

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our November 2021 Newsletter

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Many thanks to [Green & Healthy](#) in Steyning High Street for taking SFT's map of our plantings so far and for this year as their window display – many thanks to Vida at G&H for the suggestion.

We hope many of you were able to see how well the **wildlife corridors** are shaping up providing so many species with homes and highways through Steyning. The tragic reduction in hedgehog numbers is due to their loss of habitat.

As you know this year we will be **planting hedges around Steyning** at the **Community Football Club**, at **Broadbourne Poultry Farm**, on the green at **Shooting Field** and at **St Andrews Church**.

We have also been asked to help Camilla and Roly at [Saddlescombe Farm, Newtimber](#) by advising on replanting some of their hedgerows. This will be funded from our [Sussex Community Foundation](#) grants and has been approved by the [National Trust](#) who own Saddlescombe. Thanks also to C&R for sending us this link to the film [Kiss The Ground](#). This is a fascinating look at how to help reverse climate change through farming having a greater regard for the soil.



Many thanks to these for taking hedges on their land. We hope in total to be planting **over 1000 trees and hedging plants** around Steyning and elsewhere.



Picture credit: SFT

We are also so grateful to so many of you **donating for a tree** on your verge: 21 last year and 33 will be going in this year. This is all helping to make Steyning a much **more environmentally resilient town**. WSCC receives the Verge Trees from early November and planting by their contractors in Steyning will take place any time from then.

As soon as we know more precise dates for the 33 trees we will let residents know.

The **AFFRIC HIGHLANDS** rewilding project will “. . . **take nature recovery to a new level**”. Conservationists have announced an ambitious **30 year plan to rewild 500,000 acres of the Scottish Highlands** covering a vast area stretching from Loch Ness to Kintail in the west. This is being driven by the charity **Trees for Life** . The project is the ninth in a network overseen by **Rewilding Europe**.

It will aim to **improve animal habitats and increase the diversity of wildlife** as well as creating social and economic opportunities for local residents.



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CPRE The **CPRE (the Countryside Charity)** says that **increasing hedgerows** by 40% will create 25,000 more jobs.

It is **calling on local authorities to invest** in increasing hedgerows to tackle the climate emergency.



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In partnership with the **Steyning Bookshop** we had an interesting, informative and hard-hitting talk by **Alastair Sawday** - author of 'Special Places to Stay' and an environmental activist. It was a very enjoyable evening with a delicious and very generous buffet provided by **Steyning Cricket Club** . Many thanks to all .



Saturday November 6th has been chosen as a '**Global Day of Action**' to send a message to the **COP26** in Glasgow that there is strong **public support for climate action**. There will be big marches all around the world. **Greening Steyning** have arranged **two local marches setting off from Steyning and Upper Beeding at 2pm**. They will be peaceful, family-friendly events, suitable for people of all ages. See **here** for more details.



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** or ring us on **01903 816726**

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