Unleash the economic potential of woodland

The continued rainfall of 2012 after an initial period of drought and the cold spring this year have presented huge challenges to farmers up and down the country.

Despite the wet weather events and the man-made climate change and a sign of things to come in the future, the fact is that this long-term outlook for farming in the UK is significant, economic, and environmental.

It is not as if there is no ground-prepa
ded to do to get these woods established. The trees are already growing and all that is needed is over-watering and the addition of nutrients to the soil to help them to grow. Natural regeneration is taking place.

There is a need for a strong and well-structured woodland management plan that looks to enhance and benefit the local community.

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Farming Talk

The committee covers various villages including Whittington, West Felton, Hollyer, BuynX.to Towns and Baschurch.

More than £4,000 was awarded to community groups and projects when the committee met on March 21 at Hordley Village Hall, with a remaining balance being ring-fenced for priority projects.

A funding round included £500 to the BuynX.to Towns Broadplace project, £1,084 for the Baschurch Herb Garden Project and £302 for the Creaky Chairs Group.

The next round of funding will be awarded at a meeting on the committee on May 29 in order to be considered at this meeting.

Further funding rounds will be awarded at the committee’s future meetings in 2013/14, with dates to be confirmed at the committee meeting.

Councillor Steve Charmley, chairman of the Five Parishes Local Joint Committee (LJC), everyone to think about what we can do to help to benefit local people, clubs, organisations and voluntary groups.

“The meetings also provide a forum for us to hear people’s views and to listen to any concerns that residents may have. We encourage businesses to provide some updates from those applicants who have previously been awarded grants so that their progress can be monitored.

“We are working closely with our communities, as it allows councillors to get out and meet our constituent’s needs by visiting local groups and activities and to better understand the priorities people are putting forward.”

Brew to aid fund

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An island raft race, while Cheshire Fire and Rescue will be demonstrating water rescue techniques.

The concerts are free to attend but organisers are asking for donations towards the Church Redevelopment Fund.

Journey organiser Rodney Cotterell, left, and Audlem Lass skipper Campbell Ward preparing for the Audlem RNL Festival

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