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The Bohumilice Alley luring visitors for a nice walk and sit-down

Bohumilice (5 October 2012) – Another jewel of the Bohemia Forest nature underwent the intervention by experts and is looking for being admired by both visitors and the locals. We are speaking about the Bohumilice Alley, another project that came into existence within the NET4GAS's Closer to Nature programme.

The Bohumilice Avenue is situated about 6 km north of the Vimperk city in the Southern Bohemian Region. Its trees line the road leading from Bohumilice to Bošice. The memorable line of trees consists of small- and large-leaved limes. There are in total 76 lime trees here and their age is estimated at 150 years.

“We were thinking about the Bohumilice Alley long time. We knew about its uniqueness, position and the beautiful outlook from the place. We were also aware of the deteriorating health condition of some trees,” says Jiří Šejnoha, Chairman of the Bohemia Forest Basic Organisation of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation, adding: “We were attempting to get finance for the treatment of at least some trees but we were unsuccessful due to decreasing funds for the protection of the environment. That's why we came up with the project within the NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme this year and we succeeded.”

The Czech Union for Nature Conservation of the Bohemia Forest prepared a project dealing with arborist treatment of the most dangerous trees. Alongside this, a place for visitors to have a rest was supposed to be created here. We supported the project unhesitatingly. It is an ideal topic fulfilling the mission of the Closer to Nature programme,” said Milan Řepka, spokesperson for NET4GAS. Dry and broken branches of 25 selected trees were removed. Unsuitably spreading branches and branches with bad prospects were also removed. Some of them were secured with the so-called safety binding comprising straps or wire ropes on trunks and in crowns. Two dead lime trees were secured against distortion but were left in the alley for insects tied to wood in terms of development and for cavity-nesting birds.

For the alley to be attractive even for tourists, the Czech Union for Nature Conservation of the Bohemia Forest had an information panel installed in the alley to inform of the importance of such lines of trees in countryside and of the need of their protection. For visitors to sit down and have also a rest in the almost one kilometre long alley, a table with benches and a separate bench were installed in the place with the most beautiful view. A multi-language leaflet about the alley and its surroundings was also issued within the project.

Do not hesitate and visit the already third locality supported within the NET4GAS's Closer to Nature programme. Everybody will be fascinated by the Bohumilice alley as it is impressive any time of the year.

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The Czech Union for Nature Conservation is a civic association of people who share an active interest in nature conservation and the environment. ČSOP's mission is to protect and restore nature, the landscape and the environment, to promote environmental education and support sustainable living. The Union currently has 9,000 members coming from the ranks of professional naturalists, experienced volunteers as well as pure enthusiasts who simply love nature. For more information please go to www.csop.cz.

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