



Sidmouth Civic Arboretum – Newsletter 1/2017

Hi there. Welcome to the new look Sidmouth Civic Arboretum (SCA) Newsletter which we hope will keep you regularly informed of our activities and events in the Sid Valley.



To those of you we haven't met yet, may we introduce ourselves. From the left is President Diana East (whom I'm sure you all know). Diana is the founder of and inspiration for the only Civic Arboretum in the UK. Next we have Jon Ball our new Chairman. Jon and his wife Penny have been involved with the SCA for 4 years and both on the 2014 SCA Tree Survey (see the website address below). Next we have Jill Gray a comparative newcomer to Sidmouth and the SCA Secretary and finally Ed Dolphin our Treasurer.

In addition to these officers of the organisation Graham Hutchinson, Simon Pollentine, Richard Eley, Jeremy Woodward and Penny Ball attend our monthly committee meetings contributing energy, ideas and contacts. We would love some new committee members to join us if you are interested. We would all describe ourselves as tree enthusiasts rather than experts and we are all thoroughly enjoying our new roles promoting the trees of the Sid Valley and raising awareness of the truly spectacular tree heritage that we all live amongst.

'Whosoever plants a tree winks at immortality' – Felix Dennis



Activities and Events

Since the January AGM your committee has spent a lot of time sharing out the essentials of the organisation – mailing list, website, accounts, records, objectives, plans etc. and we now feel we are ready to move forward and to launch this newsletter.

We have also been organising lots of interesting activities including a walk with Kevin Croucher to and through Powys House grounds, a very wet walk through The Byes followed by a delightful concert of tree songs and poems and a highly successful tree day with the Year 5s of Sidmouth Primary School at Sidholme.

You can catch up on all these events on the SCA website

http://www.sidmoutharboretum.org.uk/news_display.php

Volunteer Working Party

Graham is also preparing a tree maintenance and planting programme for the autumn and winter months 2017 – 2018. It would be great if we could establish a regular group of volunteers who meet on a once a month basis to tackle the ongoing tasks of conservation and development. If you would like to join such a group please get in touch with Jon Ball or Jill Gray (contact details below).

Walks Leaflets

Our current focus is to revise the 3 SCA Walks leaflets and we would be delighted if you could join us on one or all of the following walks - June 13th, Sidmouth (meeting at the Byes gate near Waterloo Bridge at 2.0pm); July 25th, Salcombe Regis (meeting at Alma Bridge at 2.0pm); August 15th, Sidbury (meeting at the Parish Church at 2.0pm.) On these walks we are planning to capture photographs of the special trees along the way so that we can identify these and include information about them on the revised leaflets.

Tree Evening, Kennaway House, November 24th

We are planning another Tree Evening this autumn at Kennaway House on November 24th at 6:00pm. Lots more information will be sent late but please reserve the date.

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