

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our December 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome to all our new readers of **Steyning for Trees Newsletter**, so many of you signed up at our Market Giveaway in October with its theme "**Lets Feed the Birds**" amid concerns at **the continuing decline in bird numbers**. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of threatened species reveal an estimated **61%** of bird species **worldwide** have **declining** populations, an **increase from 44% in 2016**. Birds play a **vital role** in natural systems as **pollinators, seed dispersers, pest controllers**. Their habitats are being lost or degraded. We at **SFT** are trying to do our bit to **increase** these here in Steyning and its surrounds.



SFT's hedge at **Abbey Road** after laying, now so inviting for **nesting birds**. Many thanks to the PC; it is their land.

SFT Working with Steyning Grammar School Eco Group.

Continuing our work with **SGS** and its dedicated teachers this term, we were so glad to work with **the Eco Group** who have now been moved across from the Towers to the Main School. They were able to **complete the Dead Hedge** started in the summer by the previous groups on their ERA Day. **420 whips** ordered from the Woodland Trust are being **planted as a Wildlife Corridor**. It is wonderful knowing that the **future generation** is taking such a **keen interest in biodiversity** and we are so glad to be helping them understand the importance of hedge and tree planting for nature. They are the **hope** for their future.



The Eco Group adding to the **Dead Hedge** in October

Continuing our work for Endangered Species

After the **success** of our **free giveaway** last year of plants to support **butterflies**, our slogan this year was "**LET'S FEED THE BIRDS**". Thanks so much to all of you who took a tree to plant in your gardens.



SFT continue to **support endangered species** such as **Hazel Dormice and hedgehogs**, we plant their homes. We were thrilled to bump into a hedgehog in **our own garden**, our first sighting. We are also providing breeding places for **Stag Beetles**. One of our dedicated volunteers has been having considerable success with this. Let us know if you have seen any near you.?



SFT are so **pleased** to be **planting a new hedge** with the **Bowls Club**. We are now **working** with so many **clubs** and **institutions** who understand the **importance of providing hedges** for nature and looking after our lovely town and world.

STOP PRESS. Enormous **thanks** to the **SDNPA** for giving us fresh **funding** and **free trees** through their excellent **Tree for the Downs scheme**. We are so glad to be working with them, but feel sad that we have to go outside the town to get **funding** apart from generous **private donations** from some residents.

Many thanks to you all, we couldn't do it without you. Just remember: **TREES LOWER STRESS LEVELS** by sending out calming chemicals - **May be useful at Christmas!**

Have a lovely time.



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

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