

Watering of trees - Harry's Meadow - Jacobs Well

Options for watering

No	Suggestion	Pros	Cons
1	Seek permission to abstract water from the ordinary water course	Free water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent required from the EA • Water source dries up during hot weather • Would require the purchase of a water pump and hose, which would have to be securely stored when not required
2	Ask the JVVHT whether we could attach one, or more water butts to their property for use by Worplesdon Parish Council	Free water may not get consent from the JVVHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would have to carry water from the village hall down to the trees at the bottom of Harry's Meadow • Water source dries up during hot weather • No budget available within the 2023/24 financial year
3	Purchase a water bowser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds more water • Not reliant on rainfall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to fill from office water supply • Where could the bowser be stored the rest of the time? • No budget available within the 2023/24 financial year
4	Install a permanent water supply in the meadow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An available water source year round • No storage issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependent on location of supply might not be useful during a hosepipe ban • Installation costs unknown • Would result in an ongoing annual fee • Could be affected by vandalism • Could freeze in extreme temperatures
5	Do nothing and let nature take its course - the majority of trees were deliberately planted in the wettest part of the meadow	No cost to the taxpayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees may die and need to be replaced if not watered and another drought is experienced.