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What Next?

Our current priorities are

- obtaining a site upwards of three acres suitable for tree planting within Great Barton
- fund raising for acquisition and management of site
- increasing local awareness of the project
- development of project plans in consultation with interested groups in the community

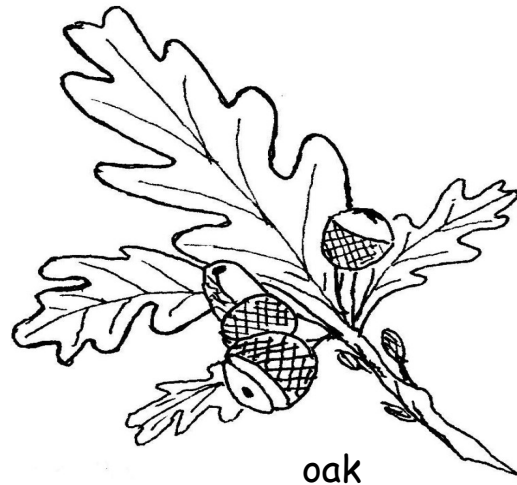
Any Questions?

If you would like more information or to be involved in this community project in any way please contact:

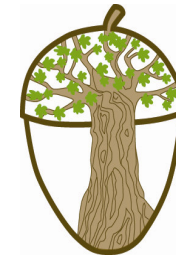
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Great Barton Community Woodland

Our Aims

To create a sustainable woodland, landscaped with paths and drifts, for enjoyment, recreation and education, accessible to everyone and to hand on to future generations.

To stimulate children's interest in their environment by enabling them to grow their seedlings in a tree nursery and transplant the young saplings into a developing woodland.

To promote a varied habitat for birds, other wildlife and wildflowers by planting native hardwood trees from local stock, using traditional practices.

GBCW Logo by Ethan Flint aged 6 years
Leaf art by Ellen Brabrook aged 86 years
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How did we Start?

A steering group of local residents was formed following a public presentation by the Green Light Trust in the village hall in May 2007. The Trust is a registered charity which since 1993 has helped more than 40 voluntary groups establish community woodlands mostly in East Anglia. Their success has been built on four key elements:

- Motivating children and young people to become responsible custodians of the environment
- Building wildlife habitats to increase bio-diversity
- Fostering community spirit through long-term involvement
- Forging environmental links with communities overseas.

The Great Barton group is now fully constituted, affiliated to and supported by the Green Light Trust.

Progress So Far

During 2007

- a tree nursery was constructed at the village primary school
- Year 1 children collected acorns from trees near the parish church and planted them in the tree nursery
- the Mayor of St Edmundsbury planted a commemorative oak sapling in the school grounds
- a display was mounted at the village hall Open Day
- our logo - an oak tree within an acorn- is by 6 year old Ethan Flint, winner of the design competition held in the village school
- information about the project has been published in the parish council quarterly newsletter and also on our website -

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How does it Work?

The project is managed by a steering group of volunteer residents whose object is to encourage the involvement of all sections of the community for their mutual benefit.

What are the Benefits?

- a place of relaxation and recreation for all ages open all hours
- a haven for birds and wild-flowers
- trees to absorb noise and air pollution
- opportunities to learn traditional skills such as hedge-laying and coppicing
- production of timber products, poles, woodchip mulches etc
- preservation and enhancement of the beauty and variety of our natural surroundings.