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Summary

As part of the festive display the Town Council installs a Christmas tree on Kings Quay, beside the Man & Boy Statue. The tree is either purchased by the Town Council from the seasonal display budget or occasionally donated by members of the community.

This year a resident has donated a Christmas Tree to the Town Council and wishes it to be located on Kings Quay in memory of those lost at sea, a tragedy which has personally affected their family and many others in the Brixham. November is the first anniversary of the sinking of the Joanna C.

Traditionally the Christmas tree stood outside the Town Hall. Due to reduced budgets, increased street furniture and changes to the highways layout, which reduced the pavement width, the tree was re located to Kings Quay several years ago. However, each year residents lobby the Council to provide a tree at the gateway to Brixham, outside the Town Hall. Research has been carried out to look at suitable and sustainable solutions, further details on page 2 of this report.

Torbay Council has granted £3,500 to the Town Council to support Christmas in Brixham. It is proposed this money is used to purchase a Christmas tree that can be located outside the Town Hall. It is suggested an artificial tree is purchased which can be re used each year with an approximate lifespan of 5 years.

Cost

Artificial pre lit Christmas Tree Height 4m (13ft) Diameter 2m	£2,545.00 Ex VAT
Delivery from Lancashire	£600.00
Total Cost	£3,145.00

Recommendations

Brixham Town Council:

1. Purchases a 4m (13ft) artificial pre lit Christmas tree and installs it outside the Town Hall.

4m (13ft) Outdoor Christmas Tree

Diameter 2m

Sections of Frame 2

Branch Sections 36, Branch Tip Count 10,886.

LEDs Pre-Lit 2,400





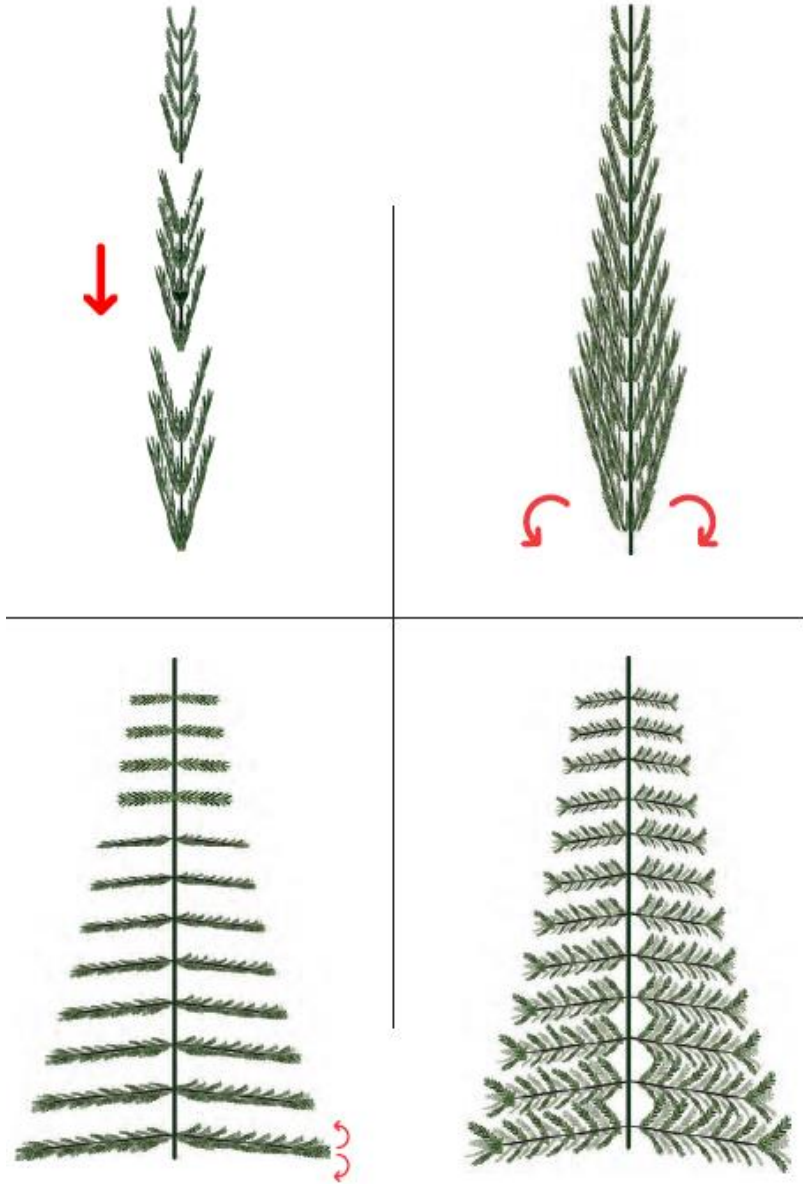
These trees are available in 1 metre increments starting at 4m (13ft) going up to 12m (40ft)

The Facilities Manager has confirmed a 4m (13ft) tree will be suitable. It is proposed to stand the tree on a one meter plinth to increase its height.

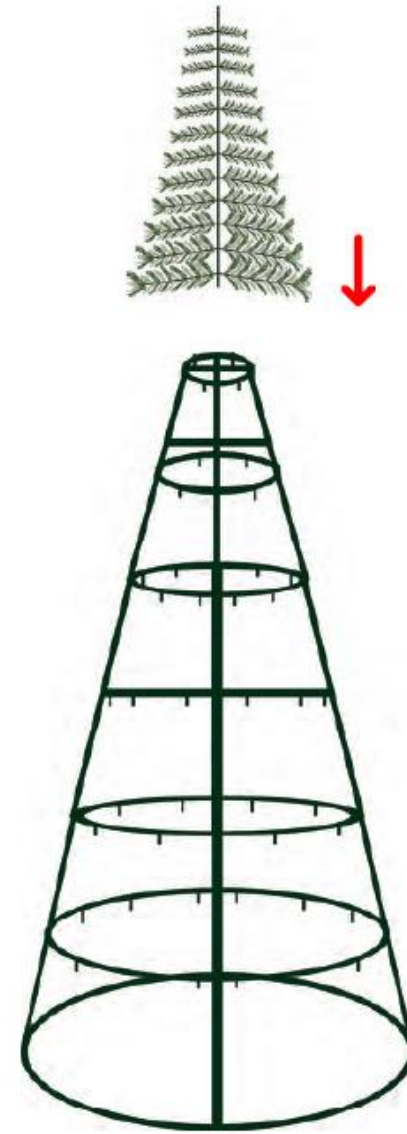
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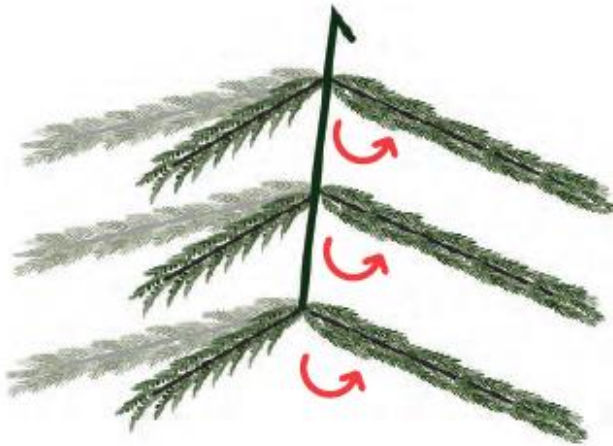
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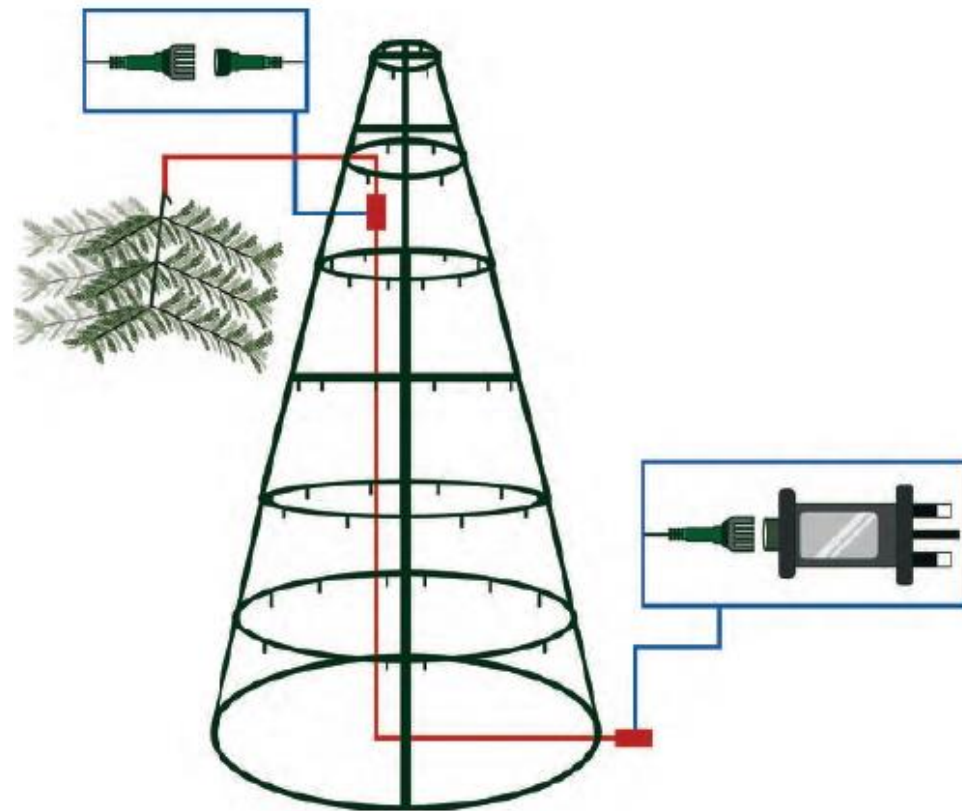


The top of the tree (three sections) is placed into the top section of framework. Again, all branch fluffing can be done, at ground level before being put into place.





Branches should be bent into shape, unfurled & fluffed, prior to slotting them into place on the framework



If your tree is pre-lit, the electrical connections are made between the branches and the transformer via the cable, capable of attaching up to twenty branches.

Each branch is held securely in place, in the socket, on the side of the framework.