



The Friends of Linslade Woods have been busy throughout the autumn and winter carrying out coppicing, hedge laying and litter clearance in the Woods. They have also created and cleared a number of “scalped” areas which have been planted with flowering shrubs in order to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee.



Ken Barry of the Friends of Linslade Woods said “Although the objective of the Jubilee was to encourage the planting of trees to help combat climate change, we knew that we already had plenty of trees in the Woods but still wanting to be able to commemorate the

Jubilee in some way. We decided therefore to plant flowering shrubs in the Woods to help and encourage bees and other pollinating insects”.

The shrubs were all planted by the volunteers and included cherry, plum, crab apple, guelder rose, wild privet and alder buckthorn.

The Friends group organised a guided walk following the planting to enable members of the public to see the work that had been carried out in the Woods and to learn from experts about the wildlife and the history of the Woods.

The Friends want as many local people as possible to continue to enjoy the Woods and are therefore inviting all those who may be interested in the future of the Woods to consider becoming members of the Friends Group. A programme of regular working parties is due to resume in the autumn.

Anyone who would like to become a Friend of the Woods and take part in the activities can contact Ken Barry on 01525 372036 or email kenwbarry@aol.com or Jennifer.curtis@greensandtrust.org .