room.
Ramsdale Road	5	4	
Ribblesdale Road	28	46	Dead tree hole 156. Relatively few trees along this very long road. Could be a priority for planting.
Salterford Road	17	11	
Southcroft Road	47	23	
Spalding Road	2	8	
Thrale Road	22	10	Road looks leafier than the number of street trees suggest because there are many large mature trees overhanging the pavements planted in front gardens. Nevertheless, there are empty stretches outside Boothby House, Burney House, St Albans Church, the Living Room and there is surely the potential for more planting along the stretch of shops

			bordering Mitcham lane and behind the new Furzedown sign on the new paving.
Ullathorne Road	40	4	Tree pit outside 19 Leafy road...many mature trees already and some newly planted trees. Low priority for more planting.
Welham Road	30	16	
Westcote Road	9	4	Many driveways and drop-down kerbs.
West Drive	17+	0	Houses on one side of road only – other side is a border of trees. Low priority for planting given proximity to extensive border of mature trees.
Woodnook Road	35	3	Probably the leafiest road in the Ward per metre...
Faylands and Aldrington Road estates	Many	?	We could work with residents associations of these areas. Faylands residents association is seeking funding to support more planting. Potential for more trees to be planted but needs liaison with residents. Other issues may be more of a priority...e.g. bigger playgrounds, more communal space for lower level planting.