

# Green Team February 2022 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**

We have had some extreme changes of weather, including several 'big blows'. A warm thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Work party to begin preparing the site for a Jubilee beacon on a hill overlooking the village green
- Cutting up and disposing of a fallen tree in the copse at the bottom of the Maze site
- Cutting up three fallen trees at the far end of Eastfield Lane and cutting back an overhanging tree on Muddy Lane
- Work party at the Polish Garden clearing lots of debris blown down from the trees in Coombe Park, levelling tussocks and anthills and digging three holes for planting heritage trees, and cutting back bushes and brambles on the south side
- Work party at the Village Green south end, digging out holly, removing brambles and gathering storm debris from all over the Green; and shredding brambles, using the resulting mulch to cover muddy patches to either side of the entrance gate

In addition the Green Team attended a site meeting with OCC to discuss options for resurfacing Muddy Lane.

## **How you can help!**

This is the Winter/Spring 2022 working party schedule so far - you can always find the up-to-date version on the village website Whats On section:

- tba - further site preparation for the beacon
- tba - further work preparing the orchard at the Polish Garden
- 26 Mar - Village Green working party
- 2 April - Maze 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 Manor Road footpath (middle of Manor Road to south part of Manor Road). This requires sweeping and trimming back vegetation. 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.