

# **2026 Tree Warden Report**

to

## **Brightling Annual Parish Assembly**

I led Guided walks for local people in Dallington Forest during 2025 in May, August, September and November. We were to have more this year, but mobility issues have postponed these for the time being.

Please contact me (details below), to be added to the Dallington Forest walks mailing list and I'll let you know when the walks resume. Please be assured that your contact details will be used for no other purpose.

During 2025 I also supported the Kent Wildlife Trust's Pine Marten Restoration Project by helping conduct surveys of potential denning sites in several local Forestry England woodlands. We had an update on this project at Brightling Environmental Group's event on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.

As a Verifier for the Ancient Tree Inventory, I recorded a notable Common Yew and a veteran Pedunculate Oak near Brightling parish during last year.

I'm interested in finding and recording more ancient, veteran or notable trees in our parish. If you are aware of old or interesting trees in the parish then I'd be very grateful if you could let me know about them.

If you have any concerns about a tree on your land and would like an unbiased opinion of its health, then please contact me for a visit. I can then put you in touch with relevant arboricultural professionals.

And, if you plan to plant trees, I'd be happy to provide advice to ensure the 'right tree' gets planted 'in the right place' for its long-term health. With our changing climate it's important to choose species that will thrive in the conditions expected later this century.

Our parish could benefit from more Tree Wardens and I'm looking for people with an interest in trees to help me. You don't need to be a tree expert, I'm not, just enthusiastic. And you don't have to become a designated 'Tree Warden' to be of assistance. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Doug Edworthy

Tree Warden, Brightling and Dallington Parishes

07711 090 925

[treewarden@dallington.org.uk](mailto:treewarden@dallington.org.uk)