

April 2024
Report from Greening Glemsford
Glemsford Parish Council working group for Climate and Nature

Village Litter Pick

This took place on Sunday 17th March, when volunteers collected 49 bags of litter and assorted fly-tipped items. See details attached to the end of this report.

The Green Group, Glemsford Library

On April 4th Barbara Meyer, a local wildlife photographer, gave a fascinating presentation with photos of many local animals, including the seal populations on the Suffolk coast. She spends hours observing her subjects while waiting for the perfect photo opportunity, and as a result has learned much about, and written several papers on, a range of animal behaviours, both in the wild and in captivity.

The Green Group is aimed at anyone with an interest in science, nature and the environment.

Feel free to pop in! The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May, 11am - 12noon, with an 'open' session, so come along to ask questions or share thoughts on any green subject.

St Mary's Churchyard Wildflower Project

Currently in bloom - yellow primroses and cowslips, and purple ground ivy.

Soon to be planted - Yellow Rattle plug plants, which (if they survive!) will hopefully suppress the strong grasses and enable other more delicate plants, such as the Bedstraws, to take hold. Also going in are Knapweed seedlings, which will have purple thistle-like flowers and are a magnet for pollinators!

Thanks to GG member Laurie Milton for finding time to do this planting.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th May, 7.30pm in the village hall

Sue Stuble, of Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital, will be our speaker at a Wildlife Friendly Gardens event, followed by refreshments and a sale of goods to support the great work of this charity. Free, all welcome.

Saturday 8th June, 12pm - 3pm, Glemsford Village Hall

This looks to be an amazing event so please come along and call in at the Greening Glemsford stall to celebrate World Oceans Day (including children's activities) plus learn more about how to attract wildlife to your garden. There will hopefully be room for an EV, along with the owner to answer your questions.

Sunday 23rd June, afternoon will see the first ever Glemsford "Wildlife Friendly Open Gardens".

This event is still at the planning stage, more details soon.

Next Working Group meeting - Wednesday 1st May, 2pm at 13 New Cut.

Lesli Tunbridge, Chair

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THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

GLEMSFORD LITTER PICK

Held on Sunday 17th March 2024



Thank You!



A total of 48 bags of rubbish were collected across the village today (some full, some not, depending on how heavy!)

Well done all volunteers - 21 adults and 3 children - who searched for rubbish in the rain 🌧️

🌟 You have helped keep our lovely village tidy, plus saved wildlife from injury 🐾

And thank you members of Greening Glemsford who helped set up and run the event 😊

The litter was mainly items which could have been recycled if people had taken them home eg plastic bottles, sweet/snack wrappers, glass bottles (vodka mainly) and drink cans (especially Guinness cans halfway down Low St, cider + beer cans along the road to Cavendish and soft drinks + Red Bull cans round the Horseshoe). And most annoying, considering Glemsford has more dog poo bins than any village in the area, many bags of poo (neatly tied) on the grass verges round the Horseshoe and other places eg the grass at the front of The Surgery!

Special mentions: two volunteers cleared Park Lane and Hobbs Lane, using a trailer to collect 15 of the 48 bags. These roads hadn't been covered in the October litter pick so a clean up was overdue! And two volunteers cleared 8 of the 48 bags of rubbish from the Anglian Water Pumping Station halfway down Skates Hill. They couldn't shift the 12 tyres fly-tipped there so Babergh Council have been contacted to remove them.

Read on for details of more litter 'finds'!

😱 **Other items found - many of these are not 'litter' but have been dumped ie fly tipping. This is the longest list since we began the village litter picks 😊:**

- 2 broken scooters
- Part of a car front bumper
- A metal waste bin and metal post box
- A broken iron
- A car radio speaker
- Several ceiling downlighters
- A car steering wheel
- A Vax carpet cleaner
- A plastic garden chair leg (the chair is still in the undergrowth awaiting collection)
- Part of a surgical drip unit (near the surgery)
- Assorted rubbish in the old phone box by the Bus Shelter
- A dressing gown + purple leopard-print pants (Cavendish Lane)
- A plastic skeleton hand (post Halloween?)
- A deflated football
- A metal incinerator
- A plastic toolbox, 2 plastic buckets, two and a half traffic cones, 5 car wing mirrors, 3 pairs of pliers, a wooden crate and tied bags of rubbish all found by the Pumping Station halfway down Skates Hill.

Still to do:

Brook Street, Duffs Hill and Fern Hill
The 'Casey' footpath from Windmill Row to Flax Lane, then further to Greyhound Rd.

If you would like to help litter pick these areas in your spare time, please contact Lesli on 07952 706858. Bags and picking sticks can be provided.