

Green Team July 2021 Newsletter

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

We are still dealing with the luxuriant growth brought on by alternating rain and sunshine. A big thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Working party at the Maze to edge the grass and clear the area
- Sanding and applying protective oil to the bench near the entrance to Walliscote House
- Clearing and tidying cuttings from shrubs on the south side of Manor Road between the High Street and Old Gardens
- Mowing the edges of the verges on the north side of Manor Road
- Working party at the Village Green south end: continuing to remove invasive plants; cutting and digging out small sycamores and limes in spinneys; and removing the old cricket net and its plastic ground mat and metal frame.

How you can help!

This is the Summer/Autumn 2021 working party schedule so far - you can always find the up to date version on the village website Whats On section:

- 7th August 10am Maze - wear gloves, no tools required
- 21st August 10am - Village Green working party
- 4th September 10am Maze - wear gloves, no tools required
- 25th September 10am - Village Green working party
- 9th October 10am Maze - wear gloves, no tools required
- 16th October 10am Manor Road north side verges
- 23rd October 10am - Village Green working party

Get involved!

We are still looking for people who live near or often enjoy a particular green space to become a maintainer or guardian of an area. This involves keeping an eye out for things that need doing, interacting with me and the rest of the Green Team to plan any working parties or help that's needed.

The highlighted Green Space in need of a Guardian this month is the footpath up Whitchurch Hill. This will require occasional trimming and clearing by the Green Team. If you want to help look after it please drop me a line!

Find out more

Visit our page on the village website <https://whitchurchonthames.com/groups/greenteam.html> or contact Charles on charles_cotgreave@yahoo.co.uk, 0118 984 2934 or 07770 648722.