



BARWOODS

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodlands Project

Report for Botesdale Parish Council Annual Meeting 2019

Members of the Steering Group of Barwoods are pleased to report to Botesdale Parish Council on our activities, with especial reference to Miller's Orchard in Mill Road. We are grateful for the interest and financial support that the Parish Council gives.

Again, we had plenty of fruit in Miller's Orchard last year and there is plenty of blossom this spring. The snowdrops were spectacular. The habitat piles are settling down and doing their job. The path is easy to walk along and many ivy-laden branches have been cut back.

The autumn visit to St Botolph's School happened again in 2018, and we hope the children remember some of what they learned that day. Unfortunately, it was only Squirrels class this time and they came out to search for and plant tree seeds. It is so important to instil in them at an early age an interest in wildlife, whether it's trees, birds, insects, or other creatures and plants; to introduce to them the joy of discovery in the world about them. Our children are so lucky to be living in the countryside with all its rich environment.

In May a silver birch tree was planted in Northfield Wood, Rickinghall, in memory of Ken Liddle, who had been the tree warden for Botesdale. The ceremony was witnessed by his widow and his sons and also by William Sargeant and some other tree wardens.

Rosemary Jones, Chairman

Work parties are usually on the first Sunday morning of the month - better to check first - all welcome.