

## TOUR OF WEST SLEEKBURN

Cllr Caroline Ball, Cllr Michelle Brannigan, Cllr Marjorie Chambers, and Cllr Pauline Thompson, along with the Clerk, are attending the tour of West Sleekburn Recycling Plant on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. The visit was restricted to five as there is a waiting list, if there are others who wish to go, this can be arranged in the future.

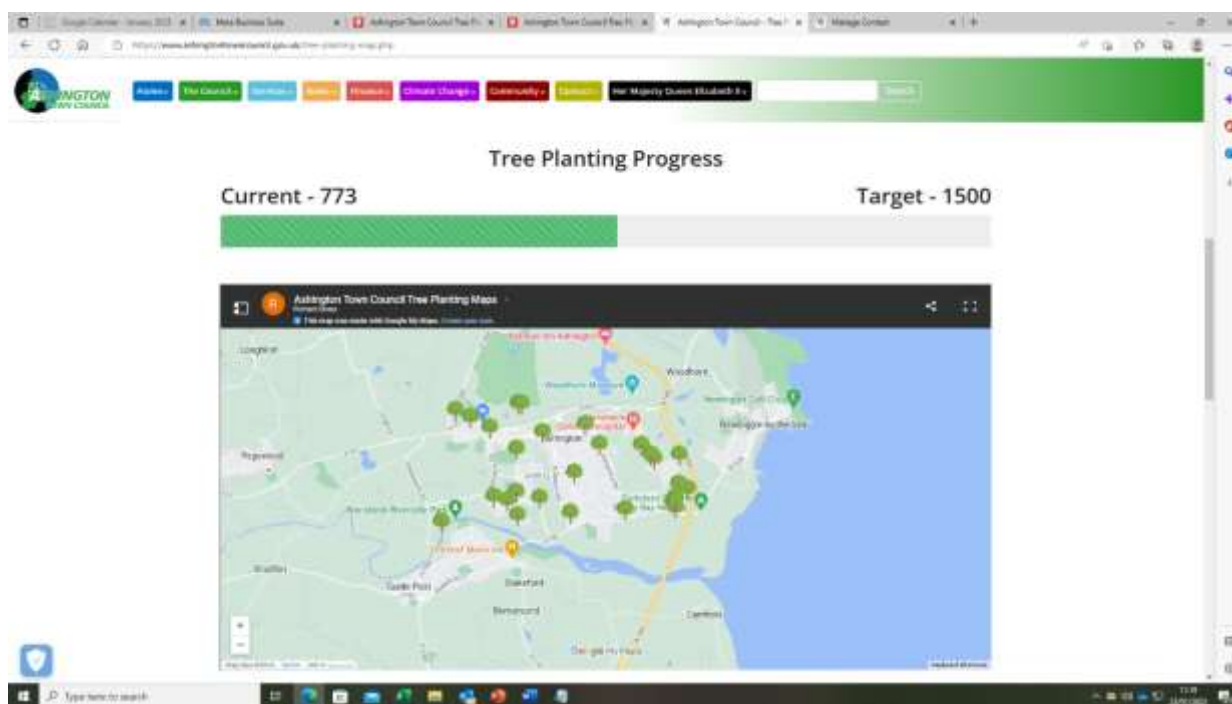
## TREE PLANTING SCHEMES

As agreed at the Climate Change Committee in October, Brambledown has planted 73 semi mature trees at 5 locations: Woodhorn roundabout, A196 Wansbeck Riverside, Alexandra Road, Paddock Wood area and South Side in North Seaton. 12-month watering and maintenance will be carried out by Brambledown.

A further 13 semi mature trees will be planted at the end of February by local contractor GS Wright Tree Surgeons at Woodhorn Villas and A197 Pegswood; watering and maintenance will be carried out by our own Neighbourhood Services Officers.

## TREE PLANTING TARGETS ON WEBSITE

We are just over halfway to achieving the tree planting target for 2023, with the potential of another 85 trees with upcoming agreed projects.



Article that will appear the Clerks and Councils Magazine next month (March)

*Ashington Town Council Climate Change Committee has set a target of 1,500 trees to be planted in 2022/23 and they are asking residents, schools, community groups and local businesses to help them achieve it!*

*Areas of the town where tree planting has already taken place have been added to a new interactive map, where it is hoped that residents will be able to witness Ashington becoming greener over 2023 and onwards. Another five tree planting schemes will be completed this month, weather permitting. These schemes will see another 73 trees planted, including Beech, Horse Chestnut, Lime, Norwegian Maple, Oak, Sycamore, Red Robin, and Wild Cherry.*

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*Working with the local authority, Northumberland County Council, residents of Ashington taking part in the 'Free Tree Scheme' have been able to add their trees to the map. Residents can register their tree planting by completing a form on our dedicated tree planting page; [Ashington Town Council - Tree Planting Map](#)*

*Climate Change Committee Chair Cllr Sophie Robinson, comments:*

*"We recognise that any council working alone can achieve little in facing climate change. It is important however that we make clear our intent to work positively with others, organisations, and individuals, towards schemes and solutions in our town that are significant in addressing carbon neutrality and eliminating emissions. Everyone has a role and part to play however small; and by engaging the community with this online tool to record tree planting, shows the councils intent on engagement and real community involvement particularly in relation to matters that impact on us all".*