

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Tree Warden and walks leaflet update for March 17th 2025

Brief summary of other Tree Warden activities over winter 2024/2025

Hedge laying training attended through Suffolk Tree Warden network

Free trees and materials shared through STWN

Liaison and learning with other local groups Transition Woodbridge, CP and Greenprint

Green Gym

Continuing tasks include caring for the tree line and spinney Green Lane and Sandy Lane working with James Hayward. Approx 88 native oaks and other trees in the tree line and 60 in the spinney. All native species. Excellent growth (as yet not discovered by deer).



Removing plastic guards from the B1438 High Street trees planted in/from 2000 and ongoing. Bulb planting on Pightle Green. Wigwags (sycamore) to protect trees being chewed by muntjac. Simon's Cross sports field tree line 16th March continue to plant trees and add to this green corridor.

Sonya has been monitoring and checking bird boxes. Concern regarding lack of use in some areas, this could be a result of local climate changes. We need to look at more support for our natural areas and spaces, such as hedge, thicket, copse and spinney planting. Allowing fringes of our spaces to soften up and allowing spring bulbs to thrive. Creating green linkages across the landscape is essential, liaising with neighbouring parishes and financial support will be needed for this. We can achieve some of this but further support would be welcome.

We welcome the new WMPC risk assessment processes and have previously requested refresher first aid training for volunteers. Happy to work with volunteer coordinator to ensure procedures complied with. Currently using the STWN risk assessment form for conservation/tree warden activities.

1. Updated Discover Suffolk walks leaflet

The leaflet has been updated by a small village team. Updated text, amended blue route and new photographs. WMAAC assisted with the updated historic text.

Document preparation by SCC. Publishing funded by ESC ESTI project, printing (2000) and web destination funded by SCC Rights of Way team.

Leaflets now being disseminated, distribution sheet available as a record.

Updated version should now be used on all web sites.

Sent to Visit Wickham, WMPC, Ufford PC, Pettistree PC and Campsea Ashe PC for web sites.

Mobile version of pdf also available.

Next task is to support Footpaths Warden to replace coloured roundel signs.

We await delivery of these. Many signs need replacement and/or upgrade.

Any assistance welcome.

If there is interest amongst councillors, I am happy to plan some shared walks for the community.

Anne Westover Parish Tree Warden 7th March 2025

Report for WMPC Full Council for 17th March 2025