



Rothbury CAN Monthly Report to Rothbury Parish Council

Report 3 December 2023

Rothbury CAN is an umbrella term for several groups. At the moment these are:

Rothbury Rubbish Friends (litter picking group)

Rothbury Tree Wardens www.rothburytrees.uk

ROWANS (Restoring Our Wild And Natural Spaces)

Transport

Low Energy Housing

Coquetdale Repair Café [Repair | Coquetdale Repair Café | Rothbury \(coquetrepair.co.uk\)](http://Repair | Coquetdale Repair Café | Rothbury (coquetrepair.co.uk))

1. Rothbury Rubbish Friends

They held a community litter pick on November 25th. The last community litter pick of the year will be on December 16th.

2. Rothbury Tree Wardens

57 people ordered trees and hedge plants from the **NCC free tree scheme**. Extra trees and hedging plants were given out, and no plants were returned to NCC.

Seeds 2 Trees Living Woods. 20 volunteers have taken part in this exciting project.

We will be planting:

750 oak

300 hazel

many birch and alder

Once established and growing well, the trees will be returned to the Living Woods to plant into the woodland creation scheme of Living Woods.

[Seeds2Trees - Living Woods \(living-woods.org.uk\)](http://Seeds2Trees - Living Woods (living-woods.org.uk))

Ancient Tree Forum

Katie has been asked to join Ancient Tree Forum and assist with setting up the NE group.

As a result of this request, Rothbury Tree Wardens will be hosting the first meeting of the newly formed NE Group, here in Rothbury. Organisers of the Ancient Tree Forum will take part in the Rothbury Tree Trail, and then meet to discuss the detail.

3. ROWANS

This group has adopted the willow tunnel and tipi near Beggars Rigg. This is quite challenging to maintain, and they are actively seeking volunteers to help with this,

and with maintenance of the wild flower meadows, trees and hedges they have planted in the grounds of Rothbury Community Hospital, and the cemetery.

4. **Low Energy Housing**

This group has been looking at the plans for the new housing development at Whitton View. They have submitted comments focussing on sustainability and carbon reduction. A copy of the comment has been sent to RPC for information.

5. **Coquetdale Repair Café**

More volunteers are needed: especially those with skills in electrical repairs, and woodwork expertise. The next Repair Café is on 9th March 2024.

6. **Other**

Coquetdale Green Network (formerly Coquetdale Climate Action Group).

The group has now met and agreed to be a networking group. This network will not be part of Parish Councils, though there are parish cllrs within the group.

Northumberland Green Hub

Members of the CGN attended the second meeting of the NGH.

Longframlington Hedgehog Rescue

Rothbury CAN was approached by BAM Nuttall (Todstead Landslip Remediation) to ask for ideas for them to help in the community. We suggested the Hedgehog Rescue. Consequently, workers have renovated the shed which the disabled hedgehogs overwinter in. Carole Catchpole is delighted with the work, and it will make a big difference to the hogs!

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