

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

21 June 2021

Updates and Information

Parks Ranger Update

From The Parks Ranger:

1. We have restarted the volunteering and have had good numbers attending the tasks - approximately 137 hours since April
2. Wood harvested from Longtimber Wood as part of woodland management – possibly to be used for internal projects at Filham, this is a great cost saving and low carbon solution for the Town.
3. Volunteers and staff filmed by CVS for Volunteers week
4. Cut back non-native species at Longtimber Wood, as part of the woodland management plan
5. Finished plant the 20 trees at Filham Park and now all with tree protection fencing around them
6. 13 trees planted at St Peters Way and wildflower meadow seeded
7. Wildflower seeding at Filham Park
8. New battery mower and long reach hedge trimmer now received – funded by grants
9. Cut back and opening the start of footpath 1, near the end of Pound Farm Lane
10. New student / work placement started, with us for 2 days a week until end of August
11. Tidy up of the nature area at Victoria Park
12. Supporting and working with Ivybridge in Bloom

Filham Fishing Club

A meeting is being arranged with the Club Committee in July which will need the involvement of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee Chairperson. The aim of the meeting will be to commence a reviews of the Management Plan which forms part of the Fishing Club Lease. It will also be a chance to review current issues and improve our working relationship. The Club have been constructive in helping us deal with some recent issues and we hope to work with them closely on communication to the public and park users.

Ivybridge Birds

The Ivybridge Birders Group on Facebook has 62 members now and Steve Hopper who is a member of Devon Birds and a local resident has been key to keeping lots of interesting posts going. Virtually all the Pied Flycatcher boxes are now up. No

sightings yet, but hopefully soon! The bird ID board has been delayed in production and will be up in late July hopefully.

Filham Tree Donation Scheme

This scheme is now complete apart from the board that will recognise the donators. This will be a temporary one to start with and will then be incorporated into the new permanent signage. The temporary board should be in place by the end of July.

Sustrans Quietway project

This successful funded project in conjunction with Sustrans/PL:21/Graham Wilson is now complete. Further support was also gained from an east-end developer for a scheme to divert cyclists from their preparatory works.

Jonathan Parsons - Town Clerk