Planted Christmas Trees Scheme

To consider locations for planting Christmas trees in residential areas to replace the cut trees previously sited.		
Recommendation: 1. Council is recommended to consider the proposals below and give guidance to officers on the locations suggested.		
	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?	Yes	
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	N/A	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		NO
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	N/A	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).	Yes	
1. It was decided at the Communities and Local Services meeting of 4th September 2023, that officers research planting living Christmas trees in residential locations around Berwick that would be fitted with Christmas lights for the appropriate season. 2. Locations identified therefore require an electrical source nearby. 3. The identified locations below are all on Northumberland County Council (NCC) property and therefore will require agreement with NCC Green Spaces prior to planting. 4. Committee suggested using Silver Birches to plant as the trees to be lit. 5. This report is intended to establish principal prior to costing.		
Issues arising from proposal None.		
Rationale for recommendation Not applicable.		

Proposed Christmas Tree Sites

Note: What3words.com has been used to identify the specific sites suggested for planting.

	Location	Notes	Photo
Tree 1	Adjacent to Spittal War Memorial, left as facing the memorial	What3words: sorry.pies.slower Previous temporary Christmas tree location. Electrical access available.	
Tree 2	Highcliffe, on the left side of Spittal Hall Road	What3words: Monkey.dare.linked New location (ie not a site that Council has previously used for a temporary Christmas tree). Site would afford good view of the tree from the bottom of the hill. Electrical access available.	
Tree 3	Roberts Lodge	What3words: unity.grin.chip New location. Location would act as welcome to travellers on the Etal Road into town. Electrical access available.	
Tree 4	Prior Park	What3words: Boats.wins.admire Previous tree location. Electrical access available.	

Tree 5	Highfields	What3words: Clever.deputy.sounds Previous tree location. Electrical access available. Alternative: instead of planting a tree we could dress existing trees (up to 14 trees) on site to create a high profile Christmas Landmark on the key road into town.	
Tree 6	Tweedmouth	What3words: music.adults.turns Previous Tweedmouth location is not suitable for trees (roundabout at the end of Old Bridge). A suggestion is to move the site to the Queens Gardens	