

RIBI ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP NEWSLETTER FOR CLUBS & DISTRICTS APRIL 2014

THE WOODLAND TRUST

A number of amendments have been made to The Woodland Trust leaflet which has now been posted on the RIBI web site. They are offering OVER 4000 PACKS of FREE TREES this time.



Individual trees, small copses, traditional hedgerows and tranquil woodland are important features in our villages, towns and cities.

Trees help create green neighbourhoods where people want to live, work and play. They provide vital shade, food and protective shelter for wildlife; they can help enhance walk-ways, create natural boundaries, screen buildings, and bring shape, structure and colour. In 2014 you could help create a living memorial that will stand tall as a tribute to our ancestors as well as providing special places for reflection, wildlife and play. Apply online at

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees to receive free packs of saplings and remember the heroes that played a role in your community, from soldiers fighting at the Somme to women at work.

The Woodland Trust is offering over 4000 **FREE** packs of trees to schools, communities and youth groups.

For planting in November 2014, the latest date for applications will be the **4th SEPTEMBER**. However you are urged to apply as soon as possible as if demand is high, this date could be brought forward.

THE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

The Trust was set up by Rotarians in the Sheffield area and now extends to most of the Rotary world. They support financially a number of projects based on sustainability as well as encouraging all Rotarians to work and live in an environmentally sustainable way.

The Trust encourages all Rotarians to do four things:

EDUCATE – themselves, their Rotary colleagues and their community about the reasons why we all have to reduce carbon emissions

DEMONSTRATE - how everyone can save money in the process,

INNOVATE - with ideas promoted by their Rotary Club to reduce carbon emissions through the development of appropriate projects.

DONATE - via The Sustainability Trust to a Rotary project that offsets your unavoidable personal carbon emissions.



The Trust is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheSustainabilityTrust where it promotes the following principles:

1. Carbon emissions will heat the planet beyond its ability to support the projected 9 billion people.
2. Adopting Sustainability Principles will improve efficiency, save money, reduce weather-related hardship and lower the need for extra humanitarian aid caused by Climate Change
3. All Rotarians should get involved, understand the issues and, if they agree with us - take action.
4. Responsible Rotarians should aim for maximum sustainability in all they do. All Rotary projects should be sustainable.
5. Our unavoidable personal carbon emissions should be neutralised by donating to a Rotary Club Climate Change project at www.TheSustainabilityTrust.org

For further information, please download the Sustainability Trust leaflet on the RIBI web site or visit their own web site as above.

CLIMATE WEEK was the 3RD TO 9TH MARCH 2014 but it is not too late to register your event NOW with Climate Week by going onto their web site, www.climateweek.com

The Challenge for Schools this year was ‘Get us out of hot water: come up with an idea that helps people use less energy heating buildings and water’.

EARTH HOUR - SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014 FROM 8.30 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. – a final reminder!

The new leaflet is available on the RIBI web site. The idea of Earth Hour is to encourage everyone to turn off all electrical equipment for that hour. Let me know what you are arranging at both Club and District level, so that I can include it in future newsletters to encourage others to follow suit.

DID YOU DO ANYTHING SPECIAL? Let me know so that I can include it as a suggestion for other Clubs next year.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION 2016

The new wording for this has been sent out. If your Club or District already have this in hand under the old wording, the principle and main thrust are the same. R.I. will in any case consolidate all similar resolutions into one.

Please can we emphasise the importance of trying to get Clubs in other Districts outside RIBI with whom you have contact to support this as well. It will then carry so much extra weight when R.I. are considering which resolutions to put before the Council of Legislation.

ROTARY SPRING CLEAN

It is an excellent opportunity now before the grass and weeds starts growing to undertake a Spring Clean of an area in your locality

- **Clean up our communities - TOGETHER**
- **Clean up our roadsides and seashores**
- **Clean up parks and woodland**
- **Organise Clean-up days with other organisations, schools and the general public**
- **Encourage people to pick up 5 PIECES A DAY!**
- **STOP THE BAG**



RIBI WEB PAGE LINK <http://www.ribi.org/committees/community-service-rg/environment-group> takes you direct to our web page on the RIBI web site. Copy and paste it onto your server. There you will find leaflets on all the subjects above as well as many others which I am sure you will find useful.

If you need any more information, please contact the person, Club or Organisation named on the leaflet or Terry Knowles, Secretary of the RIBI Environmental Sustainability Group, TERUNA2@aol.com. Tel 01423 525014