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I had thought the areas that are too steep to cut the grass on the bottom half may be nice to plant wildflowers in??

40 tree seems quiet a lot if I think 10-20 years down the road and they have grown into big trees

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Sounds like a good idea but 40 seems a lot though this does depend on the management and types that are been considered.

Is there a proposed plan of where they are thinking of been put as this I'll make a big difference.

Big trees are beautiful but could block lots of light from the house and a lot only have small windows. And would be a real shame loose and open green areas...

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I'd love to see a couple of walnut trees and perhaps some birch. At the moment I think all we have is oak and beech? Silver birch bark is very decorative and would be an attractive addition. And of course some community fruit trees might be welcome for those into preserving/jam making.

Love the idea of some fruit trees

Trees with fruit you could eat would be a good idea but I doubt they would be paid for by a re-wilding grant! Little maple with decorative leaves are nice

I didn't realise a re-wilding grant was paying...

Don't know but that is generally a factor in these things for landowners

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Children play on the upper green. It would be good if some areas are left clear for this. There is a walnut tree on the lower green which was planted quite recently and is doing well.

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A few years ago some villagers got permission of the late lord lonsdale to plant an oak tree in memory of mrs pimm. That's the one opposite town head .and he said at the time that was the last tree to be planted on the village green as there was more than enough. It's just a thought but perhaps he was trying to protect the drainage and sewerage systems

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It would be lovely to have a few blossom trees (maybe cherry)

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We look over Knipe Scar and the distant fells, and it is a fabulous view. Although in principle we like the idea of more trees, we would be quite upset if that view was spoilt. (We also know that the view from the road just across from us is one of the things that visitors/walkers on their way to the fell gate stop to look at). But careful positioning of trees could still allow some to be planted up here without spoiling things, if more trees up here are really wanted. NB. The area of green outside our paddock/orchard and across the road always used to be maintained as flower meadow by Willy Thompson. Since he stopped cutting them they have deteriorated although we have done our best with the bit immediately outside the paddock. There are still lots of wild flowers which come up when the grass is cut appropriately. We have been hoping that Lowther was intending to manage both bits as flower meadow, and it would be a shame if too many trees got in the way of meadow management.

By Post to MH

Dear All, I think that 40 trees is probably a good few too many, however I do support a succession plan for each tree with a few extras in case of casualties! Re the grass I worry that if it's left long it will be covered in dog excrement from dogs of walkers and villagers who forget poo bags. At the moment its possible to pick up 'left' poo as it is visible. This means children can play safely. I hope thats of use.

By Post to The Clerk

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By Post to The Clerk

Dear Sirs

Re Tree planting on Askham greens.

With reference to the young tree planting proposal in the village newsletter, I would like to object on the grounds that it will spoil the open aspect of the greens and also make mowing more difficult. However I have no objection to replacing dead or diseased trees.

By Email to The Clerk

Hi,

As an Askham resident, I am very much in favour of the proposal, by Lowther Estates, Askham and Helton Parish Council to undertake the planting of 40 young trees on the village greens in Askham.

It would be great to have more native trees and wildflowers planted on the greens to create more biodiversity and encourage wildlife within the village. I would be happy to volunteer to help achieve this.

It could also be seem as representative of regeneration after a difficult year for everyone.

By Email to The Clerk

Hi

I just wanted to drop an email regarding the idea of trees on the village green.

After speaking to a couple of people I would prefer to not have trees planted. I love the village green and it's openness with a view down the village to the forest at the bottom and a large volume of trees will ruin that. Additionally the beck travels under the village green that is already damaged with water coming up through holes when it rains. Having tree roots will surely only damage this further.

I would love to see more flowers especially wild flowers planted and happy to help and donate to this should we choose this instead.

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By Email to The Clerk

Dear Sir

I am sorry I do not know the name to address here!

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am born and bred as they say in the Lowther Valley area, daughter of the late Beatrice and John Errington. Although not currently living in Askham I will be moving shortly to Mum's house at Park View, where I have spent a great deal of time over the past years.

I have been reading the April Askham and Helton Village Newsletter and about the tree planting proposals on the Greens. I am a great believer in animal and plant conservation and indeed in tree planting in general, mindful of the benefits to wildlife and climate change as well as the beauty of trees in their own right. However, I do not think that planting them is appropriate in this setting. The village of Askham is known and loved for its particular character of pretty houses circling the spacious and airy Greens. Surely the Greens themselves are part of the iconic structure of the village setting? The existing mature trees, whilst grand in stature, do not overpower the overall scene. Single trees could be planted in their place in the future after they have been felled due to maturity, thus retaining their timeless juxtaposition. Surely the Greens are part of the reason the village is a Conservation Village in its existing state?

I do hope that others agree that the beautiful Greens be conserved in their existing format for future generations to enjoy

By Email to The Clerk

Dear Parish Council

I would like to express my views on the proposed tree planting on Askham village green. I really don't see the need to plant trees on this iconic village green (unless they are to replace dead ones).

This beautiful village green is historical and very famous aesthetically. Why do we have to change it?

I am not against planting trees intact I am in favour of it generally but NOT on our already wonderful green.

By all means plant trees but not there - it does not need enhancing.

Preserve our history and stop trying to change things just for the sake of it. The green is beautiful and very iconic as it is.