

Parish Council Meeting 30th Nov 2023

Jubilee Meadow Makers Working Group update



The working group has not met since the last report to the Parish Council

1. *Attached are final copies of an annual report for the Meadow with a one page version for Free-for-all and a 'full' version for the website, facebook etc*
2. *We have completed the planned late summer/autumn planting including the delivery of "green hay" and hand-collected seed provided by NWT (with funding from the Norfolk Rivers Trust), planting out of wildflower plugs provided by NWT earlier in the year, planting out 30 hedge saplings obtained from the Woodland Trust and 12 purchased Buckthorn saplings and planting out bulbs etc*
3. *Additional work beyond the Meadow has included raking-off the cycle mound after it was cut by contractor and putting down some collected wildflower seed, seeding the area of disturbed ground left on the Long Lane verge by contractors after the fibre cabinet install and started work on removing suckers of blackthorn etc in the verge*
4. *Our valuable relationship with NWT (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) continues with the offer of a new interpretation board for the Meadow on the use of green hay and restoring meadows. This will be funded and provided by the Norfolk Rivers Trust who are currently funding the NWT to deliver on their project to restore grassland habitats. We have also accepted NWT's request to contribute to their event programme next year with a visit to the Meadow as one of their community group events. Subject to the Parish Council's approval we are currently discussing a potential date and time for the event (possibly Summer half-term between 27th and 31st May with the option of being able to offer toilet and drink-making facilities in the temporary classroom while the playschool is closed)*
5. *Budget. We are expecting to commit to buy in-the-green bulbs as reported to the last meeting and to pay for a late winter/early spring cut of the Meadow to allow the flowers more chance against vigorous grass growth. This leaves a contingency of c£100. Further external funding is being investigated to resource tools and other materials and potentially to improve access e.g. through providing more accessible paths*

*Dave Jones
Meadow Makers Working Group (21st November 2023)*