

Our Mission

The Green Team is a team of both core and ad hoc volunteers who help look after and maintain the green spaces in Whitchurch-on-Thames. Coming together in this way also encourages a sense of community and is a good way of getting to know people.

What's Happened Recently

A big thank you to all the volunteers who've helped with these tasks over the past month, this has included;

- Working party at the Village Green cutting back the holly hedge then also individuals removing ragwort and brambles as well as weeding
- Working party at the maze, strimming, edging and tidying
- Mowing and care of the Manor Road Verges, including some discussions about managing the plants there going forwards
- In the Polish Church Garden we felled a tree, removed ragwort and moved plants in preparation for the build of the church footprint base. It's also being regularly mowed by a local volunteer!
- Lots of other tidying, weeding, watering and litter picking!
- The build of the memorial base for the Polish Church starts week commencing the 3rd August. More information about this project and it's plans can be found here; <https://whitchurchonthames.com/groups/polishgarden.html> Please contact me if you'd like to get involved!

How you can help!

We have a few more working parties for the diary. We'd love to see you at one, please let me know in advance if you are planning to attend as I need to cap numbers at 6 attendees.

All are held at 10am. Please bring your own gardening gloves and, if possible, bags or bins to take plant waste away. Other tools you can bring, if you have them, are detailed below.

Maze 1st Aug (tools; lawn edger and broom)

Village Green 15th Aug (tools; secateurs/loppers and fork/trowel)

Manor Road North Verge 22nd Aug (tools; fork/trowel)

Maze 5th Sept

Village Green 19th Sept

Maze 3rd Oct

Village Green 17th Oct

Maze 7th Nov

Village Green 21st Nov

Guidelines that all working party attendees must adhere to for the safety of everyone in the village are;

- You must not attend a working party if you or any members of your household have displayed symptoms of covid-19 in the last 14 days
- A maximum of 6 people working in one working party
- The working party organiser will ask those who plan to attend to let them know so participate numbers can be kept to 6. If more than 6 people arrive during the working party they will be asked not to take part, or given an individual task in a different part of the village to do
- Tasks to be distributed between people to enable them to work in separate spaces to each other and maintain social distancing
- 2m social distancing must be maintained between all people in the working party at all times
- All working parties must take place outdoors, and no one must enter homes or other enclosed spaces
- Every individual must bring their own tools/equipment and not share anything with others
- No food or drink to be shared or provided. Bring your own if required
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after the working party
- Encourage attendees not to use public transport to attend the working party

There are still small tasks that can be done by individuals or households available, if you are interested in helping with those just drop me a line!

Let me know any questions - about working parties or any of the volunteer work we do in the village - and I look forward to seeing some of you soon!

Find out more

Visit our page on the village website <https://whitchurchonthames.com/groups/greenteam.html> or contact me on 07557 852600 or alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk

Alexa and the rest of the Green Team