

Tree Guards on the Green

Did you see this man? Well, some of you did, so it's good to know the Neighbourhood Watch is on its toes!

The photo explains why one of the two remaining tree guards had to be removed before it caused unwanted damage to the tree, although they have certainly done their job over the last 80 years.

This particular tree guard was made by William (Bill) Thurlow whose daughter-in-law, Mrs Thurlow, still lives in the house opposite, and was sad to see it being removed. Her daughter, who visits most days, came out to see what was happening, and told us the story. Well, we managed to get the guard out in one piece, so we carried it across the road and into Mrs Thurlow's back garden where she will be able to keep an eye on it. We feel sure her grand children will put it to good use again one day in some way or another.



The other tree guard was of much lighter gauge and not in nearly such good condition. It had to be cut into pieces to extricate it from the branches. The pieces were taken to the Stowmarket HWRC to be recycled.

Next time you admire these glorious trees, looking so good with all their blossom at this time of year, spare a thank you for those kind folk who planted them all those years ago. Does any one know why they were planted? Perhaps someone, somewhere, has a photo of the planting ceremony?

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