

# Green Team October 2021 Newsletter

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## **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 definitely shifted to cooler and rainier spells, with consequent changes to growth patterns. A big thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Completing the refurbishment of the bench near the entrance of the driveway to Walliscote House. The bench now commemorates both the donor Stan Remington and his wife 'Pockets'. A small ceremony, organised by Leslie Maynerd, was held to mark this.
- Work party at the Maze to edge the grass and clear the central area
- Work party led by Martin Bengtzen and Frances Dixon, to weed the north verges of Manor Road, in preparation for mowing and for planting ferns, wood anemones, winter aconites, and rough chervil
- Work party at the Village Green south end, cutting the hedge along the western edge of the car park and facing north towards the cricket pavillion
- Reducing the height of sumach on the verge outside Eastfield House, as part of a plan to bring it under better control

## **How you can help!**

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

- 6th November 10am Maze (if needed) - wear gloves, no tools required
- 27th November 10am - Village Green working party
- 11th December 10am - Village Green working party (if needed)
- Further Nov-Dec dates tba, depending on leaf fall

## **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 entrance to Manor Road. This requires periodic tidying and leaf sweeping in autumn. 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](mailto:charles_cotgreave@yahoo.co.uk), 0118 984 2934 or 07770 648722.