

## Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group Report 4th May 2021

### Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council Tree Planting

An email was received from Will Burchnall, Corporate Manager, Public Realm Service:

“We’re offering free trees and hedgerow plants to all our parishes, regardless of whether you are planting on council, parish, church, or private land. All you need to do is let us know what you want to plant and where.”

An application has been submitted to plant hedgerow and trees on recently cleared boundaries alongside the Village Hall car park and part of Tower Meadow. Councillor Adrian Southgate has background expertise in tree planting and advised on types of tree eg wild cherry, field maple, rowan and crab apple. The closing date is 30th June and if the application is successful plants will be delivered in October.

Application to Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council to plant trees/hedging in the village of Glemsford, Suffolk



1. Hedging strip  
Approx 2x25m = 50sqm



2. Tree planting strip  
5x17m but reduces to 2x17m  
= approx 60sqm



3. Tree planting strip  
Approx 4x22m = 88sqm



Planting sites are around the edge of Glemsford Village Hall car parks.

### St Mary's Churchyard wildflower/environmental project

We are keeping fingers crossed that the wild flower seeds sown in February will manage to grow, despite strong competition from the churchyard grass!

Metal fencing 'fly tipped' in the wooded copse adjacent to the wildflower area was cleared away by Greening Glemsford member Laurie Milton, and Andrew Powell, PCC and EcoChurch representative, has created a compost bin using wooden pallets which is discreetly sited just inside the copse and will be ideal for composting flowers previously used to decorate the church. Andrew is also organising the installation of three swift boxes in the church tower.



### Kings Road wildflower project

In April 2020 Glemsford resident Gordon Steed identified 'Milkmaid' wildflowers growing in a green adjacent to Kings Road and the area was cordoned off so the flowers could set seed. The project is underway again; however, the grass was mistakenly cut by the Babergh contractor so the Milkmaids may not make an appearance! Despite that setback, many other wildflowers will flourish there so in June members of Greening Glemsford will take part in the Plantlife 'Every Flower Counts' survey to assess the range and abundance of nectar provision for pollinators.



Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council plan to increase wildflower populations across the district by changing mowing regimes to let the grass grow longer, and over-seeding with yellow rattle or wildflower mixes this autumn, so wildflower patches are established for Spring 2022.

Areas in Glemsford managed by the Public Realm team will need to be identified online under 'public realm maintenance'. In agreement with the Parish Council we can then select (on a map) which area/s are best suited for wildflower development.

### Trees at the Allotments

A delivery of 30 tiny trees from the Woodland Trust arrived on 29th April. The ground is currently very dry, so to give the trees a better chance of survival it has been decided to plant them in pots and nurture them until they can be planted out in the autumn.

### Blister pack Recycling

The recycling scheme is now closed to new applicants, so Glemsford Pharmacy cannot register to be a collection point. Glemsford WI have organised collecting from members of the WI and will

take the medicine packets to Superdrug Pharmacy in Sudbury, our nearest collection point. From conversations on Glemsford Matters, some villagers are similarly arranging collecting between themselves.

### **Greening Glemsford Tea and Cake**

Six members of the Greening Glemsford Working Group met recently for socially distanced refreshments and a long overdue catch-up, hosted by Lesli & Tim Tunbridge. One subject for further discussion is the Climate Coalition 'Great Big Green Week' (September 18th - 25th), a national week of events celebrating action on climate change.

L Tunbridge

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