

Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group Report 12th October 2021

1. BMSDC Tree planting near the Village Hall

The application to plant hedging and trees around the car park has been approved. See notes below from David Hughes, Public Realm Officer, BMSDC:

Area 1 Hedging:

80 plants is fine. We can supply a mix of around 70% hawthorn and 30% other (hazel/crab apple/field maple/dogwood/spindle – whatever is available) these will be supplied as bare rooted 60cm -90cm whips

Area 2 Trees

We will supply trees at around 1.5m tall (bare rooted). I think 5- 6 larger trees would be fine as they will need to be planted around 3m apart. I'll look at smaller trees such as crab apple, rowan, birch, field maple.

Area 3 Trees

Possibly just need a row of 7 larger trees here. I would include birch as there are some already on site.

There's no date for delivery yet.

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

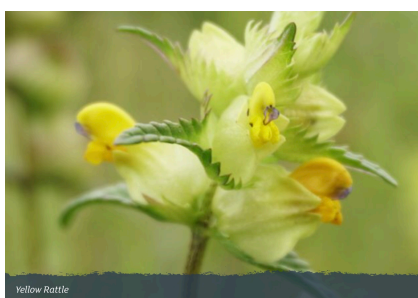


Planting sites are around the edge of Glemsford Village Hall car parks.

2. St Mary's Churchyard wildflower project

The summer's growth has been cut back thanks to Greening Glemsford member Laurie Milton and in around a week's time members of the group, along with St Mary's Ecochurch representative Andrew Powell, will prepare the ground for sowing yellow rattle seeds in some parts of the enclosed area in an effort to suppress the vigorous churchyard grass to allow more flowers to develop next year. Here's how it should work:

The seeds need cold weather over winter in order to germinate in early spring.



As their roots develop underground they seek out the roots of plants growing nearby, especially grasses. Once contact is made the yellow rattle draws water and nutrients from them, suppressing the growth of grasses by as much as 60%. In the resulting space, other flowers have room to grow.

The flowers of yellow rattle are pollinated by large bees (especially bumblebees) and are followed by large, inflated seed pods. When these ripen and dry, the seed inside rattles around, hence the name!

3. Kings Road wildflower project

An application has been made to BMSDC to have the area sown with Suffolk Mix wildflower seeds in 2022, and a request that the grass under the trees and alongside the public footpath be mown by the Public Realm contractors, in order to avoid the need for the flowering area to be 'roped off' each year.

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