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BOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL QUARRY HILL PLANTER, QUARRY HILL ROAD, BOROUGH GREEN TN15 8RH

The original Coronation Oak was planted in 1911 to (belatedly) commemorate the Coronation of King George V. Because the tree is on the brow of the hill, on sandy soil and surrounded by tarmac, it dried out and eventually died in 2015, and KCC were forced to fell the tree as a safety hazard. The planter had also suffered multiple bumps over the years and was severely damaged in places. A section of the Oak trunk was sawn into planks and has been used for commemorative benches around the village. Acorns had been potted up, so the Oak lives on at Potters Mede.

The Parish Council sought advice from KMOTT, KCC and our own tree specialist about species that were more tolerant to water shortage. A shortlist of 10 species were given to us, and we consulted the village, and the resulting choice was an Acer Palmatum, and its red foliage really stands out.

A new planter was built using local Kent Ragstone, incorporating a historic AA marker sign from the old planter, and a piece of ragstone commemorating the Rock Public house. The Rock PH (1841 - 1992) was famous because when it was built there was a lump of ragstone too big to remove, so they just built the front wall up and over it, and it became a feature both outside and inside in the public bar.



The Rock PH Commemorative Plaque & Stone



Historic AA Badge



