



# **Kinsale Golf Club**

## **Tree Report**

### **2022**

## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to review and update the plan for the development of the tree plantations at Kinsale Golf Club which was prepared in November 2011.

The inspection of the trees was held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and present on the day were:

- Hilary Madden Chairman of Kinsale Golf Club,
- Pdraig Crowley Head Greenkeeper Kinsale Golf Club
- Tom Prendergast.

Tom Prendergast is a former Manager of Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Tom is a graduate of the Dept. of Forestry Training College 1960-1963. Tom worked for over 20 Years with the Dep.of Forestry before taking up his position as General Manager in Killarney Golf Club in 1986

### **Review of Tree Husbandry since 2011**

Tom was pleased that there had been a planned removal of the Cypress Leylandii and Alder trees. He commented that we have many fine trees i.e Oak , Lime, Beech, Maple Birch, Sycamore and Scotch Pine. His overall impression was that we will need to selectively thin out the various plantations in order to give the healthy trees light and room to thrive.

### **Ash Trees:**

Unfortunately there is evidence of Ash Die Back disease in the ash trees on the golf course. The diseased trees will need to be removed. From a golfing point of view, a major cause of concern is the ash tree in the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway. This tree is not infected as of yet and we are keeping our fingers crossed that it remains healthy.

### **Plan:**

The plan now is to over the next four or five years to selectively thin out the various plantations to improve the healthy development of our tree population.

In selecting trees to be removed, the following factors will be considered:

- Dead trees.
- Weak trees which are impeding the development of healthy specimens.
- Golfing aspect of golf holes.
- Agronomy considerations.
- Clubhouse views .
- Views of the countryside.

Incidentally there were close on 3000 trees planted on the course since the 1995.