

Steining For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our March 2025 Newsletter

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We were so lucky to have such a **lovely sunny day** to lift our spirits, planting a 3rd hedge at Mark Stenning's Broadbourne Egg Farm (such **delicious eggs** and kindly kept with their outside space). This time to protect their small pond abuzz with **Dragonflies** and **damselflies** in the summer. Mark and his nephew Sam always look after **SFT** trees so well. We planted Goat Willow, host to Britain's largest butterfly the Purple Emperor, Black Poplar a **rare tree only 600 left in the Country**. Fran our committee member sourced them from those being bred at **Wakehurst** (Kew) and they will be monitored. As will another DR Elm. Small leaved limes **another excellent host tree** to many species and our wonderful Field Maple, Acer Campestre. **Hedges/Wildlife Corridors can sustain 2,000 different species**. Thanks to Kari Koonin for planting a mixed hedge in her garden, adding to the ever-growing number here. Advice on **SFT website** .



We were so pleased to be joined by Penny Hudd from the [Countryside Charity \(CPRE\)](#) . They were instrumental in the movement to form our South Downs National Park. Penny and her team run the '**Plant Your Postcode**' scheme in Brighton with the support of the City Council. They, like us, are **planting lots of trees**, theirs in and around the city. Over a coffee we **agreed** to support their **Tree Festival** this year. We are doing a **Walk and Talk** around **Steining** in **April** to encourage other communities to plant trees and hedges/wildlife corridors as we have done to **reduce the risk of flooding** and **increase biodiversity**. We are working hard to future proof this lovely town of Steining.



According to the Met Office **extreme weather** is on the rise. I think we can all relate to that! Its latest **State of the UK Climate report** shows that 2011-2020 was nine times wetter than 1961-1990. An estimated **one in six homes in England** is at risk of **flooding**. We have now been involved in the planting of **over 18,000 hedging plants** to **absorb** this increasing water.

The **National Trust** is proposing to ramp up its efforts to protect nature by **creating a quarter of a million hectares of wildlife-rich landscapes** over the next decade. This is equivalent to one and a half times the size of Greater London. We were so **pleased** to help start Saddlescombe Farm a few years back to replant **their hedges**, they are owned by the National Trust and are now using their scheme to plant more.

Do come and join us, lots of you are, it is great to be **outside helping nature**, such a feel-good factor, we have **plenty of hedges** to look after and **maintain** during the spring and summer.

HEDGE LAYING AT ABBEY RD

The hedge-laying at **Abbey Road** on Parish Council land and overseen by them, will be **taking place in March**, paid for by **SFT** and the [Sussex Ornithological Society](#) .



Talking to the Steyning Young Farmers

TREES ON VERGES

DO REMEMBER IF YOU WANT A TREE ON YOUR VERGE TO CONTACT US AT SteyningForTrees@gmail.com These all **help to reduce flooding** here in Steyning.

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

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