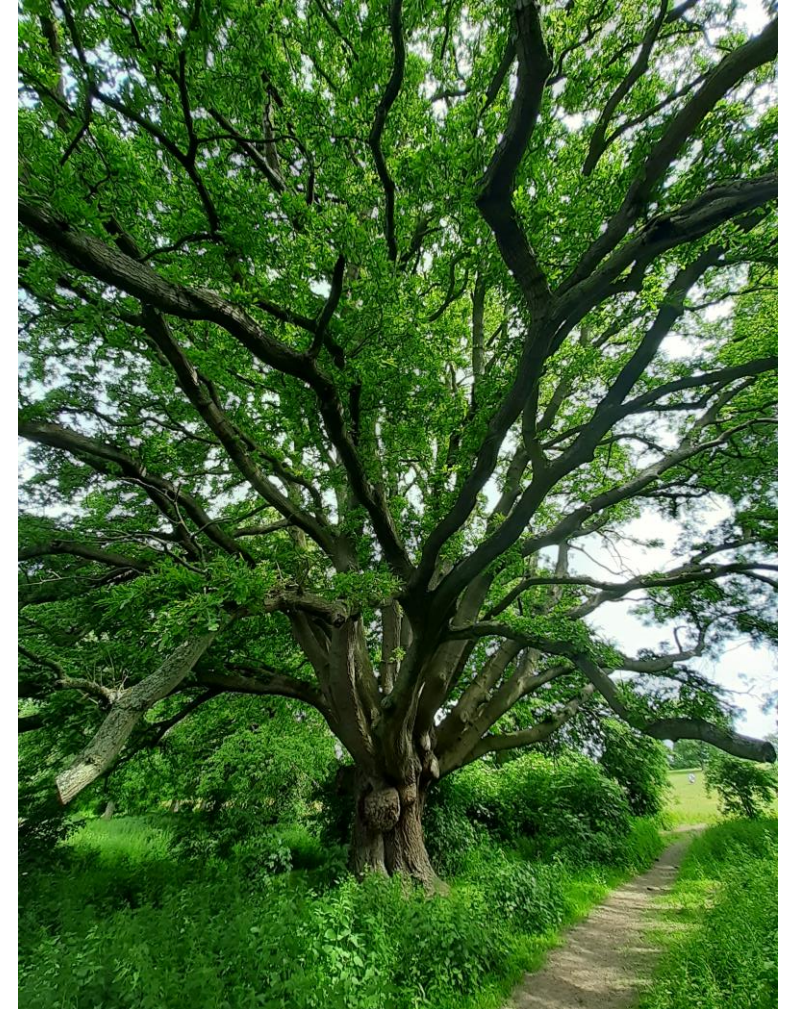


Essex Forest Initiative Update – Nov 2021

- Year 1 reminder (Winter 2020/21): target = 25,000 trees. Actual = 38,000
- Year 2 target (this winter): 50,000. Expected = at least 70,000

This year's funding:

- £76k - ECC
- ~£80k - England Woodland Creation Offer grant (Ramsey)
- £300k – Local Authority Treescape Fund
- ~£30k – Urban Tree Challenge Fund
- \$50k USD – One Tree Planted
- Free trees provided by TCV



Planting Sites

- Ramsey (ECC) – 7ha, 14,000 trees
- The Big Green Internet – hedgerow creation planting 40,000 trees across Tendring
- Basildon Council sites – 12,000 trees
- Castle Point Council sites – 6000 trees
- Parish Councils – Hatfield Peverel, Boreham, Rettendon, Cold Norton, Frinton and Walton, South Hanningfield, Saffron Walden, Stansted Mountfitchet
- Individual landowners - ~5,000 trees





- Hatfield Peverel Parish Council were the first to plant this year, with the help of the EFI volunteers
- Over the planting season we will record all the volunteer hours that make the project a reality



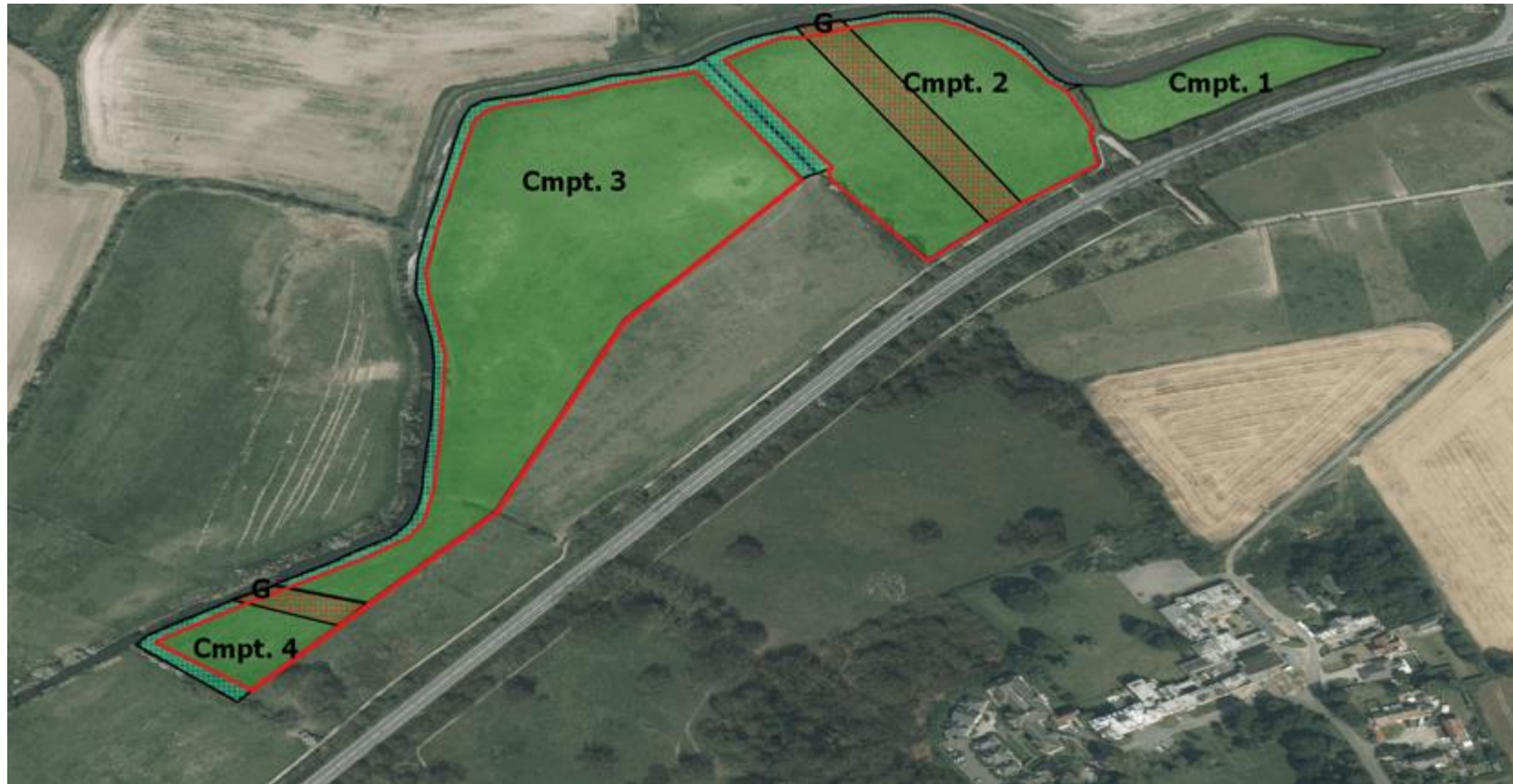
- Planting started last week so we've got 1250 trees in the ground and at least 1500 going in the ground today
- By the end of the week we should have 5000 planted



Going Green

- We'll use only biodegradable, plastic free guards
- We'll use mulch from composted garden waste instead of herbicide
- We'll source all our trees from UK nurseries selling UK grown trees from UK seed stock

Ramsey



- Creating a wet woodland on the banks of the Dovercourt Dock river
- Wet woodland is a UK BAP priority habitat
- Sourcing and planting UK native trees
- Reducing the planting carbon footprint by not using tree guards
- The site will be fenced using untreated timber grown and milled within 10 miles of the site
- Volunteers will be used to spread 645 tonnes of mulch.