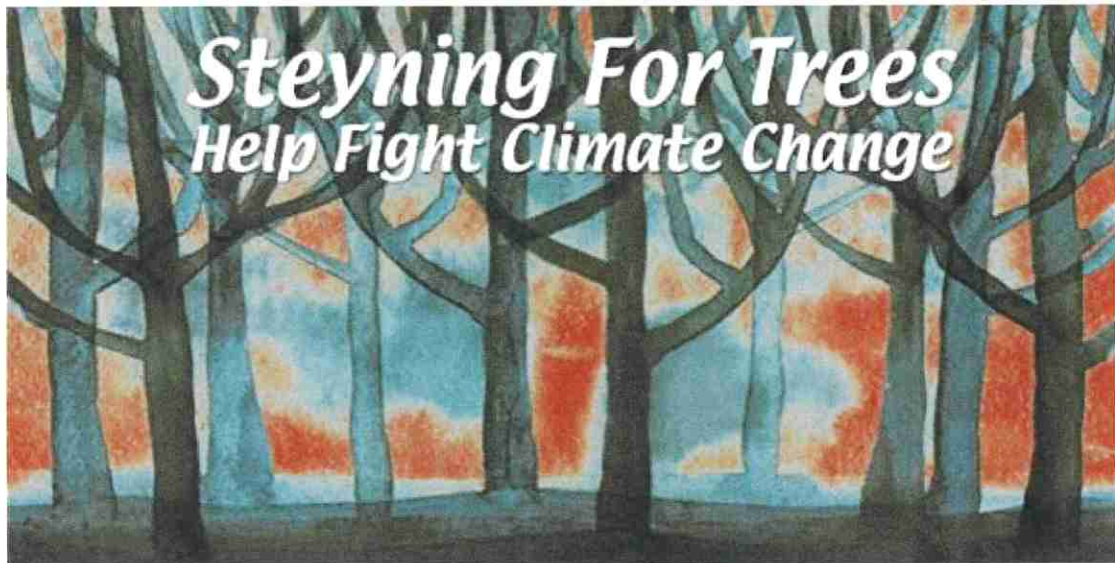


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Welcome to our April 2020 Newsletter

You have been sent this newsletter as you are signed up to receive emails from Steyning For Trees. If you want to stop receiving them please contact us using the email address at the end of this newsletter.

Firstly, some sad news, and then some good news . . .

We are all hopefully appreciating trees more than ever at this time but there is sad news about national conservation groups as they lose income from visitors etc. but have to continue their vital work. The 46 Wildlife Trusts and our own Woodland Trust are among those affected. Some Government aid is now promised.

But now we have two bits of good news about Steyning For Trees. We have just been awarded a grant from the Nino Fund at Sussex Community Foundation to help with the purchase and planting of trees, and equipment. This is greatly appreciated and will contribute to some of the activities outlined below.

And also, we have been invited to enter the CPRE Sussex Countryside Awards 2020 (triennial).

We will give more details about both of these achievements over the coming months.

The following article will appear in the May edition of “Your Steyning” to remind readers about who we are and what we are doing and to encourage them, and to make our first moves towards planting on verges.

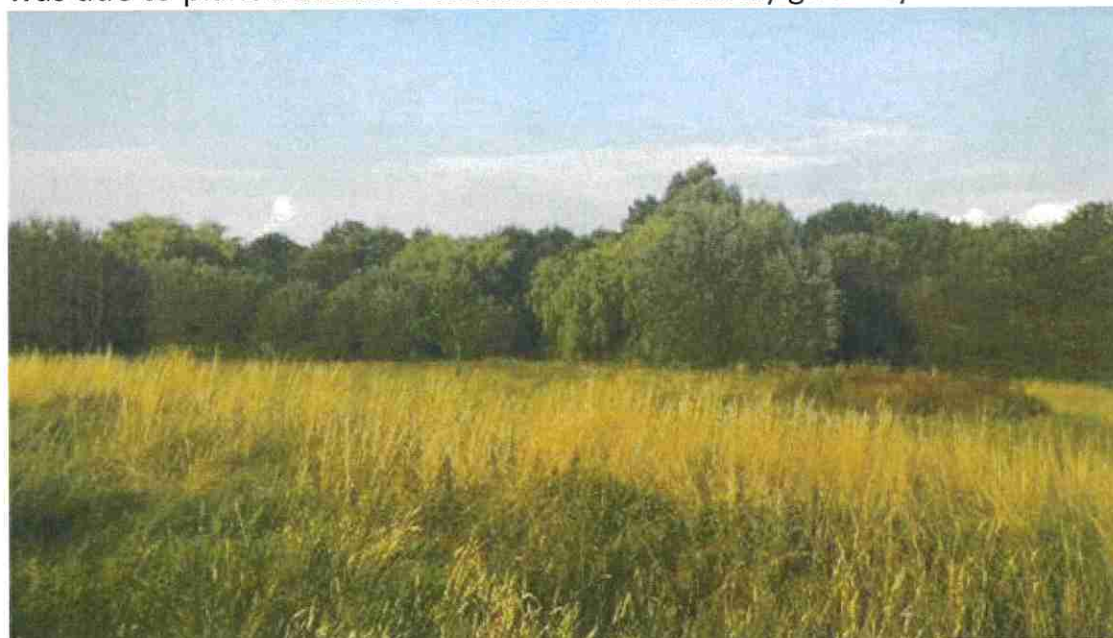
Who are we?

We are a community group, with small charity status, formed last autumn to help fight climate change by promoting tree planting in Steyning. Our aim is simply to get as many trees as possible planted in Steyning on both private and community land.

What do we do?

We work with individual residents and with various bodies to publicise climate change, find suitable planting locations, source the right trees, carry out planting, and plan for their future care. We work with Parish, District and County Councils, the Steyning Society, the Woodland Trust, CPRE (the Countryside Charity), South Downs National Park (SDNP), Sussex Giving, and of course our own committee and private donors.

At the October Farmers’ Market, we had a tremendous response when we gave away 225 small saplings for gardens in Steyning and hope to repeat this in autumn 2020. Working with the Parish Council and the Grammar School, we were about to plant over 400 hedging trees on the Abbey Road green space in April, with a celebration where Julia Donaldson was due to plant a disease-resistant elm tree kindly given by the SDNP.



[Abbey Road photo courtesy of Paul Campbell]

Thanks so much to those who have contacted us to say what a beautiful day it would have been, on Good Friday: such a shame after everyone’s hard work. We now hope to be able to do the planting at a later time. The hedging plants are all native species: hazel, crab apple, hawthorn, holly, goat willow, rowan, blackthorn, common oak, dog rose, dogwood, and elder.

Why do we want to plant more trees?

Trees capture the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, from the atmosphere and lock up the carbon for many decades thus helping to slow down the rise in global temperature. Planting trees along verges will provide shade and the cooling effect of transpiration from leaves – as well as carbon capture.

Planting trees and hedges in Steyning will halt or reverse the catastrophic decline in biodiversity by providing homes for nesting birds, shelter for small animals and invertebrates as well as extending our wildlife corridors.



For us humans, trees engender a feeling of well-being: something we are all very conscious of at this time.

How you can help?

EITHER - by donating £50 you will be able to buy a tree for us to plant at Abbey Road, as a memorial if you wish, and we will match that donation and arrange sourcing and planting.

OR - through a scheme offered by West Sussex County Council, plant a tree on a verge near you. £75 will buy you a site assessment, a tree (2-3 metres tall), a stake, planting and protection – plus maintenance. (WSCC will charge £150 but we will contribute half: £75).

For more details see WSCC Donate a Tree Scheme - [WSCC/donate-a-tree-scheme](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/donate-a-tree-scheme)

And finally, are you a professional TREE PLANTER? Can you either help us plant the Abbey Road larger trees or else give us a master class on planting them there? Contact us by email or phone below.

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 [Steyning For Trees : Steyning Society](http://SteyningForTrees.org.uk)

or ring us on 01903 816726

Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated and will assist in enabling us to continue our important work. Please make any contributions to the bank account below,

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