

## Nature Recovery and preventing Climate Change

### Where are we now and what should we be doing?

Individual groups based in the Ward such as Quinton Meadows Consultative Committee and Friends of Pitts Wood are attempting to engage in the Recovery and Re-Wilding of Nature with its benefit of helping to halt Climate Change.

However the Ward as a whole is not regarding Nature Recovery and the connected Climate Change as its priority.

At present it is clear that not enough professional local authority workers are available to carry out conservation work in Quinton's Parks and in Quinton Local Nature Reserve.

The Forum should be finding ways of preventing the further huge loss and devaluation of Green Spaces and Species in the Ward and be promoting the improvement and creation of habitats in its Green Spaces. Green Spaces come in all shapes and sizes and include gardens and verges.

We are all well aware that Native Trees support a great deal of wildlife and absorb carbon emissions. What we are less aware of is that species rich grassland also captures and stores carbon (known as carbon sequestration), and releases oxygen, and that even devalued land can be turned into biodiverse grassland.

We're speeding toward a point of no return: a new study says **we could hit the critical 1.5°C global temperature increase...in the next five years!**

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