

Welcome to the Newsletter

At the Tree Warden Forum in July the idea of a newsletter was mooted so that the farflung intrepid band could keep in touch with each other. Robin Taylor, South Norfolk Council, was keen on the idea but has a proper job and asked for volunteers.

So, step forward Ian Dobson (Wreningham) and Ken Grayling (Tharston). Two foolhardy individuals with a little time, some talent and a mission to inform, entertain and involve all of you dear readers.

Ian is responsible for layout and graphics, Ken Grayling for editorial and Robin and Issy from SNC will provide news.

This newsletter is intended to appear between 4 and 6 times a year and will be sent out with the usual monthly mailing from SNC

to all Tree Wardens and Parish Councils in the South Norfolk area. Issues will be numbered and dated so you know when you can safely recycle them.

Although SNC will provide some content and print and distribute this newsletter the overriding aim is that it is by Tree Wardens, about Tree Wardens and for Tree Wardens. *It follows that we need your input.* We need to know what you do, how you do it; the triumphs and the failures. In return we will endeavour to produce a newsletter that will be for our mutual edification and entertainment (if not both!).

So let us know how it is . . . this millennium and the next?

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Access to South Norfolk Tree Wardens

Tree Wardens and the Internet/
World-Wide Web

E-mail addresses are given for those Tree Wardens and organizers already on the web. If in doubt visit Ian's woodland web site:
<http://www.ibdigital.co.uk/woodland>
. . . and let us know when you get online!

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It's all about sharing information and best practise so please contribute any item of interest, local or national activity. Your news and views will be most welcome.

What to call this Newsletter? Best suggestion so far is used here: 'TreeLine'; together with a 'symbol' presenting the 'South Norfolk Tree' – where there's a leaf there's a Warden!

Any ideas –put them in the (e)mail.



Forthcoming events

DATES FOR 2000

- 24 May** Evening Walk around the Parish of Wacton lead by Robert Maidstone.
- 5 July** Annual South Norfolk Forum at South Norfolk House
- 19 September** Tenth Anniversary of Tree Warden Scheme
- 23 or 24 September** Regional Tree warden Forum

All subject to confirmation and details will follow.



Tree Warden Scheme in South Norfolk

There are at present a total of 87 Tree Wardens in South Norfolk who between them cover 88 of the District's 118 Parishes.

The Parishes with Tree Wardens at present are:

Alburgh, Aldeby, Alington, Ashwellthorpe, Barford, Bawburgh, Bedingham, Bergh Apton, Bracon Ash, Bramerton, Bressingham, Brooke, Broome, Burgh St Peter, Burston, Caistor St Edmund, Chedgrave, Claxton, Costessey, Cringleford, Denton, Dickleburgh, Diss, Earsham, East Carleton, Easton, Ellingham, Forncett, Framingham Earl, Framingham Pigot, Geldeston, Gillingham, Gissing, Great Moulton, Haddiscoe, Hales, Heckingham, Hellington, Hempnall, Hethersett, Hingham, Howe, Ketteringham, Kimberley, Langley with Hardley, Loddon, Long Stratton, Marlingford, Morley, Morningthorpe, Mulbarton, Needham, Newton Flotman, Norton Subcourse, Poringland,

Pulham St Mary, Redenhall with Harleston, Rockland St Mary, Roydon, Saxlingham Nethergate, Scole, Seething, Shelton, Shotesham, Sisland, Starston, Stockton, Stoke Holy Cross, Surlingham, Swainsthorpe, Swardeston, Tharston, Thurlton, Thurton, Thwaite, Tivetshall St Margaret, Tivetshall St Mary, Toft Monks, Topcroft, Wacton, Wheatacre, Wicklewood, Winfarthing, Woodton, Wortwell,

Wramplingham, Wreningham, Yelverton.

The coverage of the district has been shaded on an outline map of the District (printed here). This diagram has been used as the basis of a logo to represent the Tree Warden Scheme in South Norfolk. Ideas for a scheme logo will be included in the next issue – if you have any ideas please get in touch.



TREE WARDEN TRAINING SURVEY RESULTS

Not long ago, we sent out a survey sheet on which every Tree Warden had the opportunity to prioritise topics for forthcoming training events.

We received 34 replies, which is a good start. It also means, however, that we could not obtain the views of the remaining Tree Wardens. We hope that those of you who did not have the time to respond will nevertheless feel represented with their interests and take part at our first training event in the new year.

The results of the survey are quite surprising. The first priority seems to be a training session about Hedgerow Regulations. In second place we find the more classical Tree Identification & Propagation of native trees. This is followed by TLC - Management of young trees, Tree Surgery and Tree Surveys.

While we are committed to give these issues the priority in our Programme for 2000, we will also try to ensure that the other areas of interest will not lose out. Together with the survey we also received many additional suggestions for future events. Some of them can be grouped together (for example More involvement of children & School Talks & Community Encouragement etc.), others may require their own format (for example Parish walks).

We would like to thank everybody for contributing to the survey and for your brilliant ideas, which should ensure that 2000 will turn out to be an eventful South Norfolk Tree Warden Year.

Isolde Cutting (Tel: 01508 533936)



Tales from the Backwoods

A parishioner recently phoned to tell me her next-door neighbour in a newly-built house in what was a farmyard in the centre of our village had ripped out the old hedge along the frontage and planted the usual twee conifers.

I had to explain that as this was on private property and the hedge was not protected there was nothing I could do.

I asked whether she was on speaking terms with her new neighbours and as she said she was I suggested she mention to them that the local Tree Warden had a nursery of small trees - holly, hawthorn, etc. which would be available free of charge.

A week or so later, to my surprise, the neighbour appeared on my doorstep asking about the trees and will be taking a dozen or so holly to add to the conifers as well as some laurel she will be obtaining elsewhere. Whilst I don't favour conifers and laurel can be a mixed blessing I can appreciate her desire for an evergreen screen. Also the existing hawthorn hedge was merely cut down to ground level and may well regenerate.

The original caller may be taking a few more mature whips, so hopefully I will have two satisfied customers and have fostered a pro-tree attitude in the village. Next stop - Russian Vine to conceal the electricity pylons ?

Woodentop

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

To date, 18 new Tree Preservation Orders have been served in South Norfolk in 1999.

Of these 9 have been confirmed (made permanent), 3 were not confirmed and allowed to lapse (as they were served pending other discussions) and the final 6 are still within their consultation period and/or are being negotiated.

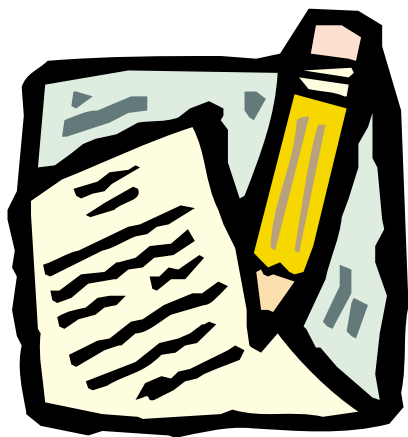
There are now approximately 330 TPOs in the District.

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Building work can be constructive in more than one way!

A builder recently enquired at South Norfolk Council about the best stockists for trees. He wanted to plant several Oaks just to "replace" the wood that he had used to restore a timber framed building.

An exemplary way of thinking !



Write to us

Hedgerows saved!

Under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997, retention notices prohibiting the removal of three lengths of hedgerow have been served by South Norfolk in 1999. The total combined length of these is 508 metres.

Two of the hedges, in Tivetshall St Mary, lie close to the "Broad Way" and have been protected for ecological and historical reasons.

The third is in East Carleton and is situated on the former airfield. The archaeological criterion used to determine its importance is currently the subject of an appeal so it could be that this hedge is still lost. Watch this space!

PROTECTED TREES SAVED AT APPEAL

Anyone who has their application to carry out work to trees that are protected by a Tree Preservation Order refused by South Norfolk Council may appeal against the decision.

In 1999 four such Appeals were decided by a process of written representations. Three of these were dismissed which resulted in two Pines (Cringleford) and an Oak (Hedenham) being saved from being felled. Also prevented was the unnecessary re-pollarding of three Limes in Harleston. Ironically the Appeal that was allowed gave consent for the re-pollarding of three Limes on the neighbouring property!

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On the trail of the Lonesome Pine . . .

If you have surplus trees or need someone else's surplus, this column is for you.

Half-a-dozen Horse Chestnut c450mm and at least 50 Holly also c450mm grown from local seed and fully hardened out-of-doors. Available now. If possible I would like hawthorn, alder and blackthorn in exchange but will not insist on an exchange.

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