Tree Warden Report March 2020

The last few months have seen violent storms and torrential rain.  In our part of East Anglia we have been let off lightly  even though we have seen boughs down and plenty of timber detritus flying around.  Talk of tree disease has waned even if it’s not gone away and conversations topics have tended towards climate change  and how the country, indeed the world , is going to tackle it.  Trees are going to be a major part of the fight against climate change as they fight flooding, lock up carbon, nurture and protect wildlife and create resilient Landscapes.  The ambitious Northern Forest Programme aims to plant 50 million trees along the M62 corridor. A new Environmental Bill is currently making it’s way through the legislative process and includes an ambitious environmental programme, recycling more and wasting less, cleaner air, planting trees, safeguarding forest and supporting nature recovery,  tackling climate change and reaching for net zero emissions have 2025. The government has also announced restrictions on burning unseasoned wood and coal. I don’t think many of us in rural areas would really burn wood that was unseasoned in any event.

The message tends to be everyone’s really ambitious for everything.  Here, I tend to be hopeful that we can plant a few trees, look after the ones we have and be able to get back onto the currently saturated land.  One thing we might all notice are bushier hedges as we head towards summer. Not so much around the roads as these have been cut but on farms and tracks. The ground has been too wet to take tractor mounted hedge cutters and very little has been done by hand. This should be a good thing for all types of wildlife, flora  and the hedges. Recently there has been renewed focus on Orchards, not just new plantings but also old orchards. Old orchards  have been found to be a veritable bank of genetic information as well as a bank for valuable soil bacteria, worms, lichens and mosses. Therefore safeguarding veteran orchard trees as well as new plantings  is on the agenda.  A final word on the clear up following this stormy winter, please consider leaving, where not a danger,  dead trees/wood standing and fallen boughs and branches in piles on the ground to benefit wildlife.

Village Hall report

**Rendham Village Hall Management Committee Chairman’s Report January 2020**

In my November 2019 report, I intimated that the upgrade of the waste water system was not as urgent as had been previously suggested. The issue is that rain water comprises the main volume of discharge into the septic tank via drains located in the car park. The company that provided the previous unsolicited advice about the need to upgrade the system now seem to be unwilling to attend and site visit. Consequently, I contacted the local experts, Binder Ltd. I have outlined the problem and will arrange a visit early 2020. The initial advice is that we are not likely to be in breach of new regulations. I am more concerned about rainwater filling the system than the pollution issue. With regard to the heating upgrade plans, we begin the first phase of changing the existing strip lights to low energy LED sealed units (with dimmer switching). These units have been sourced and will be installed early 2020. We will then be in a position to move to next phase of insulating the loft before reconsidering heating replacement.

Denis Moore

Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee

Re Telephone Box

Thank you for your email, I am sorry to hear this. I have arranged for our engineer the kiosk to be cleaned as soon as possible.

Would you be able to send in some photographs showing the condition of the paint work? We could then pass these on to the Commercial Field Officer and ask if the box can be added to our painting schedule.

With regard to the light,   Unfortunately, our engineers currently have a backlog of  work that is required on the light fittings on these old k6 kiosks.  This is due to a requirement to carry out an electrical safety check when the works have been completed.  As a result we may  look to carry out a full upgrade of the kiosk electrics on these sites at the same time as replacing the light fitting and cable.

I am sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Please rest assured that this has now been reported and the work will be completed as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Angela

 ( Pictures have been sent ) CS

Email back with the following

This payphone has been added to our next repaint list

Hopefully it will be done by the end of the year

Regards

***Lyndsey***

Lyndsey Jones |Team Member - Bangor |Voice Services |

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