

TREE WARDEN REPORT 2017

As a Nation and a Parish we should be more active with regards to trees. Last year the Forestry Commission reported that the Nation cut down more trees than we planted. This seems crazy as our Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren must be able to walk through woods and know that all our trees are cutting back the Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere and making all our lives more comfortable.

Some seven years ago the Government promised to plant 5000 Hectares of Forest per year. This has not happened. It is estimated that 50% of firewood bought on the internet is supplied by overseas imports "woodchip from Canada". In 2013 we imported from the Americas 3.75 million tonnes of wood pellets to burn.

The County Tree Officers are under great pressure and not being replaced due to budget cuts. As a result the Tree Wardens of Mid Suffolk and Babergh are getting together to work out a policy of Tree planting and management and I hope our village will become involved.

Sorry about the politics, but something has got to happen.

Don't cut a tree down unless it is dangerous, save our planet.

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