Barkham Road Recreation Ground Limes - Silver Jubilee of King George V 1935

In Barkham Road Recreation Ground (Wokingham Town), there is a row of 6 common limes *(Tilia x europaea)* first planted in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V.

These trees were surveyed in May 2014. We know that at least three of the limes were planted at the same time (see below). The girths vary considerably, as shown below. Perhaps the smaller ones were planted later or are replacements for trees that died. The largest lime, with a girth of 2.8m is recorded in the WDVTA veteran tree database (tree record 7339). All except tree 3 have the epicormic growth typical of this species.

Tree	Grid reference	Girth (m) at 1.5m
1	SU 80629 68325	2.35
2	SU 80626 68310	2.8
3	SU 80637 68305	1.95
4	SU 80641 68293	2.4
5	SU 80644 68280	1.55
6	SU 80652 68264	2.4

At least three of the six lime trees were planted by Alderman F.C.Barrett, Mayor of Wokingham.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL.—Left: The Mayor of Wokingham (A
planting a Silver Jubilee memorial tree on the Barkham
Ground, Wokingham, on Saturday.

Note the iron railings shown in the photograph still exist and form a boundary between the recreation ground and the allotments

Wokingham Guides funded the planting of three trees and were also present at the celebration.

Right: Girl Guides lend a hand in the ceremony.

These photos were published in the Wokingham Times.

Extract from the Reading Mercury:-Sat 9th November 1935 :

WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Jubilee Lime Trees To Be Planted

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Miss R.C. Smith, District Captain of the Wokingham Girl Guides, stating that the Guides were asked to plant trees this year to celebrate the King's Silver Jubilee, and that this district would like to plant three limes if the council would indicate a suitable site. It was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of Alderman Sale and the Borough Surveyor to arrange for sites.

Alderman Sale announced that the three lime trees given by the Girl Guides in celebration of the Silver Jubilee would be planted in Barkham Road Recreation Ground on November 23rd, when the Rector would attend.

There is no evidence as yet to say why there are six rather than the three lime trees mentioned here.

Top row from left: trees 1,2,3 ; Bottom row (from left): trees 4,5,6 :-