

Steyning For Trees

Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our January 2023 Newsletter

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Many thanks to the Parish Council for suggesting that they might provide a tree guard for the **Queen's Green Canopy Tree** awarded to **SFT** and planted last



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month by the **Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex at Fletcher's Croft**. This would keep it safe for many years to come. We hope also to be able to provide an inscription for it. The aluminium planter has also been usefully employed for housing the Saxon Room Christmas Tree - great to see it already being used for the **community**.

Many thanks to [Action in rural Sussex](#) and the [Worthing Herald](#) for enthusiastically publishing our articles, hopefully this will **encourage** other towns and villages in Sussex to **plant trees and wildlife corridors** to make Sussex one of the most wooded counties in the UK again.



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Official data by [Forest Research](#) and [DEFRA](#) has been published saying **urban trees are worth £3.8bn to the UK economy**. Trees planted outside woodlands - including in hedgerows and trees lining urban streets - make up almost a quarter of Britain's total tree population. They play **a vital role in storing carbon, regulating temperatures, strengthening flood defences and reducing noise and air pollution**. This research very much endorses **SFT's work on the verges and hedgerow projects**. The Government says the significant value of trees in the UK will be used to help show councils, land managers and local communities **the value of planting more**. The Government aims to **treble planting rates** in England by the end of the current Parliament as part of its wider net zero goals. The **Forestry Minister Trudy Harrison** said the figures showed **"the immense environmental benefits trees bring to society"**.



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Many thanks to Zoe and Gary Prior for their encouragement to display the beautifully embroidered **SFT** Banner (thanks to Val Rush) at **their wonderful Christmas Concert** with the [Cantatrice](#) and [Kaleidoscope Singers](#). Gary and Zoe are both **keen tree planters** and want to encourage more trees on verges.

We are delighted to see that the [South Downs National Park](#) initiative to plant more trees with the ambition to eventually **create a massive carbon sink** is gathering momentum. **12,000 trees last year and 28,000 this planting season**, **SFT** has been involved in both and we are very grateful to the SDNPA for giving us funding.

The research by [SDNPA](#), [Sussex Nature Partnership](#) and the [Woodland Trust](#) has produced a detailed 'Woodland Opportunity Map'. This project is a key strand of the National Park's ambitious [ReNature campaign](#) to create **new habitats where wildlife can flourish**.



Many thanks to all at [St Mary's House](#) in Bramber. Thanks to our **valiant volunteers** braving the cold we have managed to **plant our hedgerow** when the ground was not waterlogged or frozen. **Many thanks to their Head Gardener** for his support and help. Hopefully this and **our linking hedge planted earlier** will enable species to move through Steyning by these **Wildlife Corridors to the [Adur River Restoration Project](#)**.



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Here is something encouraging for us all to read from **Positive News** magazine. Eight fun projects all aimed towards **boosting biodiversity** - [Positive News](#)

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

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