

Hi Peter,

Nice to meet you on Tuesday. Listed below are my recommendations for what you can achieve with the patch of land you showed me.

- **South facing bank.**
Create a wildflower meadow. As the soil is quite rich and grass dominant, we would need to do this in stages, starting with sowing yellow rattle in the autumn to reduce the dominance of the grasses. We would then look to sow a wildflower mix the following year. The wildflower area would be cut each autumn and cuttings removed. We can do this with volunteers. Suggest the area for the wildflowers is marked in some way so the contractors don't mow it, perhaps a little rope fence of some sort.
- **Woodland area**
Clear some of the undergrowth and plant woodland bulbs such as snowdrops and wood anemone. This to be done in the autumn/winter.
- **Planter**
Once the daffodils have died back weed the bed and plant up with native wildflowers. Relocate daffodils to woodland edge?
- **Lower area around birch tree**
Plant fruit trees such as apple, plum and pear. Use a rootstock that is not too vigorous such as MM106
- **Bird boxes**
Selection of bird boxes fixed to the trees.
- **Native Hedge**
Plant a mixed native hedge along the railway fence.

Approximate costings:

Woodland plants: £400 to £500 (dense planting to get a really good impact)

Planter: £200

Fruit trees: 5 to 6 trees. My supplier Heritage Fruit Tree Co. charges £40 a tree. Total cost: £200 - £240.

Nest boxes: £200 (using durable woodcrete nest boxes).

Hedging plants: £240

As discussed, all the work can be carried out by our Community WildBelt Volunteers (they are fully insured under the Chiltern Society). We can also offer some match funding with Chiltern Railways.

I can draw up a site plan so we can agree on the final design and get more accurate costings. It would be great if we could liaise with Chiltern Railways so we can work effectively together.

Think that is all for now.

It's a lovely bit of green space and I'll look forward to helping you make it a nice place for people to sit and enjoy nature.

Best wishes,

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