

Steyning For Trees

Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our May 2023 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 these emails please contact us using the email address at the end of this newsletter.

Many thanks to those who are **signing up** for a tree on their verge. As you know, **we hope to reach 100 trees** this coming tree planting season (Oct - March) with **our partnership with [WSCC](#)** who own most of the **verges in Steyning**. Their scheme **guarantees future maintenance** so Steyning does not have that burden. This will **increase the amount of blossom** here: **see [the article](#)** in our last Newsletter **emphasising the importance of tree blossom particularly for pollinators like bees and butterflies.**

If you want a tree on your verge, contact us on 01903 816726.



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SFT have also **donated a prize of a tree on your verge** (actual cost now £236) to the **[Steyning Country Fair](#).**

[The National Trust](#), one of the **major landowners in the UK**, is also working hard to **restore its hedgerows**: they have **decreased by 33% or the loss of 1,800 miles** (nationally 50%). They are **using AI** to calculate the loss. They say,



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"Hedgerows (wildlife corridors) provide essential habitat to much of the UK's wildlife including birds, butterflies, bees and hedgehogs connecting isolated patches of habitat. They aim to plant four million blossoming trees by 2030 across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Doing so should boost nature throughout the year."

SFT was **delighted** to receive a **Certificate of Merit** from The **[Steyning Society](#)** at their **awards evening** in recognition of **our contribution to the enhancement of Steyning's environment.**



We were also **pleased to be included** in the article in the [Action in Rural Sussex](#) April newsletter about the [Queen's Green Canopy Campaign](#) from the **Lord Lieutenant**. We hope that this will **encourage more tree and hedge planting** throughout Sussex.



Alistair Burrows and **William Somerset** of [Sussex Ironworks](#), our local blacksmiths, have completed **the restoration of the recycled tree guard** and it is now installed **protecting the Queen's multi-stemmed birch tree at Fletcher's Croft, Steyning**. Many thanks to **Steyning Parish Council** for their contribution to the cost of this.



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Steyning and District U3A bird watching/natural history group have arranged a visit on **Thursday 8th June** to **Iping Common, Midhurst** in the company of **Neil Hulme, the butterfly expert**, and they have **extended the invitation** to **SFT** supporters. The **cost will be £10**; lunch if needed will be extra.

Our next outing will be on Thursday 8 June with Neil Hulme to Iping & Stedham Common, near Midhurst. Neil hopes to see the rare Silver-studded Blue.

Meet at 9.25 at Fletchers Croft; or there at 10.30 main Iping Common car park (GU29 0PB). Please let us know which.

Lunch at the Three Horseshoes at Elsted: a lovely old pub at foot of Downs. (GU29 0JY). Let us know if you are having lunch.

Donation: £10/head. Payment collected on the day.

Please contact Jo & George directly at g_gordon@talk21.com for more details.



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

If you have any enquiries or suggestions please,

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