

Green Team November 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

The weather has shifted gear to winter, with consequent changes to growth patterns and latterly a heavy leaf fall. A big thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Work party at the Maze to edge the grass and clear the central area
- Work party with Martin Bengtzen, Frances Dixon, and Sally Woolhouse, planting rough chervil on Manor Road south-side verges
- Continuing to reduce the height of sumach on the verge outside Eastfield House, as part of a plan to bring it under better control
- Small work party at the entrance to the village green car park, earthing up the catoneaster shrubs and planting ferns
- Small work party at the Polish Chapel Garden, dead-heading plants and tidying up fallen branches
- A planned work party at the village green (south side) had to be cancelled because of bad weather

How you can help!

This is the Autumn/Winter 2021-2 working party schedule so far - you can always find the up-to-date version on the village website Whats On section:

- 11th December 10am - Village Green working party (if needed)
- Further Dec-Jan dates tba, depending on leaf fall and weather predictions

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 Muddy Lane. This requires periodic tidying and leaf sweeping in autumn and winter. 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.