



BARWOODS

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodlands Project

Report for Botesdale Parish Council Annual Meeting 2017

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 Lane. We are grateful for the interest and financial support that the Parish Council gives.

We continue to keep Miller's Orchard tidy and do regular risk assessments. The interior is really inviting, especially in the spring when the early blossom is out. During the summer it tends to be somewhat overrun with stinging nettles that we cut back from the path! More aconites and snowdrops have spread been put in this year. The footpath is well used and some people picked the fruit last year. Fly tipping remains a problem as it is everywhere apparently. Anita Burnard keeps a sharp eye out for it.

This year is the first when we have not been able to visit St Botolph's School as part of our remit to encourage children to take an interest in trees. They will be the custodians of our environment in the future and it is important for them to be aware of and even to become involved

Last June 2006 we celebrated our first ten years by inviting the public on guided walks to our two sites in Rickinghall to Miller's Orchard.

Our work parties are usually on the first Sunday of the month only and we have an evening meeting most months on the third Monday. New volunteers are welcome.

Rosemary Jones, Chairman