

Tree Warden

I have been tree warden for many years now, planting hedges, organising the village orchard and generally keeping a watching brief on Parish trees.

Last year saw the emergence of another tree disease, Ash Die-back, which may yet devastate the Ash population. The advent of climate change may well increase the emergence of tree disease and insect attack like that on Horse Chestnut trees. In a nutshell someone needs to keep an eye on our trees.

The village orchard also does well and I have visited High House Farm many times this past year to maintain the Apple trees. Still they suffer the occasional attack by deer but his spring the blossom is profuse and though the property is up for sale it is hoped that any new owner will welcome a supported orchard in the back garden!

Sadly I cannot continue as Tree Warden, resigning with immediate effect. Lack of local interest, lack of support at both Parish and District Council level finally cause my departure. The national call for "volunteers" sadly misses underpinning support and organisation.

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