

Steyning For Trees

Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our July 2021 Newsletter

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Many thanks to all of you taking a tree on your verge. This has been a **great community effort** by Steyning to help mitigate the growing problems of Climate Change, pollution and loss of biodiversity.

We are working with the following on plans for the coming planting season:-

St. Andrews Church,

Broadbourne Poultry Farm,

Shooting Field Green,

Steyning Town Community Football Club,

Steyning Grammar School.



The Lost Woods Survey – Your Woodlands, Your Story

The Lost Woods project aims to bring forgotten areas of ancient Sussex woodland back to life.

Action in Rural Sussex have released an online survey to help understand all about your relationship with the woodlands. How you spend your time there. How long you spend there and how you feel about being in woodlands. If you haven't already completed the survey following the notice sent earlier in June then here is another opportunity.

Your answers will make sure the needs and interests of the local community are firmly rooted in the project.

You can access the survey here – [the-lost-woods-survey](#)

It shouldn't take more than 10 minutes.

Thank you.

Fran Corney, Action in Rural Sussex



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I expect you have all been reading in the papers and on the news the new tree planting schemes coming forward. To mark the **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE** next year Prince Charles is launching the **Queen's Green Canopy** tree planting initiative to plant 3m trees. SFT is hoping to access this scheme to plant more hedges and trees.

KATE HUMBLE's programme **'Escape to the Farm'** on Channel 5 gave a big boost to **Stump Up For Trees**, a scheme committed to planting one million trees across the Brecon Beacons. This will be with native broadleaf woodland as so much of this area has conifers – not so good for biodiversity.

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The programme also showed tree guards made of wool, this would be great for us rather than the re-cyclable guards we use now.

Satellite images on a mapping study by the **TRILLION TREES** project found that 145 million acres of forest had grown back worldwide since 2000. BUT conservationists have warned that VASTLY more are being BURNED and CUT DOWN each year and we must take action to stop deforestation.



In the UK that means strong domestic laws to **prevent our food** causing deforestation abroad.

Picture credit: en.wikipedia.org



Continuing with our theme from last month reporting on the Woodland Trust's report **STATE OF THE UK'S WOODS AND TREES** saying that only 7% of our woods are in good condition.

Most of our Sites of Special Scientific Interest are in poor condition.

There is a trend for Spring to be 8.4 days earlier with birds and butterflies being out of sync with their food supplies.

They are trying to restore degraded peat habitats, so important for carbon storage. We are all trying to use compost without peat in it.

Their priority actions are to **EXPAND** woodland cover, **ENHANCE** and **PROTECT** existing woods and trees, **IMPROVE** the evidence and data, and to **INVEST** in the future with regards to time, money, people and innovation.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Mcfarlane, committee member, who recently held a bric-a-brac and plant sale which has raised over £200 for Steyning For Trees.

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

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