

CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR TREE-PLANTING

A £2000 grant has been awarded to Barningham Net Zero for our tree planting project to improve the environment, support wildlife and enhance biodiversity. The work also contributes to our action plan to counter global warming carbon emissions by taking local action to increase carbon sinks. The grant from the Postcode Local Trust, funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, supplements the support we are already receiving from Trees for Teesdale. It will enable us to purchase some fruit trees to complement the mixed deciduous tree and hedge species that comprise most of our planting.

We've already tested out our thermals and waterproofs and trained some new volunteers at our pre-Christmas sessions at three sites. Should you wish to join a working party after the holidays, please contact Martha (07984 756080). We will be running weekly sessions, about 2 hour's duration, from January to March at sites in Barningham and Newsham. *Note: these are run as small groups with strict social distancing.*

To date we have planted over 200 trees: 24 in enclosures and the remainder used to create a new copse. The species planted so far include Aspen, Beech, Bird Cherry, Birch (Silver and Hairy), Dogwood, Hazel, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut, Oak (English and Sessile) and Sycamore, plus 7 apple trees and a green gage.

Many thanks to the land owners for allowing us to work on their land, our volunteers for their hard work so far, and well-wishers in the community who have donated trees and tree guards!



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In a bid to share information on how we can reduce our fuel costs, lead more comfortable lives and cut our carbon emissions, a series of 21 factsheets are being prepared on behalf of Barningham Net Zero by our consultant, TEC Ltd. The first factsheet "*What makes a house warm*" is being distributed with this newsletter; the rest will be available to view and download from www.barninghamnetzero.com. Should you prefer printed copies, contact Steve Ottevanger (tel. 621257, steveotti_3@hotmail.com), tell him which factsheets you would like and he will get them to you.

Available now from our website are the Simple Energy Tips series:

No. 2 - Managing energy in the home

No. 3 - How to read your electricity meter

No. 4 - Understanding your electricity bill

No. 5 - Switching energy suppliers

Later factsheets will provide advice for vulnerable and elderly residents; energy efficient heating, cooking, lighting and house maintenance; dealing with condensation; insulation and draught-proofing, including double-glazing in traditional buildings. Watch this space... coming soon!

GREEN HOMES GRANT EXTENDED

STOP PRESS: The government has now extended the Green Homes Grant by a full year, allowing projects completed by 31 March 2022 to be part paid for by vouchers of £5000 (up to 2/3rds of the project cost). The grant will cover insulation and low carbon heating improvements. Apply at: www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme

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