

## Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust

The Trustees of TACWET would like to say thank you to so many villagers, Friends and volunteers for spending time offering your well thought out answers to our recent survey.

There is clearly a feeling that you like the wildness and security of the woods whilst hoping that we can improve things like parking and perhaps adding more seating in strategic positions to take advantage of the views. We agree and hope that in the not too distant future we can make some improvements. You were also keen that we continued to improve things for the resident wildlife by the provision of more wildlife shelters and wildflowers to encourage bees and butterflies.

There were questions about some of the tree felling and coppicing. Coppicing is an important part of woodland management. If it is not done then the woodlands soon become overgrown and unmanageable. We appreciate that it looks a bit ugly when first done but it will all grow back better than ever.

Some of you will know that many of the trees are diseased or otherwise in poor condition. You will have seen where the bark has been removed by sheep and we also have a number of other infestations. These trees have to be removed although we leave the ones that have any chance of recovery and will be starting a replanting programme of broadleaf trees to replace those that we lose. Any proceeds we receive through the disposal of logs and other coppiced material is used towards the ongoing support of the trust.

So thank you again. Remember we are always looking for more volunteers and Friends of the Woodlands. So if you or anyone you know would like to join us now is the time!