



Wilbrahams' Environment Group

Second Edition - January 2021

The end of a challenging year and the beginning of a new but it has not stopped WEG from actively working on progressing its activities. We have spent our time in planning and “lining up the ducks” so to speak. This has meant developing guidelines for health and safety for our events and opening discussions with relevant bodies so that, when we are able to start promoting outdoor events, we can move forward. Bring on the “jabs in the arm”.

Summary of Our Progress



- (GW): we have supported the Memorial Hall Committee by enlisting volunteers to help plant trees around the play area on the recreation ground.

- (GW): we have helped with some of the preparatory work for the Wildlife area near the new play equipment

- (LW): the volunteer group in Little Wilbraham has planted up the triangular area at the Rectory Farm Road/Church Road junction with a fine tree (lime) and donated shrubs and plants

- (GW): we are supporting the Wellbrahams Group in seeking permission to follow the lead of Little Wilbraham in planting up some highway junctions and verges

- (GW): we have helped the Wellbrahams Group plant bulbs along the wall between the recreation ground and the churchyard

- Tony Goryn has drawn up as set of Health & Safety Guidelines and Risk Assessments to help our volunteers when working on WEG projects. A copy of these can be found online on the WEG page on the Wilbrahams Website.



- (GW): with the support of the Parish Council we have been working on a scheme to improve the triangular areas of layby and grass/trees opposite the School



- (GW): we have established contact with Wilbraham Temple re its conservation farming operations. Many of you will have read the article about this in the “virtual” late Spring issue of the Warbler. We are very pleased to see the smart

fencing newly erected just after the school on the road from GW to LW and a hedge has been planted there there too, a huge improvement to this part of the village. Alex is also continuing the hedge-laying work along the Six Mile Bottom Road. Thank you Alex!

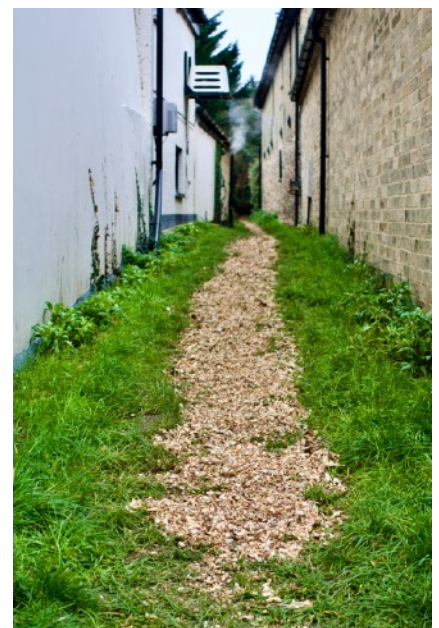


- (GW): we have established contact with Wilbraham Farms and we are all learning about their existing conservation practices.

- (LW): the LWSMB volunteer group was informed that it had been awarded a South Cambridgeshire District Council - Zero Carbon Communities Grant which will facilitate

planting on the recreation ground off Orchard Close as well as some path rebuilds in the “Pits”.

- (LW): the first triangle planted in the autumn has been mulched again so we now have a really good foundation for the newly planted bed for the coming summer.
- (LW): the path running alongside the Hole in the Wall has had a layer of wood chips added so it’s not so muddy. Thank’s Duncan.





•(LW): the triangle at the junction of the Little Wilbraham Road and Rectory Farm Road is our next planting target and a pile of mulch has been dumped ready to get the area ready for planting when the soil warms a little. We have had another 50 plants donated for free which is fantastic so some of these will probably be laid out sometime early March. Look out for progress as you drive past.

This is a challenging piece of land since cars and trucks regularly cut corners so we will pull the garden bed away from the road about 2 -3 metres to provide a good mowing strip and margin of safety for the plants.

- We have had some informal discussions with the Wilbraham River Protection Society on how the two groups can collaborate (<https://www.wilbrahams.co.uk/information/wilbrahams-river-protection-society/>)
- Chris Ascroft - Manager Wilbraham Farms has joined the WEG Team and gave us a great overview of how the farm is managed in a “Know Your Neighbour” talk on the 1st December. If you missed Chris’s talk or the other very popular talks, then pop over to the Wilbrahams website (<https://www.wilbrahams.co.uk/councils/little-wilbraham-six-mile-bottom/know-your-neighbour/>)

We are really looking forward to getting our hands in the soil when life becomes a little more normal and we welcome any suggestions for future projects.

As a simple gesture, take a bag when you go for a walk and pick up those pesky bits of litter. Or add your support for promoting the idea of cycle paths from the villages. Please join us to try and make our villages an even better place to live!

Thanks for all your support in 2020 and we look forward to completing a few more projects in 2021.

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