



January 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the first Newsletter for a very long time! Because it's so long since we updated you, this is just the headline news.

If anyone can help with tree planting on Whitley Common in mid February, please let us know.

We would like to hear of any ideas which you have about things which CTWN could do, or ways in which you would like to become more involved. We need volunteers to help with all sorts of things:

- Keeping an eye on **planning** applications in your area
- Looking out for places where **trees** could be planted
- **Noticing** where things need doing (damaged trees, ivy, ties & stakes)
- Helping at **Kingsway** (weeding, tidying, planting, ivy removal etc)
- Becoming a **firstaider**

We have had a good year on the whole but there have been some low points. We hosted the Tree Council's Forum at Coombe in October. We've set a very high bar for other networks to reach! Coombe did us proud!

We joined in with Heritage Open Days in September, welcoming residents, members & local Councillors to the Kingsway site. Freshly pressed apple juice, Sue's apple cake and a musician added to the attractions.



We've also done all the usual: attended training sessions, had a stall at the Godiva Festival, commented on planning applications, visited nurseries & gardens, evaluated trees, cut and sold mistletoe and planted trees. Work continues at Kingsfield Gardens (aka Kingsway Orchard) twice a month.



We want to thank Tim Wetherhill, Urban Forestry Officer, for all his help this year, particularly for obtaining the trees planted in memory of Jan Roberts, whom we sadly lost last year. It was good to see how many people attended the tree planting at Heycroft before Christmas.

Tree Wardens assisted Stoke residents in obtaining a grant of £20,000 from WREN to plant an avenue of disease resistant elm trees in Stoke Green. The old chestnuts were fenced off so that they could be retained with no risk to passers by.



NEWSFLASH

Defra are consulting on Street Trees. Please click on these links to read the document and take the survey:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tree-and-woodlands-introducing-measures-for-felling-street-trees>

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/forestry/protecting-trees-and-woodlands/supporting_documents/treeswoodlandsconsultdocument.pdf

REMINDER

Mac's brilliant training sessions continue on the first Saturday of each month (unless you hear otherwise). In the Visitor Centre, War Memorial Park, 10am to 1pm. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per person, if possible

When you've got a dying tree, and all else fails

