

Planting of Wildlife hedges at Abbey Road in Steyning

SFT will also be planting a hedge on Parish Council land at Abbey Road later in September. The hedge plants are two feet high and will provide nesting for many birds and homes for a diverse cross section of species, helping to create wildlife corridors through Steyning.

This is the hedge which was approved by the Parish Council after 6 months of discussions with their Amenity Committee and was due to be planted at the end of March 2020. There was to be a `Big Plant Up` advertised by posters which had been displayed throughout the town to which all residents were invited. It was to take place on Good Friday but had to be postponed because of Covid 19. September is a good time for the planting to take place as Steyning for Trees have carefully nurtured the original plants through the summer.

Steyning for Trees are only one group hoping to support the Council in its objective of optimising the Abbey Road environmental potential for the future generations living in Steyning. We feel that hedge planting is a vital tool in trying to reverse the catastrophic decline in bio-diversity as shown in the 2019 State of Nature report.

We know that residents will be aware of the many other benefits, including carbon capture, reduction of pollution as well as helping to fight climate change.

With best regards,

Jo and George Gordon
Steyning For Trees
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