

Green Team September 2022 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 prolonged period of dry hot weather in the summer meant that the rate of growth was drastically reduced and grass turned brown. We therefore curtailed our activities and only began to resume them at the end of August. Thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Weeding and watering, mowing paths and reviewing the mowing schedule at the Polish Garden
- Organising and participating in the official opening of the Polish Memorial Garden, which was attended by over 80 people
- Helping set up the Litter Bug Detectives Trail
- Cutting and shaping the hedge along the western edge of the Village Green car park and the beech hedge alongside Eastfield Lane
- Weeding and watering the flower beds
- Weeding the edges of the car park and cutting and shaping the holly hedge along the eastern side

How you can help!

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

- tba - further work at the Polish Garden
- 1 October - Maze working party
- 15 October - Working party at the entrance to Walliscote House Drive
- 29 October - Village Green working party
- 5 November - Maze working party
- 19 November - Working party on bank at north side of Hardwick Road opposite the western entrance to Swanston Field

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 entrance and south side verges. 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, 0118 984 2934 or 07770 648722.