

## **Tree Warden Annual Report 2019**

I would like to introduce myself, I am Victoria Alexander, your new Tree Warden. I only took up the post earlier this year, so I'm still learning the role and looking at ways to take it forward.

I am pleased that as a village the Parish Council has an ear-marked fund to spend on greening the village as a whole. This is for wildlife and nature, for beauty and the environment and to enhance the well-being of ourselves and our future generations.

If you have a location where you feel a new tree (or even hedge) would fit within your garden, or wider land, then please get in touch. My details are available on the Parish website, or on the NextDoor App.

There are currently two 'bigger' projects being looked at by the Parish Council, one of which is planting along the lovely footpaths around Stanway Green and one of which is working with the contractors at the poultry unit in Newtown to improve the footpath around their site as part of their upgrade. I understand that they are looking to work with Suffolk County Council to arrange an official footpath diversion, which will improve the experience for walkers as well as improve bio-security at the unit.

So, how can you get involved? Three things have come to mind:

- 1) Ivy – there are a number of trees in the neighbourhood which are being affected, ivy is a parasite and can kill a tree, but it can easily be addressed by cutting it off at the bottom, it doesn't matter if the old stems stay on the trunk, but this is a quick and easy way of protecting your tree.
- 2) Look out for beautiful trees in your neighbourhood. Let me know if you think they are special enough to have a Tree Preservation Order put in place and I can help you do this.
- 3) Look out for my Nature Notes, that I will be posting on NextDoor and the village website soon, I'm intending to make this a regular feature.

Thank you