

PROJECTS : Update

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NATIONAL TREE WEEK

23 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 1994



National Tree Week Working Party—Leo Wright, Peter Hargreaves and Glyn Hayes

care to the now well established young trees. The few maple we put in are now in excess of 2.4m (8ft) tall closely followed by the wild cherry at about 1.8m (6ft).

The large number of all species situated in dense bramble continue to put on vigorous growth in sharp contrast to those in the more exposed areas on the skyline adjacent to the public footpath. Shelters have now largely been removed leaving the mats and stakes for future identification purposes. Some shelters have been replaced for the winter on the few weaker specimens in exposed ground to provide protection and encouragement. Gale force winds at the time seemed to endorse the action taken. As we inspected each tree we found that a maple shelter full of soil had generated root clusters as far as 30cm (12 ins) up the main stem and lower side shoots. Perhaps the ants had something to do with it for there was no evidence of mole activity about.

Five Dover Society members, including the Chairman and Secretary turned up on the Sunday and Dr. Jim Davis, the area Tree Warden, contributed

NATIONAL TREE WEEK 94 was the fifth anniversary of our receiving the landlord's permission to re-plant, after the 1987 hurricane, that part of Lousyberry Wood in the area of public footpath ER182 (Temple Ewell-Whitfield), mainly with beech but with a sprinkling of maple and wild cherry.

As in previous years we met on Saturday and Sunday of Tree Week to give tender loving

Dr Jim Davis and Field Maple — both doing well.



hard work, helpful advice, the odd limerick and moral support on the Saturday, which was cold and wet and windy. The call of 'The Fox' proved yet again to be very tempting and the warmth of the burning logs with appropriate refreshment was quite irresistible. The Tree Council National Tree Week each year provides a focus for tree planting nationally. Equally it focuses year by year on sustaining existing tree projects in partnership with local authorities. 23

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Sunday, 12 March saw Dover cadets engaged in their annual spring clean-up project; this year in the area of the river Dour from Cherry Tree Avenue to Stembrook.

The three teams from TS ATC and CCF Dover Boys' hilarious start with the Sea the grappling iron to recover a river only to 'let the end go' to onlookers. It was left to the Sunkiss, ATC to recover the improved matters and many the river without mishap, in-

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LYNX SCC, 354 Squadron Grammar School got off to a Cadets making the first cast of supermarket trolley from the the great amusement of the initiative of Cadet 1st Class Alex situation. Experience, however, more items were recovered from cluding a further four trolleys.

In all, the 30 cadets collected 47 bags of litter in addition to the large unbaggageable rubbish, all of which was promptly removed by council contractors SERCO from our deposit points along the route.

Chairman Jack Woolford helped ensure fairplay and with the teams working in friendly rivalry the result was a draw between the Sea and Air Cadets – the two strongest teams on the day. Sportingly the Air Cadets allowed the Sea Cadets the call when the inevitable coin was tossed. The Sea Cadets won and received from Miss Lillian Kay, former Headmistress of Dover Girls' Grammar School and a Vice-President of The Dover Society, the District Council prize of a dartboard. Dover Society framed certificates acknowledging their achievement were also presented the participating units. As a point of interest an army cadet representation was provided by the Grammar School CCF which is tri-service.

Miss Kay, in thanking the cadets for giving up their Sunday morning to tidy up their town centre, congratulated them on their turn-out and cheerfulness in carrying out a task well done. She also welcomed the opportunity of having a special word with three present-day Grammar School girls of the 354 Squadron ATC team.

Refreshments for all participants were generously provided by McDonalds Restaurant, Dover and CRS/Co-op also sponsored the project.

Organised by the Dover Society in partnership with Dover District Council the sixth successive Dover Cadets Spring Clean-up Project was again a tremendous success, thanks to the drive and enthusiasm of the young people who did it!