

Birch Wood Association Latest News – Autumn 2023



Since the last Parish Newsletter, we have lost Peter Riley. Peter had just stood down as Hon. Secretary and passed away in late December. Peter was a cornerstone of the Association, on the committee and was our Secretary for an amazing 44 years. Besides so much administrative work he played a major part in the recovery from the Great Storm of 1987 and had expert knowledge and skills that contributed so greatly to the conservation of the Birch Wood and lake. He is greatly missed.

New Officers have been appointed to the Association, Martin Derham was confirmed as Chair, Rod Hillen Hon Secretary and Ros. Smith is our new Hon. Treasurer. We had our 50th AGM on the 4th September and thanks to all who attended. We are completely revamping our membership and subscription records which were a little out of date. Starting from scratch allows us to accord with current rules and regulations. We are reviewing the method of collecting subscriptions with a view to simplifying the process. The subscription per household is likely to be £10 per annum. If you would like to become a member (or refresh your membership if you were a member in the past) and are happy for us to hold your data please email birchwoodassociationbidborough@gmail.com with your name and address or talk to one of the committee members. Your details will be held purely for Association purposes.

We have a Facebook page. It is simplest to search for 'Birch Wood Association'; we welcome any observations, photos or comments on our woods.

Our next working party with the Kent High Weald Partnership, is scheduled for Thursday 30th November. We would love to see you there to help maintain the wood. All tools are provided but gardening gloves are a good idea. We usually meet by the lake at 10am. Further and better particulars will be on our Facebook page / notice boards / event planners monthly news