

Additional documents – Full Council 4th April 2019

60/19 **CORRESPONDENCE – RECEIVED FEBRUARY 2019**

CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT
Stafford BC	Borough and Parish Elections 2019 Notice of Election
Open Spaces Society	Open Space Vol 32 No 4
David Austin	Handbook of Roses 2019/20

58/19 TREE GUARDS

www.designermetal.co.uk

Three quarter guard (Height 6 foot 5, Diameter 1 foot 4)

Unfinished (rust colour) £70 +VAT

Painted £90 +VAT

Galvanised £105 +VAT

Painted and Galvanised £125 +VAT



Full guard (Height 6 foot 5, Diameter 2 foot 1)

Unfinished (rust colour) £90 +VAT

Painted £110 +VAT

Galvanised £130 +VAT

Painted and Galvanised £150 +VAT



www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk

The "Hercules" tree guard. (Height 5 foot, Diameter 1 foot) £139.99 (?)



www.blackcountrymetalworks.co.uk

Hercules guard (Height 5 foot, diameter 1 foot) £138.98 +VAT



BACKGROUND/ISSUE

Child Proof Water Butt for Parish Centre:

It is environmentally unsustainable having to rely on tap water for watering the various beds and containers outside the parish centre; many of which are in direct sun and require frequent watering during the summer months. It is also highly inconvenient for garden volunteers to have to rely on the presence of a member of staff or councillor for access to the tap which is located inside the lobby of the building.

A simple and more sustainable solution would be for a child safe water butt to be installed outside the clerk's office at the gable end of the parish centre. Rain water could then be diverted directly from the down pipe into the water butt and recycled. The current advice is that the potential but negligible risk of legionella's disease associated with use of a water butt can be averted providing that the water is applied to the garden by way of watering can rather than any sort of pressurised spraying system.

OPTIONS

Strata Products Ltd. Ward GN325 210 Litre

Water butt with tap & lockable lid. £39.95 Stand and connector pipe not included (£19.76 + £5.49) No guarantee. Reviewers frequently mention leaky taps and absence of pre-drilled holes. Total: £65.20

Charles Bentley 210 Litre

Set includes tap, lockable lid and down pipe filler kit. No guarantee. Reviewers mention absence of pre-drilled holes and leaky taps. £46.99

Harcoster Child Safe 227 litre

Made from recycled materials in the U.K. Child safe lid. Click lock style tap. Pre-drilled fitting points. 5 year guarantee. £55.91. Reviews generally good. Stand and universal rain trap extra (17.99 + £9.99). Total £83.89

All three are available from Amazon and would have free delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

As with everything, it's probably a case of getting what you pay for. Judging by the reviews the Harcoستر Child Safe is probably the most robust, is the easiest to connect, comes with a 5 year guarantee and is made in the U.K. from recycled material. I think that the Council could be justified in the additional cost on these grounds and I would recommend is purchase.

Council resolution 118/16 refers. Agenda item setting procedure.