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## **Tree Warden Report January 2025**

I had hoped to write before Christmas about the rights and wrongs of real “living” ( not really post cutting ) Christmas trees terms versus fake (plastic and metal) ones. Having read lots on the subject the jury is out on which is best and the evils and benefits are about equal. So just enjoy the one you have and respect your and others preference.

The balance may change in the future but hey ho we are in the here and now.

One plus point of the real tree that is going the rounds is making your own DIY cleaner. What's not to like ? Macerate a few handfuls of the pine needles of your tree in cheapo distilled white vinegar, wait three weeks, strain into an old spray bottle and voila you have pine scented eco spray that will clean anything from shower screen to mirrors, floors to stainless steel.

Personally I think it's mainly the vinegar - a staple in our house- but pine is antibacterial and gives off a great aroma.

The one thing I can say is if you do have a real one please compost it in some way. East Suffolk say cut it into small parts and place in the recycling bin so the lid closes. Bigger trees can be cut up and take to the recycling centre. One caveat they state is please remove decorations and lights! Do we really need to be told?

Happy New Year

Rendham Tree Warden