

## **Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group Report 9th February 2021**

### **St Mary's Churchyard Wildflower Project**

A letter requesting donations of spring flowering plants such as cowslips and primroses was circulated to the members of Glemsford WI and Glemsford Gardening Club in early February. The plan is to plant out once the weather becomes a little milder, in conjunction with sowing wildflower seeds.

Stephen Perkins, Chair of the Gardening Club, advised that donations of primroses should be 'native' species (pale yellow flowers) as they are more beneficial for pollinators.

The grass within the staked area was getting quite long so was strimmed on 1st February. Thanks to Greening Glemsford member Laurie Milton for offering to do this with his petrol strimmer.

### **Planting trees at the village allotments**

A letter was sent to the Trustees of Glemsford United Charities with details of the proposed Woodland Trust Community Tree Planting Scheme.

A copse of 30 saplings - 10 each of Silver Birch, Rowan (also known as Mountain Ash) and Wild Cherry are due to be delivered this March, though there may be delivery delays due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

This could mean the trees will be planted out in warmer weather, which would be detrimental to their chance of survival, so a request to transfer the delivery date to November has been submitted to the Woodland Trust.

The copse of trees will be a community asset to celebrate the Centenary of Glemsford WI (in November!) and will be planted and maintained by members of the WI in conjunction with members of Greening Glemsford.

A formal request to record this responsibility on behalf of Glemsford WI and Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

### **Show the Love event 2021**

An invitation to take part in the window/front garden displays was circulated to members of Glemsford Matters and Greening Glemsford, both via Facebook, and also to members of Glemsford WI via email.

Glemsford Primary School have sent an online flyer to parents, with lots of great suggestions for art/craft projects and topics to discuss to raise awareness of climate issues with their children while creating green hearts.

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