

# Green Team Newsletter – Spring 2026

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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.

## What's Happened Recently

- Village Green working parties were held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> April. The work included clearing fallen branches, uprooting brambles, weeding the car park beds and moving wood chippings from a pile in the car park to the pedestrian entrances adjacent to the gate onto the green.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> February a working party was held to cut back branches along the Jubilee Path.
- The monthly Maze working parties started up again on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, following a break over the winter. The grass along the edges of the maze bricks was trimmed and the maze area mown.
- On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April there was a working party to weed and tidy up the MOWS flower beds at the entrance to Walliscote Drive, organised by Leslie Maynerd.
- On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May there was a working party at the Polish Garden, organised by Emily Betts. The chapel area and surroundings were tidied up and weeded. Trees alongside paths through the wooded areas were trimmed. Young tree saplings that had been planted last year were watered, and encroaching plants cut back to give them more space and light. The garden is looking good, and the contractor is doing a good job of mowing paths according to the agreed plan.
- A joint WoTHabs/Green Team working party was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April to re-seed the Hardwick Road verges. This work followed on from the Hardwick Road Verges Restoration project that was carried out last year. The aim of this project is to prevent further deterioration of the Hardwick Road verges by establishing designated passing places. April is the right time for sowing seeds, and so the areas of bare soil left after last year's work were prepared and then re-seeded with wild flower and grass seeds.
- In addition to organised working parties, individual guardians have been tending to their areas as needed.

## Work Coming Up

- A second Hardwick Road verges working party will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- There will be a village litter pick over the weekend of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- The next two Maze working parties are on 9<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.
- The next two Village Green working parties are planned for the last Saturdays in May and June, starting at 10am.
- A working party is to be arranged to cut down dead and dying trees and branches adjacent to the Muddy lane path.
- Another MOWS working party and Polish Garden working party are planned for later in the year.

**Get involved!**

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in looking after the green areas of the village. If you have noticed any areas which you think need a bit of maintenance, just get in touch. Also, do feel free to turn up at any of the published activities – you would be very welcome!

**Find out more**

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