

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Mapping and Green Spaces Sub-Group

At the recent funeral service for Seend resident, Patricia Hicks, her son spoke movingly about the small wood that his mother had planted at Owls Corner. It's a moving memorial to someone who cared about our environment and a comfort to know that the woods are still there and will be for many years.

Several other residents of the parish have planted trees, which enrich the environment to the benefit of all. Giles Wood was planted by Freddie and Janet Giles; the woods are now mature and are enjoyed by canal users and walkers. If you have not been there it is worth a visit.

The Woodland Trust recently published reasons why we need trees. They are needed to provide clean air, natural habitat for wildlife and to keep our country beautiful.

The Neighbourhood Plan will include a chapter on Green Spaces, which will seek to identify places that should be protected or enhanced to maintain the rural character of our Parish.

If you have any land that would be suitable for tree planting, or you are prepared to be part of a group to plant and maintain new plantings, please make contact via the Neighbourhood Plan web site, www.seendparishplan.org

Business Survey

This is now complete. It was a surprise to find how many businesses operated from, or are based in, the Parish. 65 were approached, but only 11 responses were received. No immediate or unresolvable needs other than faster broadband, were identified.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The group is always interested in attracting new members, and this is an open invitation to attend one of our committee meetings so you can gauge whether you might like to join us. We usually meet at the Pavilion on the last Thursday of the month, from 7.30 – 9.00pm. The next dates are: 23rd. February, 30th. March, 27th. April.

You will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this complex process on the website.

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