

MUDDLE BARN FARM DRIVEWAY TREES PLANTING SPECIFICATION

Setting out driveway trees

To positions shown on 1759.171

Tree Pits

Sizes: Where necessary increase dimensions to ensure that pits are at least 100mm deeper than root system and wide enough to accommodate roots when fully spread.

<i>Plant type</i>	<i>Pit Size (length x breadth x depth)</i>
Light standard trees	600 x 600 x 450mm

Sides of pits that have been glazed or compacted shall be loosened to a depth of 50mm before planting. Disposal of the excavated material shall be included in the rate for planting.

Timing: Excavate 1-2 days (maximum) before planting

Sloping ground: Maintain horizontal bases and vertical sides with no less than minimum depth throughout.

Pit bottoms: With slightly raised centre. The base of each pit shall be broken up to a depth of 150mm.

Pit sides: Scarify

Light Half Standard Tree Planting

Planting: Plant trees upright, in centre of pit and at original soil depth. Place backfilling material in 150-250mm layers, shaking shrub to ensure close contact with roots and elimination of air pockets. Firm the soil as backfilling proceed taking care not to damage any roots. Heel in firmly around root collar.

Backfilling material: Previously prepared mixture of topsoil excavated from pit and soil additive Broadleaf P4(or similar) incorporated at a rate of 1g/litre in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

Fertiliser: slow release, Sierrablen Yellow Flora Tablet 15+9+9, or similar approved. 4 tablets per tree applied to manufacturer's recommendations.

Support: Single staking

Light standard tree protection

Manufacturer: Tubex.

Product reference: Tubex spiral.

Size: 0.6m high.

Colour: Translucent green.

Tree Guards

1.8m x 300mm welded mesh

After Planting

Watering: Immediately after planting, thoroughly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil.

Firming: Lightly firm soil around plants and fork and/ or rake soil, without damaging roots, to a fine tilth with gentle cambers and no hollows.

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