



LYDD TOWN COUNCIL

DONATED MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING POLICY

Trees are to be made available to donate to Lydd Town Council in order to commemorate a loved one or allow members of the public to make a dedication of their choice. Donated memorial trees can be placed on The Rype

New Policy and Location

This new policy applies only to donated memorial trees planted on The Rype

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Lydd Town Council on 01797 320999 or by visiting the website www.lyddtowncouncil.gov.uk

Third Party Memorial Tree Provision

Unfortunately, we do not permit third parties to provide their own trees for planting on The Rype. There are several reasons for this;

- No guarantee of quality, size, provenance or relevant biosecurity or plant health checks.
- We aim to provide a selection of trees selected due to their tolerance of the conditions on The Rype.
- Trees will only be purchased only from our preferred suppliers who have a proven track record on biosecurity and plant health checks.

New Trees

New trees will only be planted during the winter months (December to February) in order to ensure the best possible chance for them to establish and mature.

Tree Species Choice

Evergreen Oak (*Quercus Ilex*)
Monteray Pine (*Pinus radiata*)
Austrian/Black Pine (*Pinus nigra*)
Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*)
Golden Rain tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)
Honeylocust (*Gleditsia tricanthos* – Sunburst)
Acacia (*Robina pseudocacia*)

Charges for each new tree

Item	Description	Cost
Individual Tree	Girth 12-14 cm approx. Height approx. 11 to 15 feet	POA due to availability at the time. Approx. £300
Ancillary Items	Stakes / Guards / ties / irrigation system	£55.00
Labour	Planting of each tree	£30.00
On-going maintenance for 3 years	Watering, tree pit weeding, formative pruning, stake and tie adjustment	£375 (for 3 years)
Total		TBC

Maintenance

New donated memorial trees will be maintained by Lydd Town Council's contractor for a period of three years from the date of planting. Maintenance will include the regular watering of the tree between the months of April and October (the regularity of watering will be dictated by prevailing environmental conditions and may increase during prolonged dry spells or decrease in the event of prolonged wet spells of weather); weeding of the tree pit in order to remove competition from grass and weeds as necessary to remove competition for available nutrients; stake and tie adjustment as necessary. All stakes, ties and protective guards will be removed three years after the date of planting.

Vandalism and Damage

If the tree dies or is vandalized, Lydd Town Council's contractors will remove it. No refunds will be given if the tree dies or is vandalised, however a replacement tree will be planted free of charge (for the first 3 years).

Waiting Time

Applications for donated memorial trees will be processed all year round, however tree planting will only take place between the months of December and February.

Conditions of Dedication

The council will try and accommodate the applicant's preference for the location of the tree. The council reserves the right to refuse an application if the preferred location is unsuitable and to offer an alternative site.

Once the tree has been planted it becomes the property of the council. The council then takes liability and responsibility for all maintenance requirements. No maintenance of any kind should be undertaken by the donor, their family or their representatives.

The Rype is there for the enjoyment of everyone and as such is not considered to be a dedicated 'memorial' garden'. In addition, any memorabilia, tributes or lights will not be permitted to be placed at the base of trees, around the trunks or on the branches of trees. Any such items found will be removed by the council.

Lydd Town Council will maintain a register of the donated memorial trees on our website, should you not wish the name of the person in whose name the tree is planted or the name of the donor included on this register please notify us at the time of ordering the tree.

It is the responsibility of the donor to notify the council if your address or contact details change.