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PROGRESS REPORT

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Tarvin Community Woodland Trust

Created by the community for the community

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THOSE WHO ENJOY USING OUR COMMUNITY WOODLAND!

The support that we have consistently received from our friends in the locality was in evidence once again at the Christmas Market, when we raised over £300 and, more importantly, were able to talk to many people about our work in improving the Woodland. We also received many favourable comments about our decorated tree in the Tree Festival – although we did not win! The feedback we receive always means a great deal to us and we are most grateful to those who take the trouble to tell us what they think – whether favourable or not.

The Woodland Christmas Cards have proved a great success, with all but a handful of the packs we produced for 2009 having been sold. The recent beautiful, snowy winter weather has been ideal for photography and we hope that lots of folk have been out, capturing snow-clad views of our lovely Woodland, ready for the Christmas cards for 2010. It isn't too early to let Bryan Evans have them – phone him on 01829 740781 to make arrangements.

We have also produced sets of notelets for sale. These attractive cards do not have a printed greeting, so that they can be used for any occasion, and the photographs they carry are of all four seasons, rather than only winter. Again, these sell for £3 for a set of 10 (all different) and can be obtained from Bryan (01829 740781)

Our work in removing non-native trees as a part of the Woodland management plan is beginning to generate income from the logs that we are able to sell. They burn very well and the purchasers are well-pleased with them. The quantities we have at present are not huge but more should become available in the spring. Give Jim Grogan (01829 741375) or John Daines (01829 740831) a call for availability and prices.

We are using the money raised at our wonderfully successful coffee morning in October to buy squirrel-proof bird boxes and you should see these going up in the Woodland during the next few weeks. Each box will be numbered and, as far as possible, a record will be kept of the birds that have used each one and their success rate. We hope to publish this data each autumn.

Those who have looked at this month's bulletin will already know that the original "Foundation" Trustees have been joined by four new Trustees, making a total of twelve. The four newcomers are Stuart Exell, Brian Glassup, Martin Lloyd and Noel Radcliffe. Each will be able to bring to the Trust a valuable set of skills and abilities and the body of Trustees should be much strengthened by their presence. We welcome them and wish them well as they make their own distinctive contribution to the further development of Tarvin Community Woodland.