

Welcome to our November 2026 Newsletter

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Lewes has become the **first town** in the UK to pass an historic motion recognising the RIGHTS OF TREES to **flourish**. A CHARTER was **approved unanimously** by Lewes Town Council. It states that **trees**, **woodlands**, **HEDGEROWS** and **forests** have the right to FLOURISH and maintain their **natural** life cycles, ecological functions and **evolutionary** processes. This will PROTECT ALL TREES unlike, in the past, UK initiatives only cover individual, named trees. The **Friends of Lewes** also support this **Charter**. What a great idea, **thanks** to Roger Young, a keen tree and hedge planter for researching the details of this for us.

BEAUTY AND THE MINIBEASTS



The RHS SEPT MAGAZINE has a 7-page **major** article on how our gardens can be **beautiful** and save our vital **pollinators**, written by their SENIOR ENTOMOLOGIST. TREES play a large part in this. It is pointed out that the UK is one of the MOST NATURE DEPLETED countries on Earth and in the **bottom 10% for biodiversity**. However your **garden** can make a **major** difference. REDUCE MOWING YOUR LAWN, allow **wild plants** to pop up through the grass. TREES add vertical structure, greatly expanding **habitat** for **pollinators** that use different parts of the trees; **feeding** on **leaves**, **sheltering** in the **bark**, providing **foraging** for bees and hoverflies, often going unnoticed. Do we take trees for granted? They **STORE** vast amounts of **CARBON** too.



Thanks so much to all of you who have planted the **free trees** from our Market stalls in your **gardens** over the years. Even a **small** garden can accommodate a tree. They will help with **cooling** by shade and **transpiration** too. Dead wood is also good wood, providing **homes** and **feeding** habitats for many **invertebrates**. **SFT** PLANT HOST TREES NEEDED BY THOSE CRITTERS ON THE RED LIST. Advised by our excellent home-grown ecologists on our committee.

RHS says "NEVER underestimate the **value** of a well-planted mixed. **native** hedge providing a BRILLIANT habitat and food source for **wildlife**. Plant one in your garden. **Hedges** are a multi-faceted **benefit** to all **wildlife** giving a permanent fixture.

GREENPEACE - Do have a **look** at their latest campaign "**Our World is Burning**". They say that it is time to hold **polluters** to account and to help protect British **wildlife**. "Every day that passes puts more of the world at risk".

'MACRO' Moths - Experts are seeking RED LIST status for **700** of the most **endangered**, many of which are at risk of **extinction**, including the garden tiger moth. They feed on stinging nettles and foxgloves.



Butterfly Conservation

Butterfly Conservation says **50 moth species** have become **extinct** since 1900, including the Brighton wainscot which ceased to be resident in 2013.



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