



## Mid Suffolk District Council

### Report for The Stonhams Ward – January 2018

## Mid Suffolk signs up to the Woodland Trust's tree charter

Mid Suffolk District Council has agreed to sign up to the Woodland Trust's Charter for Trees, Woods and People.

At a meeting on Thursday 21 December, the Council backed the initiative by the national charity, which sets out people's rights to the benefits of trees, woods and forests. The charter's ten principles include planting more trees, a commitment to protecting irreplaceable trees and woods, sustaining landscapes rich in wildlife and using trees as the inspiration for cultural projects. Other pledges include planning greener local landscapes and combating threats to the ecosystems which each tree supports.

Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor David Burn, said: "Trees surely stand at the heart of why we all enjoy living in one of the most rural parts of the country. Signing up to the Woodland Trust's Charter shows our support for the aims of planting, nurturing and protecting our trees, so that not only ourselves, but also future generations can continue to enjoy the benefits they bring to us."