

Harnsey Wood update

In the past there seems to have been some confusion as to who actually owns the title to the Harnsey Wood land. We now know that this is with The Woodland Trust with the appropriate charitable restrictions.

Friends of Harnsey Wood has become an informal small club with a group of people who enjoy the wood. As time goes by I see us getting more organised with a membership list and a bank account of sorts.

We have raised some money by donations and thus far have been able to purchase a new bench which has been presented to Norfolk W.I. Childrens events have involved Hedgehog nest building, a water for wildlife project, 6 Nest boxes and a Tawny Owl box, some winter bird feeding areas, planting 2 oak trees and starting a special area for children in the wood. Some tree identification

walks for all ages and a fund
raising mulled wine and mince pies
event in our front garden.

This year we hope to put on more
events for children in small groups
accompanied by an adult, a barn owl
nest box, more tree walks and a
summer picnic in the wood.

The Woodland Trust have asked me
to become The Volunteer Warden for Hamsey
wood, this is work in progress but as
yet not told me what is involved!
but I feel sure that without a joint
involvement there will be little that can
be achieved by the community in the wood.

Hopefully we will be able to start a
small volunteer group on maintenance.

I have been having a good look at some
of the other 200 millennium woods and feel
that it will be quite easy for our Hamsey
wood to be up there with the best.

Andrew Doubleday

N.C.C./Parish Council Community Tree Nursery
project - update

The area in the orchard has been prepared, fenced and now planted with some 150 mixed Trees mostly native species including Oak, Wildcherry, Hornbeam, Field maple, Mountain ash and Sweet-chestnut.

There is scope in this planting to involve the children in a few Trees of their own to grow on in the Nursery and plant out in time.

I have kick started the project off with a few larger Trees of oak and wildcherry so we should have some to plant out this Autumn.

Richard Dumbleby