

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our January 2022 Newsletter

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2021 REVIEW



**Steyning For Trees
has had a very
busy year and we
haven't finished
yet with more
planting into 2022.**



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Many thanks to [Steyning Town Community Football Club](#) for giving us the opportunity to plant a **300-whip hedge** behind one of their goals. It was a pleasure to work with all the supportive people there and to plant a small copse on the mound for their [SANDS](#) charity. We were sad that the Primary School children weren't able to join us for planting due to Covid. We hope to do this sometime in the future. The hedging plants for the football club were obtained for them by us through the [Queen's Green Canopy](#) scheme. This hedge will provide **a vital link for the wildlife corridors** through Steyning connecting well with the trees and mini-copse planted on Shooting Field Green. We wish Steyning Town CFC every success for this season.



What an **A M A Z I N G** achievement by our volunteers **planting 720 trees** in less than 3 hours along with the National Trust volunteers at [Saddlescombe Farm](#) near Devil's Dyke. Many thanks to [Roly](#) for the delicious lamb burgers. Thank you to the [Sussex Community Foundation](#) for helping us to fund the hedge on this **wonderfully environmental farm**. We managed to plant a **3-row hedge** which will give great cover to the many species which now call Saddlescombe their home.



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"South Downs for ever, for everyone"

The **yew trees** provided by SFT for **St Andrews Steyning churchyard** have arrived and will be planted by pupils from Steyning Grammar School under the guidance of David Buckett, SFT's co-chair, in the New Year.



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The **Abbey Road hedge** planted by SFT over a year ago has been kept tidy and watered by us as well as some of the whips being replaced.

We expect you have seen the **33 lovely trees**, (joining the 21 already planted), which have been planted for us by the excellent [WSCC](#) contractors on the verges in Steyning. **Thank you to all the residents** who have helped us to fund this and for such lovely comments from so many of you.

"Thanks for the work you have done to get the tree planted outside our house ... we love it."

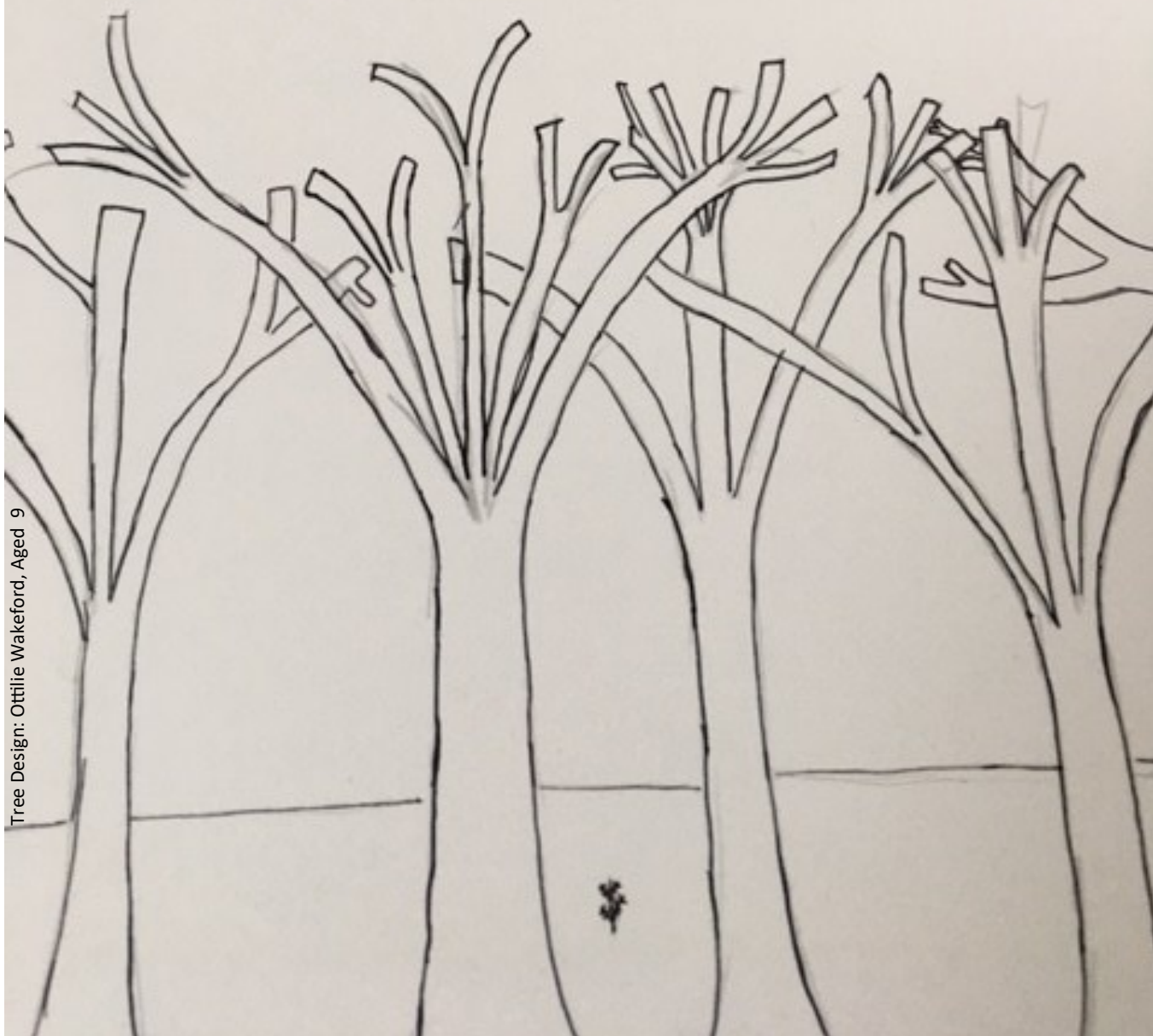
We have already started the **list of trees for next** year. Requests please to SFT **by June 2022**, latest. This scheme is now totally driven by residents' requests.

We hope **our hedgerows will provide homes, food and shelter for our nesting birds**, so many of them now tragically endangered and put on the red list by the latest survey. We are working with other organisations; [CPRE](#) [Sussex \(The countryside charity\)](#) and [Action in Rural Sussex](#) to encourage hedge and tree planting in the rest of Sussex. We are delighted to see Lewes is planting 31 trees this year.



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Many thanks to the **Steyning Society** to whom we are affiliated and who host our website. Our funders: the **Wilson Memorial Trust, Sussex Community Foundation, Sussex Police and the South Downs National Park**. Also, the considerable number of **individual donors** who are supporting us, **our wonderful committee and tremendous group of volunteers** who work so hard to get hedges planted. A special thanks to Gerard who has designed a very readable and colourful format for these newsletters, upon which lots of people have complimented us.



Tree Design: Otilie Wakeford, Aged 9

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

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