

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our October 2021 Newsletter

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Steyning For Trees & The Steyning Bookshop present

An Evening with Alastair Sawday

Weds 20th October
7pm-9pm
At Steyning Cricket Club

"An Evening with ALASTAIR SAWDAY"

A TALK, a GLASS of WINE & FINGER BUFFET. Tickets £12.

Tickets are available from [Steyning Bookshop](#), our event partners.

Alistair is the author of the "Special Places to Stay" series and a well-known environmental activist - he was vice-chair of the Soil Association. Some of his books will be on sale.

A talk by Alastair Sawday; author of the 'Special Places to Stay' series, traveller, publisher, and environmental activist. with drinks & finger buffet

Tickets £12. Available from The Steyning Bookshop
Call 01903 822662 or scan the QR code for Ticketsource.
Priority booking from 1st Sept for SFT donors & volunteers.

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The **Steyning For Trees** stand at the Community Connections showcase, part of the Steyning Festival, on Sunday 5th September was a great success.



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A big thank you is due to the many friends and supporters of SFT who took advantage of the perfect weather to come and chat to us.



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A recent [Plantwatch](#) article says: **A CLIMATE SOLUTION IS HIDDEN IN THE HEDGEROWS.** They are perhaps the largest semi-natural habitat in Britain, refuges for wild plants and corridors for wildlife to move through. HEDGEROWS help to slow down the runoff of water, guarding against flooding and soil erosion and help to prevent PESTICIDE and fertiliser POLLUTION getting into our WATER SUPPLIES. More than half of Britain's hedgerows have been lost since 1945.



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Steyning For Trees took part in the Countryside Charity **CPRE Sussex** **AGM** and were thanked for alerting the charity to the Hull method of identifying gaps in hedgerows. They had been in touch with Hull University and were hoping to have discussions with local universities about using the same method in Sussex. Hedgerows and fillings gaps are a valuable means to increase Wildlife Corridors as they do not reduce the amount of land a farmer has to produce food and an income. They are so important for bio-diversity - the tragic reduction in hedgehog numbers is due to their loss of habitat in hedgerows and not being able to



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use them as highways which help them to spread their genes.

Many environmental groups are realising the planting of hedges and gap filling is a simple way to increase carbon capture, reduce pollution as well as increase bio-diversity without affecting food production.

Steyning For Trees is concerned to hear of the possibility of **OAK** and **MAPLE** being among the trees in danger of **EXTINCTION**. SFT in partnership with Steyning Parish Council are hoping to be able to plant Field Maples on some council land. Field Maples are a medium sized tree with great environmental benefits. They are host to moths and many beneficial species. SFT in partnership with WSCC are also planting two on some larger verges. And if anyone has room for an **OAK** in their garden please let us know. We are hoping to plant one at Broadbourne Poultry Farm later in the year in partnership with them and the **South Downs National Park** but it would be nice to find spaces for others too.



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It was good to see **Derek Crush** talking with the Countryside Charity **CPRE Sussex** about the importance of hedgerows on **Meridian News**. Derek, who has been at **Daylands Farm** for almost 30 years, has some very ancient hedgerows on his land and is a great environmentalist as we all know.



Keep an eye open at the **Green and Healthy** window in the High Street in Steyning. SFT have been invited to do a **window display** of their map of Steyning Wildlife Corridors and trees on verges.

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

If you have any enquiries or suggestions please email us at SteyningForTrees@gmail.com or visit our website at steyningsociety.org.uk/steyning-for-trees or ring us on 01903 816726

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