

## **Community Woodland and Tree Warden Network**

As mentioned before I am still a member of the Tree Warden Network, receiving all information, emails and Whatsapp messages. Some of which are useful and informative.

The Community Woodland progresses well, and advertisement in the Parish Magazine for more volunteers to join our group this has brought us Richard Cage from Barking, also Steve Tetlow has joined the group. We also have had help from the Paddock, Wixfield residents.

Interesting happenings:

Dan Pratt arranged for Richard Parmee, the Diversity Manager at MSDC to visit and to give us suggestions and advice, which has been very useful.

Dan's locality budget enabled us to purchase some more pond plants which were planted in April (thanks to Richard Cage and his waders).

We have had a donation of two Black Poplar trees, this species is in decline and efforts are being made to save them.

Barry Abbott purchased a quantity of yellow rattle seeds which he has planted – thanks to him.

Thanks also to Colin Carter who continues to cut the footpaths for us and who also cut the wildflower area prior to Barry planting his seeds.

A local garden maintenance company did a good job cutting back the brambles along the fence, these threatened to engulf some of the new trees, hopefully we will not need to do this again as the trees go from strength to strength.

Steve Tetlow installed his trail camera in the shed/stable and managed to film a barn owl using the rafters to perch on.

We have also put up two bat boxes.

We have had a few new trees requested from villagers who wish to plant a tree in memory of a lost loved one.