

Green Team January 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've not been able to carry out any working parties in the last months due to the lockdown guidelines, however lots of individuals and household groups have been looking after our Green Spaces! A big thank you to everyone who's been helping out, these include;

- Tidying and litter picking
- Clearing leaves - particularly on Muddy Lane, The Cut and the Manor Road footpath!
- Trimming back fallen trees, plants and obstructions to paths
- The Green Team have also raised the issue of dead and unsafe trees on the Hardwick Road embankment opposite the west entrance to Swanston Field to the County Council who've put the works on their to do list.

Plans and working parties for 2021 will be announced when Government guidelines change or relax.

How you can help!

We are coming into a quieter season for the Green Team now as plant growth slows and all the leaves have fallen. There are some tasks to do;

- Any safe, hygienic, litter picking you can do whilst around the village is always appreciated to help keep our village looking good and the wildlife safe!
- There are plans to install benches and planters at the Polish Church Garden after the meeting there in December, details can be found here;
<https://whitchurchonthames.com/groups/polishgarden.html>
- There will be small tasks that drop up throughout the winter do to as individuals or in household groups, if you'd like to get involved and help out please email me!

Get involved!

- We are hoping to put together a team of people who are interested in the trees in the village to help identify and protect them. If this is something that might interest you or anyone you know please drop me a line.
- 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 myself 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. If you love Muddy Lane or often use it and 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 me on 07557 852600 or alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk
Alexa and the rest of the Green Team