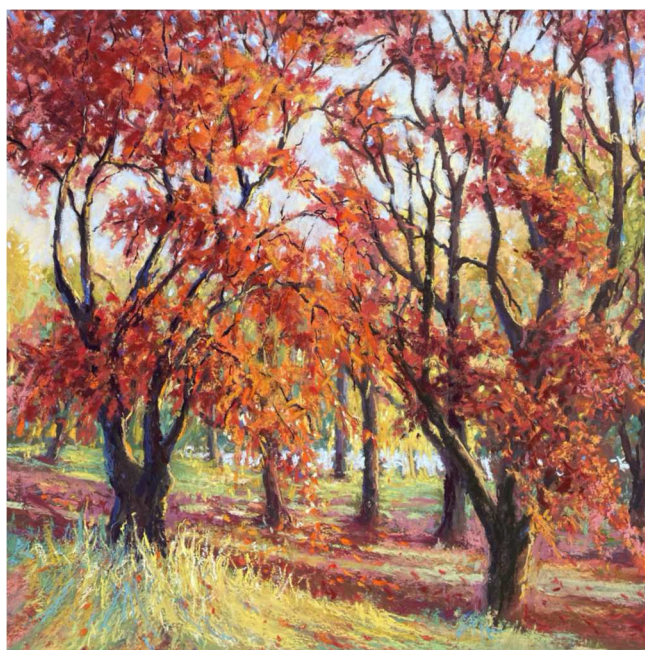


The Remarkable World of Trees

Make your way to Epsom Library to see an inspiring exhibition hosted by the Surrey Tree Warden Network – the theme: the Remarkable World of Trees. It will run from 13th October through to January 7th, and is being held with the support of the Epsom librarians and Surrey County Council.



Winkworth Glory by Theresa Allen

The exhibition brings together so many things inspired by trees - artworks, photography, music and artefacts. But it is not a passive display. There will be craft workshops, painting classes, author readings, talks and walks. A children's area will invite youngsters to put together a giant puzzle, listen to stories, create pictures. On Saturday 19th November there will be a Tree Giveaway – 200 trees to be found a home. (Help for this needed – see below.)

It will be a hands on experience, helping people to explore not just the astonishing world of trees but promoting positive messages of what people can do for nature, for the planet.

Epsom Library, 6 Epsom Square. KT19 8AG.

Check any of the following for Opening Hours Epsom.library@surreycc.gov.uk
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/LibraryEpsom/>
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South East Forum and AGM

The next all day event for Surrey Tree Wardens will be on **Saturday 15th October** in Reigate. The business of the Surrey Tree Warden AGM will be a very small part of the day – for it will combine with the South East Forum, with Surrey welcoming tree wardens from Kent to Hampshire, Sussex to Berks. The forum is being held in the new headquarters of Surrey County Council in Reigate, at Woodhatch Place, Cockshot Hill, Woodhatch, Reigate RH2 8AN. An email has already been sent out with the details. You will be asked to register in advance. The morning will be taken up with talks to inspire; the afternoon with workshops, and a walk round the splendid wooded grounds of the council building.

Of Bugs and Butterflies

Surrey Tree Wardens met in Lingfield for their summer meeting. Morning was talk; afternoon was walk - in the wonderful Lingfield Nature Reserves.

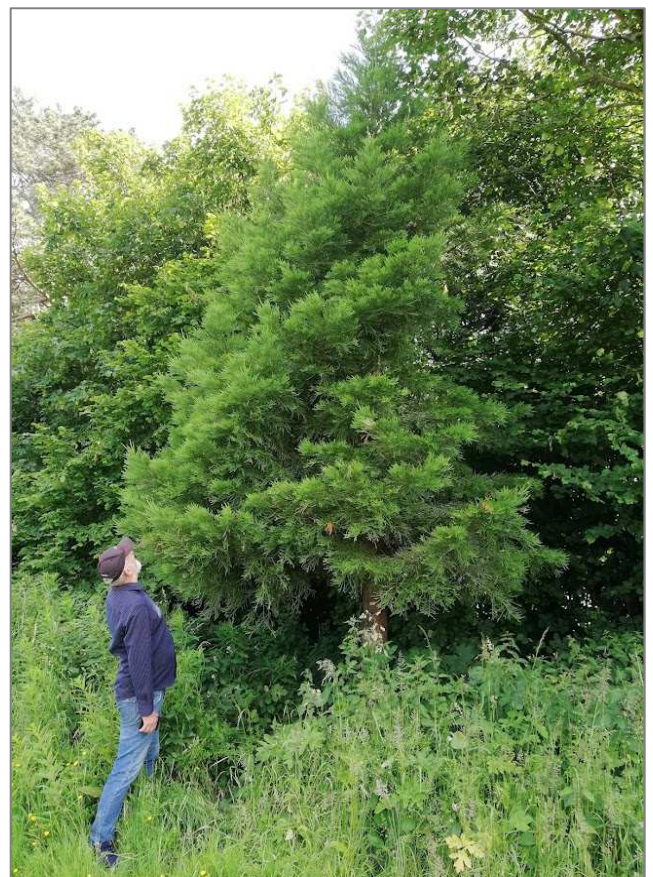
Jon Stokes of the Tree Council launched the day. The good news, he said, is how much things have changed in the past two years with tree and hedge planting rising up the national agenda. The team at the Tree Council has gone from 10 to 25 people, and Tree Wardens are seen as a valuable resource. The Tree Council now has £3m to give out on community and school grants (see above). He talked about research into different tree planting strategies; and into Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) with a fly called *Carcelia* which attacks OPM, and so might help control it.

Jon then gave the 'Trees and the Law' training module, covering the topics of owners and neighbours, legal protection, trees and development, ancient and heritage trees, and wildlife. Details were interesting - the regulations about planting poisonous trees such as yews near boundaries where animals graze. Also, suggestions that sycamore seeds and leaves might be poisonous for ponies.

Next, Richard Stephens gave an illustrated talk about Trees and Butterflies. He is a volunteer with Butterfly Conservation and the Lingfield Nature Reserves. He took us through a number of trees and their companion butterflies, such as Holly and Ivy - both needed by the Holly Blue. He also discussed how to organise maintenance in order to preserve butterfly populations, such as coppicing and hedge trimming in rotation so that each year some eggs/pupae are left undisturbed.

There were contributions too from tree wardens. Rod Thorn from Elmbridge gave a talk about their successes and failures in supporting the local council and its tree planting programme, and the development of the tree nursery. Maggie Allen gave a talk about the Nutfield tree wardens, and in particular their survey and map of veteran and ancient trees in the parish.

In the afternoon, the group visited the Lingfield Nature Reserves now 25 years old, and including wild-flower areas and a traditional orchard with apples, pears, plums, mulberries, quince and medlars. There are older trees too, and a special younger one: a redwood grown from a seed by our Treasurer, David Pope, seen here admiring his baby!



Money For Tree Planting

There's money to be had in the form of grants for new tree and hedge planting this winter. Surrey County Council have a useful website with details of different funding streams: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/climate-change/what-are-we-doing/tree-strategy>

The website mentions the Branching Out Community Fund, run by the Tree Council, which is now accepting applications for this winter's tree planting. It can provide funding of between £200 and £2000 for tree, hedgerow, and orchard projects run by Tree Wardens, community groups or schools. For more information, go to <https://treecouncil.org.uk> and you will find details of the fund on the Home page.

News In Brief

Seed Gathering season is just round the corner. You can join the Elmbridge Tree Wardens on Sunday 2nd October at 2pm on Esher Common. Meet at the Horseshoe Clump car park: KT10 9JL. Contact Rod Thorn for more information: info@surreytreewardens.org.uk. Seed Gathering season runs from 23rd September and encourages everyone, from families to community groups, to go out and gather seeds from trees around them, seeds that could become the street trees, garden trees, woodlands and forests of the future.

Volunteers needed! Can you help with the free tree giveaway at Epsom Library on Saturday 19th November? A variety of trees will be available and the general public will need good advice about what trees are suitable, and where. If you can help, please tell our Secretary, Patricia Brookwick: secretary@surreytreewardens.org.uk

The Tree Council and partners have been awarded half a million pounds over the next 3 years from the Trees Call to Action Fund, led by Defra, the Forestry Commission and the National Heritage Lottery. This grant will help fund the new Talk to the Hedge programme, including launching a National Hedgerow Week, funding hedgelaying courses and promoting tree nurseries.

Ancient trees need specialist management. The Ancient Tree Forum and the Arboricultural Association are delivering a new programme to improve the skills and knowledge of up to 450 professionals across England. For details: <https://www.ancienttreeforum.org.uk/events/>

The Surrey Tree Warden Network is seeking a new Treasurer. A very few hours work each YEAR for the pleasure of joining the rest of the Committee members as they keep Tree Wardens informed and up to date! Please talk to our Secretary, Patricia Brookwick .

Watch out for more training modules next year. Four have been delivered so far, three by Zoom (Introduction for Tree Wardens; Tree Biology; and Tree Health) and one in person on the Law, at the Lingfield meeting. More modules are expected from the Tree Council, but there is no timetable for this. If there is enough demand, some of this year's modules may be run again, particularly the Introductory one which, it is recommended, all Tree Wardens should do.

And finally, the Committee need your input. Please get in touch with your news and views. And Photos too. Let us know what you are doing.

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