



Welcome to our October 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Steyning For Trees supporter

Firstly, many thanks to all those who took a free tree to plant in their garden from our stall at the Steyning Farmers' Market on the 3rd October. It was good to hear from so many of you that most of the 225 trees we gave out last year were thriving. Well done with the watering in such a dry year!

Secondly, WE HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS about planting more trees and hedges around Steyning. We have been given the opportunity to plant another hedge of 210 whips on land on the other side of the by-pass. As the Parish Council has little other land besides Abbey Road, this gives us a great opportunity to extend the wildlife corridors, suck up pollution, boost carbon capture and to add more cover for mammals, invertebrates and birds to increase the biodiversity for the benefit of the residents of Steyning both present and future.

When we were being shown round Dave Bucket, our planting expert, spotted some owl pellets. It is great to think that the new hedge will help to sustain this endangered species.



We are extremely grateful to our benefactors/landowners whose families have a longstanding history of service to Steyning. We are also grateful to the resident of Abbey Road who gave us these contacts.

We hope to plant the new hedge on Saturday 31st October and it will be watered by the landowner with captured rainwater so, environmentally, we have a win-win situation. This will all be of great benefit to all residents of Steyning including the feathered, the small and the fluffy!

As the Grammar School is still unable to help us with the planting and although we do have an additional team of young school pupils to do part of the work, we would be extremely grateful to hear from further volunteers especially for the morning session on Saturday 31st October. Please get in touch if you can offer any help. Planting is easily done with a simple T-cut with a spade.

Regarding the WSCC tree planting scheme the trees chosen by residents for their verges will be arriving in early November and we will be in touch very soon with all concerned.

And finally, the Strategy Director with Green Alliance, Belinda Gordon, has been over to the Knepp estate to do a podcast with Sir Charlie Burrell about his and his wife Isabella Tree's rewilding project. They discuss how the rewilding of Knepp has turned it from a struggling intensive arable and dairy farm with very little biodiversity into a place where business is booming and nature is flourishing.

Here is the link to listen in to their conversation: [the-green-alliance-podcast/knepp](https://www.greenalliance.org.uk/podcast/knepp)

Afterwards he took Belinda round the Stork Project which he feels has helped, along with their appearance on BBC Springwatch, to put Knepp on the map and bring the idea of rewilding to a wider audience.

Here is a link to the Knepp Wildland website: [Knepp Wildland/home](https://www.kneppwildland.org/)

Remember: Trees are front-line warriors in the fight against climate change.

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