

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our July 2025 Newsletter

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We are so pleased to see so many people who understand the **importance of planting trees and hedges** on their land, to reverse **climate change**. Over 20 now, have come to us for help and advice for their pieces of land. These are forming a **mosaic of nature-rich areas** in and around Steyning forming connecting areas for **wildlife**. We have been able to find free hedging plants for them, some to be planted in the autumn. It is wonderful to have such **a dedicated group of people**, including the PC who feel we need to **DO** something **NOW**. **Hedges/wildlife corridors help carbon capture and biodiversity so much**. This now includes **STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL ECO COUNCIL** and their teachers. We are helping them make a dead hedge for their ERA week on the wonderful **wild** land we have found for them. See our [website](#) for the advantages and what they support. It is great to be **helping the younger generation** of Steyning in their wish to get involved in providing for the needs of our endangered species and carbon capture.



Many thanks to Colin Staff, our volunteer who lives at Abbey Road, for his dedicated work on the **SFT** hedge there.



Now **SFT** and [Sussex Ornithological Society](#) have paid for the hedge to be laid, it will provide **excellent nesting, food and cover** for birds etc. as it grows up.

Mapping Peatlands - Many now dry and damaged. So **Trees** remain one of our best **defences** against climate change. **80% of our peatlands are dry and damaged**. When healthy it is the country's biggest **carbon store**, covering roughly 8.5% of the country's surface.



CPRE Tree Festival

We felt so pleased when showing **members and organizers** of the [Tree Festival](#) the work we and others are doing here. We showed them the **Birch** tree we were awarded for the late **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** growing well. We walked through the Churchyard showing them the **primroses** and **wild flowers** growing there. On to Shooting Field with the **SFT mini-copses** thickening up to provide cover. The **trees** we have planted on the WSCC verges storing Carbon and **removing pollution** from our streets, improving the **air** we breathe. Feeding our **birds**, providing homes for **invertebrates**. CPRE plant trees on Brighton pavements, funded by the Lottery Scheme, supported by Brighton City Council. The ever-increasing **bluebells (early pollinators)** paid for and planted by us with the help of the [Life-On-The-Verge](#) group on Shooting Field. Down to Abbey Road, our **newly laid hedge** and the work the PC are doing there. We felt so proud to show them around our **lovely town**.



Penny Hudd, Chair of the Tree Festival said,

"The good work you are doing is terrific."

Kew Gardens: [Of the Oak - Art Installation](#) beside the **Luscombe Oak**. Celebrates the oak as a **vital hub of biodiversity** creating a digital double real-world. The data has been captured by Kew's scientists and horticulturalists and shows the **inner workings** of the tree.

A message from **Steve Palmier**:

"Thanks to **SFT** volunteer hedge planting Team for 60m of hedge saplings to reinforce my edge of **wilding** land. Over time the plants should provide a **safer haven** for wildlife. In particular the resident **barn owl** in the sleepy hollow oak tree. Additionally hedge and tree saplings I have planted round the **Field of Totems** will eventually provide a surrounding wilding **wood for wildlife**. The totems were originally sleepers now repurposed once more as totems on a north-south axis also summer and winter **solstices**, making for **a memorable experience**."



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

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