



BARWOODS

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodlands Project

Report for Botesdale Parish Council Annual Meeting 2018

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.

Miller's Orchard was well laden with fruit last autumn and of course it always looks great in the spring, topped with white blossom from the overgrown fruit trees. The wood feels lighter, more open now, and the path has been kept clear, partly by the people who use it.

Despite our risk assessment, some ivy-laden tree branches did collapse in the winter and we are grateful to William Sargent for clearing up the mess. There is a lovely habitat pile just inside the wood. And a new sign appeared on one of the trees.

It was also the site for a geocache, something new in the village I think.

The autumn visit to St Botolph's School resumed this year, which we were very pleased about. It is so important to encourage young children to look about them and notice the different trees and the creatures that live in and under them. They will be the guardians of our environment in the future and they can never start too soon.

In the June Parish magazine there was a map showing where the Barwoods sites are in Botesdale and Rickinghall. Our work parties are usually on the first Sunday of the month and we have an evening meeting most months on the third Monday. New helpers are welcome.

Rosemary Jones, Chairman