

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our February 2026 Newsletter

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SFT are so **pleased** to be helping Steyning Parish Council with their work with the **Primary School** enabling them to obtain **free** hedging plants from the **Woodland Trust's FREE TREES FOR SCHOOLS and COMMUNITIES scheme**. **SFT** have been working with the Woodland Trust for **many years** and know their different, generous schemes. With their expertise the Trust work so hard to **provide the right mixes of hedging** plants for different situations, soil types etc. **Advising** on



how to plant, always a double row of 5 or 6 plants per metre to **maximise effectiveness** and create cover for so many species that depend on the **shelter** and **protection** a hedge gives. The Woodland Trust with its 300,000 members, believes in the incredible **benefits** that come from hedge planting for **biodiversity**. and so does the Parish Council with their excellent work

on their Pocket Nature Park at Chandlers Way and their commitment to increasing biodiversity here. **SFT** is always happy to help them. When mature this will be such a **benefit for nature** in Steyning. Adding to the over 20 areas owned by all our friends planting hedges and working for wildlife creating the **wonderful nature mosaic** in and around the town. What a great National Tree week we had with Grammar School pupils and their parents.



TEA AND TREES Tour for the Steyning Festival 30th May 2026, 3-7pm

You can come and see these **lovely hidden places** with their wonderful secret views of Steyning, many of them **birdlife rich**; bring your binoculars. Have **tea** at Mouse Cottage with its lovely **wildlife garden**. An afternoon to look forward to.

MURMURATIONS - What an incredible sight, often seen near the Pier in Brighton
How do Starlings murmurate, it remains a **mystery**, such an awe-inspiring phenomenon and so **magical**. Prior to roosting for the night they gather in flight, creating sometimes **vast numbers** of both local birds and others that migrate from Europe for the autumn and winter months. **The twists and turns** of so many birds together is **amazing**. To see the murmuration, arrive **half an hour before sunset**. Once the sun goes down the Starlings suddenly disappear into their roost under the Pier. Walking back along the boards you can hear the birds under your feet, scuffling over the best pitch.



SAVE OUR HEDGEHOGS - HINTS



Do be careful **not to tidy** up your gardens too much, piles of leaves can be home for **hibernating hedgehogs**. If you are having a bonfire, use a proper incinerator or move the pile to be burnt before setting fire to it. **Please don't use slug pellets at all**. If you **have to**, put them under a slab **raised slightly** off the ground with pebbles and pick up the dead slugs and snails as soon as possible.

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

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