

Greening Glemsford PC Climate and Nature Group Report 8th August 2022

Wildflower Project, Kings Road

Following communication with Richard Parmee, the new Biodiversity Project Manager for BMSDC, it has been agreed that in 2023 the area will be left un-cut from April until the end of July to see what comes up! Richard will arrange that the contractor will mow around the edge of the area so people can see it is a deliberate action rather than they've forgotten to mow it, plus put a sign up to help inform people what we/Babergh are doing and why. The area will also be recorded on the mapping system, as they'll be plotting areas to manage as meadow next year.

Great Big Green Week Eco Fair

The Greening Glemsford Eco Fair will be held in the Methodist Hall on Sunday 25th September, 10.30am to 1pm, with a mix of informative stalls and vendors booked, plus a chance to check out an electric car and find out what it's really like to run one! Invitations to 'drop in' have been sent to James Cartlidge MP and local councillors.

Trees and the heatwave

The trees planted round the village hall overflow carpark last December are now looking very stressed, with four unlikely to survive. Permission has been given to water them using the building contractor's long hose. As BMSDC are once again offering free trees, an application will be made to replace them. The deadline date is 31st August and it would be great to plant even more trees if only land was available - it must be classed as accessible to the public, so no private gardens. The two hornbeams in the cemetery are being watered regularly, as are the 30 trees at the allotments.

Future plans

So far, the working group projects have focused on improving biodiversity and planting trees for carbon mitigation. Those projects will continue, but next, and more complex, we need to plan for increased emphasis on reducing carbon emissions, as a village and as individuals.

Suffolk County Council now have thermal imaging cameras which can be loaned to Parish Councils and used to inform households on improving insulation, and Friends of the Earth, in conjunction with takeclimateaction.uk have produced "20 things a Parish or Town Council can do about climate change" so there's plenty to think about.

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Chair