



THE DOVER SOCIETY, WINNERS OF A CIVIC TRUST/BRITISH TELECOM "COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD."

SASKIA HALLAM OF THE CIVIC TRUST Presents a cheque to the Chairman of the Society. 23rd February 1992

Ben, a border collie, joined us from 10 till 3 puddling round and round on straw seemingly engaged in 'some ancient spring ritual' to the wonderment of both spectators and passers-by!

Interest in the project continues to grow and the contribution made by many unsung heroes, quietly and effectively, is magnificent.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK 1991

On Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December last The Dover Society organised two after-care work sessions on the two hundred young trees planted by the Society in Lousyberry Wood just over a year ago. Being National Tree Week and the first anniversary of the planting, this concerted effort was particularly appropriate. Jim Davis, local Tree Warden, Jack Woolford, Dover Society Chairman and Margaret Robson, local representative of the Council for the Protection of Rural England all provided impetus on what were two dreary but mild and rainless mornings. Eleven-year-old Susanne Glover, from Temple Ewell School, was an example of cheerfulness and industry as she wielded her secateurs.

During the two days invasive bramble (mainly) was cleared well back from each sapling and where necessary the tree shelters were cleared of weeds and accumulated dead leaves. It is recommended that the shelters remain in place for a number of years. In the case of beech trees, which bush out well, it has been found that they tend to have a constricting effect with the possibility of mildew but we dare not remove them prematurely for fear of bark damage from fauna should there be a spell of severe weather. Shelters of course also serve to pinpoint each sapling amongst the wealth of surrounding growth.

The more expensive bitumen-based tree mats have proved themselves over the plastic type in terms of durability and effectiveness as a mulch. All remain in place, suppressing competing weeds and retaining moisture, as evidenced by the substantial growth of the transplants.



NATIONAL TREE WEEK, 1991 Dover Society Members take a break from Tree Care Session in Lousyberry Wood. Nov. 1991

Random after-care throughout the summer by many, has resulted in a successful first year during which the young beech, maple and cherry have held their own with the natural regeneration of other species.

In spite of our breaks for a welcome cup of coffee, each and every young tree received attention. It's amazing what eight motivated people can do in a relatively short time!

In early February six failed saplings were replaced and we look forward to a successful second year, with those who walk the public footpath continuing to keep an eye on things for us during the summer months ahead.