

Green Team September 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 are beginning to see the onset of cooler weather, with consequent changes to growth patterns. A big thank you to everyone who's been helping out. Tasks have included:

- Work party at the Polish Garden to trim the buddleia, water the planters and remove weeds
- Work party at the Maze to edge the grass and clear the area
- Work party at the bell mouth entrance to Walliscote Drive, maintaining and enhancing the raised beds
- Work party at the Village Green south end, cutting the beech hedge beside the road and the holly hedge round the car park
- Cutting back saplings and undergrowth by the village gate on Whitchurch Hill
- Cutting back sumach on the verge outside Eastfield House, to improve visibility
- Planting three catoneaster shrubs at the entrance to the Village Green car park, and clearing brambles from the wild area

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:

- 9th October 10am Maze - wear gloves, no tools required
- 16th October 10am Manor Road north side verges
- 23rd October 10am - Village Green working party
- 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)
- Nov-Dec dates tba, depending on leaf fall - clearing leaves on Hardwick Road, Muddy Lane and The Cut

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 Cut. This requires 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, 0118 984 2934 or 07770 648722.