



Welcome to our November 2020 Newsletter

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1,000 NEW TREES FOR STEYNING - We are almost there!

Please help us reach this landmark figure. Details for how to donate or otherwise get involved are at the end of this newsletter.

Some sobering facts, courtesy of the Woodland Trust.

- 60 million trees lost to Dutch Elm Disease
- 126 million trees in British woods at risk of ash die-back.
- Sussex and Kent, the two most wooded counties in England, are facing a huge impact from ash die-back. It is vital we act **NOW** to replace lost trees and at the same time increase species diversity to prevent tree diseases taking hold in order to maintain a healthy woodland ecosystem.
- Trees also help to capture carbon and pollution, provide cool, shade and a feeling of well-being for us and future generations.
- But the UK is 71% behind its target of tree-planting.

All our decisions are guided by the expertise of the Woodland Trust, and they supply us with their beautifully grown whips - most of these now have to be purchased.

Planting news



- Only 8.5% of land is owned by the public sector and the rest is privately owned so we are very grateful to our enlightened landowners who are not only offering us land to plant on but donating money to us to do the work.
- We are also grateful to our “land finder” from Abbey Road who puts a lot of work and enthusiasm into researching potential sites for planting.
- We have already planted 500 trees as two hedges this year and hope to get in another 100 filling in a sparse one. All of this is great for bio-diversity and increasing our wildlife corridors.
- You have all also been great and have taken 330 small whips for your gardens and looked after them so well.
- 21 semi-mature trees will be planted on verges from November through our partnership with WSCC and your generous donations, where you choose the variety for your verge.

SO ONLY 50 MORE TREES TO GO TO OUR FIRST 1,000. These, we hope, will be planted as a wood (mini forest) on some more generously offered land.

And finally, a message from Greening Steyning’s Biodiversity Action Group.

(albeit only of relevance to SFT supporters who live in Steyning, Bramber or Upper Beeding). They are conducting a Wildlife Garden Survey. If you complete the survey you may win a BIRD NEST BOX.

Greening Steyning want wildlife to thrive in Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding and one of the best places we can all help is in our OWN gardens!

We’d love you to fill out this short Wildlife Garden Survey by 5th JANUARY 2021, so we can get an idea of the wildlife you see in your garden. Then we can then work together as a community to make great spaces for nature in our local area.

<https://greeningsteyning.org/project/garden-survey-2020/>

No matter how big or small your garden is - we want to hear about it AND you could win a BIRD NEST BOX for taking part!

Thank you from us all at Greening Steyning - www.greeningsteyning.org

(PLEASE NOTE. They tell us there have been a few problems with the survey because of heavy traffic. Please try again later if you do have problems.)

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

If you have any enquiries or suggestions please email us at SteyningForTrees@gmail.com

or visit our website at steyningsociety.org.uk/steyning-for-trees/

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