

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 3.30 PM

Present: Councillor M McGuffie (Chairman)
Councillors M Barr, C Booth, C Govier, M Lithgow and J Lloyd
In attendance: David Farrow (Town Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy RFO)
1 Member of the press
2 Members of the public

349 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

350 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

351 MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 26 September 2022 as a true record.

352 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The members of the public did not wish to speak at this point.

353 FOOTPATHS UPDATE

Steve Saunders, PPLO, gave a general update on the work of the Footpath Volunteers. Councillors thanked him for all the work they do. He was pleased to report that the rail crossing is due to re-open soon.

Councillor Barr asked if kissing gates could be replaced with more accessible options on the path near Rockwell Green School. The Clerk reported that works to these paths will lead into works to make the Green Corridor land more accessible.

354 GREEN CORRIDOR LAND

a) Green Corridor Steering Group - Notes from a recent meeting were circulated with the following recommendations being made

i) Storage Container for Fox's Field

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that a grant of £4,500, from the Green Corridor budget line, be given to Transition Town Wellington for the purchase of a storage container with all details of design and location to be agreed at a future committee meeting before installation.

ii) Drone Film

RESOLVED to commission of a Drone Film of the Green Corridor Land to raise awareness of the land to inform the consultation process at a cost of £1,750 to be met from the Green Corridor Budget line.

355 CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY

The Clerk gave a verbal update, he reported that the move to paperless meetings is under way with the order being placed for the Councillor's tablets. The employment of a new Projects Officer is now underway, and this will help further implement the Strategy.

356 TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the draft strategy be accepted.

357 NOTICE BOARDS

A report was circulated, and it was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that three new notice boards be purchased and installed at a total cost of £8,799.93. Funding to be drawn from the Green Corridor and Community Services & Priorities budget lines as detailed in the report.

358 PLAY AREAS

A report was circulated with a general update on play areas. The Deputy RFO reported that the damaged item should be installed at Tonedale that week which will enable the surfacing to be laid (depending on dry whether). She further reported that a change of method for building the path was approved internally to try and alleviate the problem of the wet ground. Although this will be at an extra cost, there have been other changes that have been implemented on site that will result in an overall saving of £2,000.

Councillor Lloyd reported that she had received a schedule of works to SWT play areas over the next 18-months, she will circulate it after the meeting.

359 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk reported that desk-based working was underway for the cycling review.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

It was further reported and noted that this work will also link in with that being done in Langford Budville.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.35 pm

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Councillor Michael McGuffie
Chairman

GREEN CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP

14 December 2022 7.30pm Wellington Town Council, Council Chamber

Present:

Mike McGuffie – Chair, Town Councillor
Steve Coles – Wellington Sports Federation (WSF)
Dave Farrow – Wellington Town Council Town Clerk
Helen Gillingham – TTW
Catherine Govier – Town Councillor
Olly Hill – Environment Agency
Annette Kirk – Wellington Town Council Assets and Events Officer
Adam Lockyear – Wellington Community Food (WCF)
Anita Roy – Wellington Mills CiC
Seve Saunders – Basins Volunteer Group (BVG)
Keith Wheatley – Town Councillor

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mike McGuffie
2. Update on Purchase/Lease – Dave Farrow
DF advised that the lease had been seen by the Town Councils Solicitor and a number of issues had been raised which had been resolved. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council had been convened for the 19 December to formally ratify the lease and the Management Plan. It was hoped that the purchase of the land would be completed in January with the lease coming in to force at the same time.
3. Management Plan – Dave Farrow/Helen Gillingham
A copy of the draft Management Plan that was being considered by the Town Council at its meeting on the 19 December was circulated prior to the meeting. It was an amalgam of work done by Dave Farrow and Transition Town through Helen Gillingham. The Board thanked Dave and Helen for their work and considered that document to be an excellent starting point.
4. Tree Planting Strategy – Promotional Leaflet – Dave Farrow
Dave Farrow circulated the pamphlet that summarises the Tree Planting Strategy for information. The leaflet will be used to promote the strategy around the town.
5. Tree Planting Plan – Field at Westford – Helen Gillingham
Helen Gillingham presented a tree planting plan for the field at Westford known either as Westford Field or Linden Meadow. The plan had been drawn up in partnership with a local woodland expert and the Somerset Wildlife Trust. Helen explained that TTW would plan the trees and manage them for the first few months. They would look to encourage local residents to take responsibility for them in the medium to longer term. The Board agreed to recommend to the Town Council Environment and Open Spaces Committee that the plan be implemented.

6. Consultation – Next Steps

The link to the consultation questions was circulated with the agenda. Members were asked to contact Dave if they felt that anything needed changing

7. Date of Next Meeting –11 January 2022 @7.30pm Council Offices

Dave Farrow
Town Clerk

Brief Overview of Plans for Linden Meadow/ Westford Field/ Hilly Piece

We have plans to plant 143 trees in this field in February 2023, and a further 200 saplings next year to form a single row of hedge which will thicken up a 60m hedge on the boundary to the thatched cottage. This hedge is currently in a poor state with few species and poor structure. In 2023 we will prep the ground for easier planting of the hedge next winter. A patch of fruit bushes to the right of the gate are planned too later on, their full grown height not to be taller than the fence after consultation with the neighbours, and a picnic bench near the stream.

The planting in February 2023 in 4 areas.

- 1) A large area on the upper part of the field between the path and the boundary to the north west.
- 2) A thinner line of trees to the north planting 3 more linden trees to supplement those on the other side of the boundary, to emphasise the location.
- 3) A small plantation of smaller trees that prefer damp conditions in the north east corner
- 4) A small plantation of smaller trees that prefer damp conditions to the south that may be coppiced in future to prevent too much shading of the meadow.

It has been advised that the south facing slope is very valuable as a potential wildflower meadow, and we should aim for a "woodland glade" which will be particularly suitable for butterflies. Aim to contact the butterfly conservation and ask about making this a designated site. Care has been taken not to shade out the meadow too much. The slope is also valuable to people to enjoy watching the trains. A picnic area can be mowed at the top of the slope to enjoy the view.

Species of trees has been considered for larvae food plants for butterflies, food for birds, height and structure within a mixed woodland, and diversity to be resilient in the face of climate change. Also included are a few food bearing trees for humans, such as nuts and currants, which will also be enjoyed by the wildlife. There is a ditch as flood defence for the railway line at the bottom of the slope, home to many rabbits. It's been advised not to plant here and leave an area of bramble.

Large Trees

These are planted at least 10m apart from each other to give them room when they are fully grown. (All except the silver birch are coloured green in the plan. Silver birch is not shaded because it is a shorter lived tree, living only 50 years or so on average.)

3x Small leaved lime (linden) (30m)

11x Oak (30m)

4x Wild cherry (15m)

10x Silver birch (20m)

3x Sweet chestnut (20m)

2x Wild service tree (20m)

3x Walnut (20m)

Medium and Small Trees

These are planted between between the larger trees to provide variation in height, and eventually form an understory layer to the taller trees. They will be 4m apart to allow children to play underneath the trees with plans to add more small shrubs including currants inbetween and woodland bulbs such as bluebells, wild garlic, daffodils and snowdrops at a later stage.

12x Holly (15m)

5x Field maple (10m)

6x Goat willow (10m)

9x Hawthorn (9m)

2x Wild pear (9m)

4x Wayfaring tree (6m).

9x Hazel (6m).

10x Elder (6m).

5x Cherry plum (3.5-4.5m).

7x Guelder rose (4-5m)

4x Privet (3m)

5x Crabapple (6m)

5x Alder Buckthorn (6m)

10x Dogwood (6m)

2x Common buckthorn (4.5m)



Picnic area

Hedge

Hedge

Fruit Bushes

Bench

Lower Westford
Bridge

MP 170.75

Path (um)

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Scale 1:2000

Full detail of the Trash Trail is in the document provided by Kelly Durden, Project Manager. An initiative to raise vital funds, awareness, and to educate people about our environment and our impact.

Recent discussions with Kelly Durden confirmed that the litterbugs are under construction and vary in size and design. The litterbugs will be located within the Somerset Area.

We asked for a bespoke sponsorship package as follows:

- To be allocated a litterbug
- Town Council to choose the location – The Green Corridor being a suggestion.
- QR code attached to bug with details of our website etc.,
- Adoption certificate and photo of litterbug
- Litter bug to be taken to auction

It was discussed that our litterbugs would need to be of a size that would be clearly visible by the public when walking. Each litterbug will be set on a solid plinth. Minimum cost would be £1500 per bug if the Town Council wish to choose the location.

Kelly Durden said they are still pushing for other business sponsors within Wellington. They may approach the town council for permission for more bugs to be located within the green corridor area (locations that are easily accessible for a vehicle). Other locations in Wellington are being considered including the Town Centre.

For six weeks, the towns and green spaces of the county will become homes to our Litterbugs - inspiring sculptures crafted from recycled materials by local artists! To bring the community together for a summer of fun and promoting local business. All proceeds will be donated to the Somerset Community Foundation Trust.

Litterbug examples:



Agenda Item 6a



TRASH



Trail



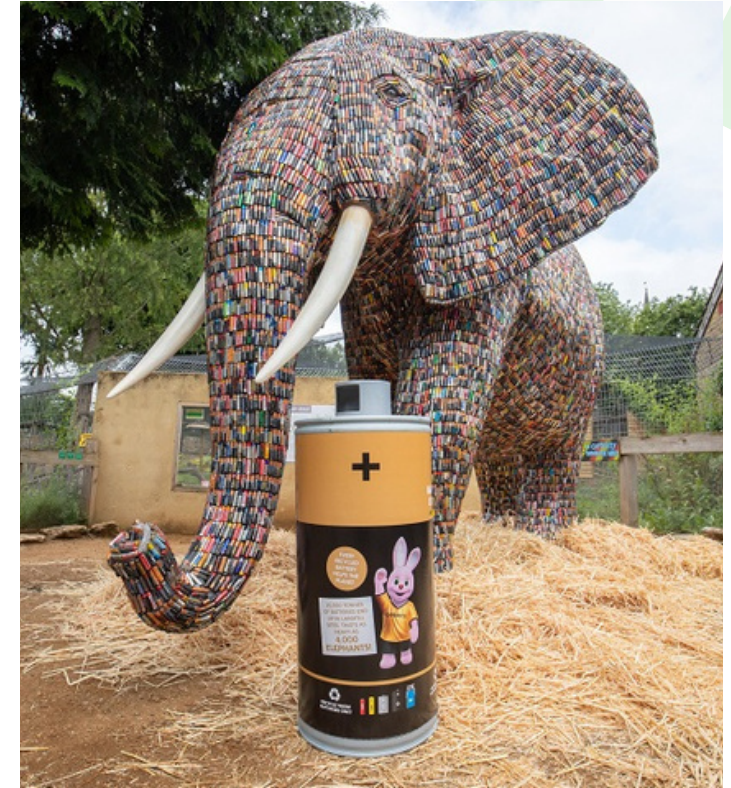
Have a RUBBISH DAY OUT!

Information and Sponsorship
Package



After the amazing success in 2014 of the Deane Dragon Trail, the team has come back together, with the addition of new volunteers, to create another exciting sculpture Trail focused around the Taunton area.

The success of the last trail, through the inclusion of all ages, saw increased footfall for the town and surrounding area. Following the Covid pandemic, our local businesses need local support more than ever. We feel there is an opportunity through our voluntary group to help. This ambitious project will engage people by inviting them to have “a rubbish day out”, the strapline for our new trail, and join a trail of strategically located sculptures that encourage conversation around the impact we all have on our planet.



We have all seen the tragic images on the news and media outlets of the impacts of climate change, and for some, there is a feeling of helplessness.

How can we make a difference when the issues are so vast?



Whilst we are very lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world, we are not exempt from liability, and the growing perception is we can all effect positive change no matter how small.

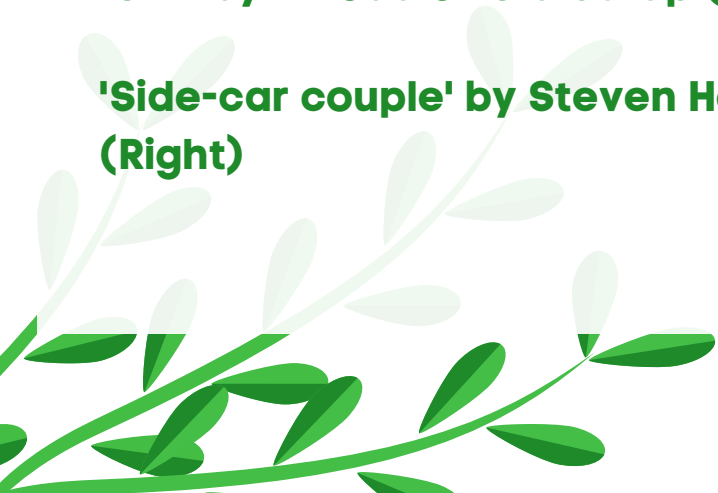


As a team, we believe we can influence behaviour through enjoyable education, and we intend to raise awareness of climate impacts.

Our colourful trail of “litterbugs” will be artwork designed by professional artists and donated through volunteer contributions. All colours are allowed but we of course want them to be as “green” as possible. We are very fortunate to have secured the services of Nick from A Load of Old Scrap and Steven Heard.

'Owl' by A Load of Old Scrap (Left)

'Side-car couple' by Steven Heard (Right)



Connecting the trail will be named characters/bugs, with which the first letter of each will create an anagram (or climate positive message) to engage children in the excitement of the character trail - beyond the fascinating artwork and immersive experience. Those who collect and submit the correct anagram will be entered into a prize draw to win a... [PRIZE].

The final sculpture in the trail will allow climate pledges to be made and posted within the sculpture. These will be personal or business pledges to make small changes that encourage positive climate action.

Along with the newly created litterbugs, we intend to show a number of larger sculptures and have already secured some for the trail. For example, the elephant made of 30,000 batteries (as seen on page 1), and the Polar Bear made of plastic milk bottles (shown right), both shown recently at the NEC's UK Waste and Recycling Event Waste show.



As with the Deane Dragons trail, we hope to raise funds to provide an ongoing financial legacy, managed through the Somerset Community Foundation Trust with a focus on providing small grants to groups who would otherwise fall outside of the usual opportunities.



We hope to gain support and enthusiasm from local businesses and in turn, the trail will provide marketing and increased footfall to their area to boost potential custom. We are also offering sponsorship opportunities to those businesses that wish to be a direct part of the route, or wish to raise greater awareness of their own climate support.

This will be an exciting opportunity for those companies, their employees, and their customers to get inspired, get imaginative, and celebrate the creativity of the people of Somerset West and Taunton; all the while helping to raise the profile of their company and our community.



How will your business benefit?

- A unique opportunity to be associated with one of the region's highest-profile projects in 2023 - be part of the buzz!
- Your company's brand and message will be seen by thousands of people on the Trash Trail as well as in associated merchandise and publicity - see below.
- A great way of showing your firm's pride in its community.
- Increase trade-boosting footfall to your location*.
- Great for Corporate Social Responsibility, Recycling and Climate Change.
- Enthuse your employees and promote team spirit.



How will your company's brand be seen?

- Sponsor a Sculpture - three levels available, see below.
- Logos and links on Trash Trail 2023 website and app.
- Logos and links on the Trash Trail social media sites.
- Merchandise, promotional material and trail guides to include sponsors' logos.
- Widespread coverage across local media to promote sponsors' involvement.
- Use Trash Trail 2023 in your own publicity.
- Create your own media stories around the trail.



Timeline



**Trail go live
22nd July 2023**

Creation of bugs 2
complete by
December 2022

Prize draw for
anagram competition

Auction in 29th
September 2023 – Oake
Manor

Decoration complete
and varnished /
sealed by end of
January

Completion of trail
3th September
2023

Closedown event dinner
dance Friday 6th October
2023 – Oake Manor

Display at the NEC
Waste and Recycling
event 14th & 15th
September 2023



Sponsorship Levels



Level 1 - £2000

Choose from a premium artist designed and created litterbug, and your choice of location, subject to permissions from landowners.

QR code attached to Bug with details of your business, special offers etc.

Your logo on all promotional materials.

You will be placed in to a raffle to win 4 free tickets to our Dinner and Dance evening.

A direct link from our website to yours.

Your name/business will appear in both of the trails word searches

Three 360 photos for your business for google

Adoption Certificate and photo of your litter bug.

You may keep your Litter Bug or donate it back to the auction.

Level 2 - £1500

You will be allocated a litter bug with your choice of location, subject to permissions from landowners.

QR code attached to Bug with details of your business, special offers etc.

You will be placed into a raffle to win 2 free tickets to our Dinner and Dance evening.

Two 360 photos of your business for Google.

Adoption Certificate and photo of your litter bug.

The Litter Bug will be taken to auction.

Level 3 - £500

You will be allocated a litter bug to be placed in a location of our choice.

QR code attached to Bug with details of your business, special offers etc.

Adoption Certificate and photo of your litter bug.

The Litter Bug will be taken to auction.



The logo for 'Trash Trail' is rendered in a vibrant green color. The word 'TRASH' is in a bold, sans-serif font, with the letter 'A' containing a recycling symbol. The letter 'H' is stylized to resemble a recycling bin. The word 'Trail' is in a similar font, with the letter 'i' containing a recycling symbol and the letter 'l' containing a plastic bottle. Above the 'T' in 'TRASH' is a stylized tree with a recycling symbol inside its canopy. The background of the slide features a faint, light green illustration of a hand holding a plastic bottle in the upper right corner and a leafy branch in the lower left corner.

TRASH Trail

Have a RUBBISH DAY OUT!

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Logo & Document
Designed by



Somerset West and Taunton

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Grassland Management Strategy

Parks and Open spaces

Introduction

This document will consist of Somerset West and Taunton Council strategy for Grassland Management. The information will provide details of plans to maintain, manage and create areas of grass and promote biodiversity. This document will have reference to the Somerset Wildlife trust grassland management strategy that has been agreed across the county. This document will provide examples of grassland management of best practices and act as the baseline on how we, SWT manage our grassland areas.

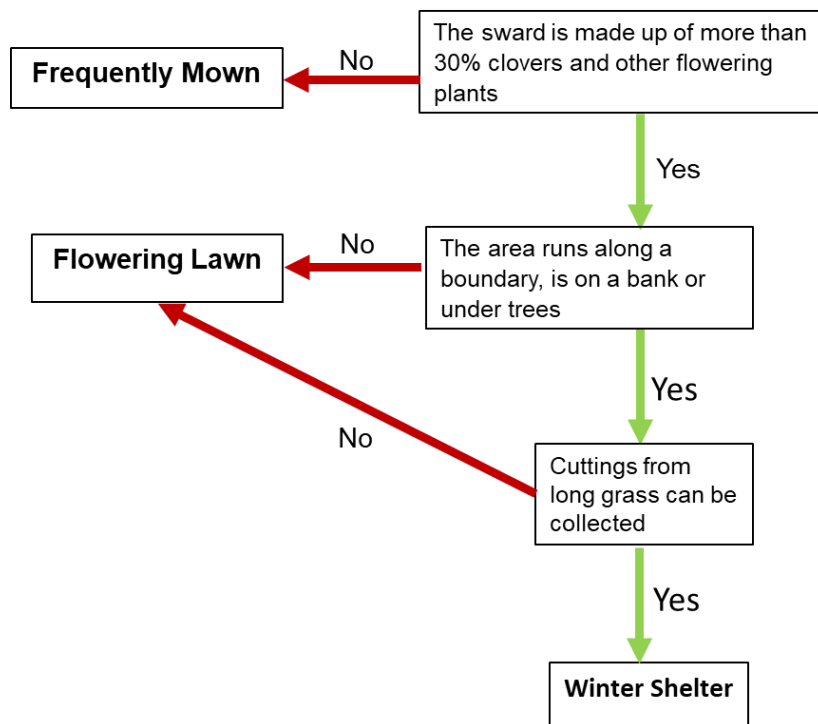
Furthermore, the document will review the current activity of grassland management and provide an outlook on further areas that will be identified as suitable candidates for re-wilding and the frequency of cutting our grass areas.

Current Grassland management areas

In this section, we will highlight the current areas across Somerset West and Taunton that are managed carefully. See Appendix for the current areas of re-wilding activity. The table summarises areas that are cut regularly and areas that have been re-wild. Current areas where rewilding has taken place or monitored have been mapped using SWT GIS mapping function. This can be found in the section *Mapping*.

Strategy

At Somerset West and Taunton council a climate emergency was announced in 2020, to continue the efforts and contribution already carried out, new areas will be highlighted to be re wild or cut less frequently looking onwards to 2023 and beyond. The decision process behind this is based on the somerset wildlife trust as shown below. Ref Diagram Moderate use areas.



As some areas may be difficult to identify straight away, a suggestion of a phased approach to manage grass may be suitable. An example of this could be in areas where re-wilding has already taken place along boundaries, this could be expanded to increase the surface area of biodiversity. Areas could be extended up to 2 metres per year (length or width) depending on the location of areas that are infrequently used. Areas will also be considered for reduced mowing schedules to allow for better growth and carbon capture for soil. Areas that are mown 3-4 times per year maybe reduced to 1-2 times per year if this area is suitable.

Type of areas to be identified

As Somerset West and Taunton looks to increase areas of grassland management, certain type of areas may be more favourable than others. For example, Flowering Lawn to supply food for pollinators, infrequent use of areas, high use areas such as roundabouts, moderate use areas and parks. A recent example of this can be found at Blenheim Gardens Minehead where a small area of the park has effectively been given back to nature to increase biodiversity and enhance growth. This area will not be cut back unless necessary. Further areas may consist of banks and grass verges.

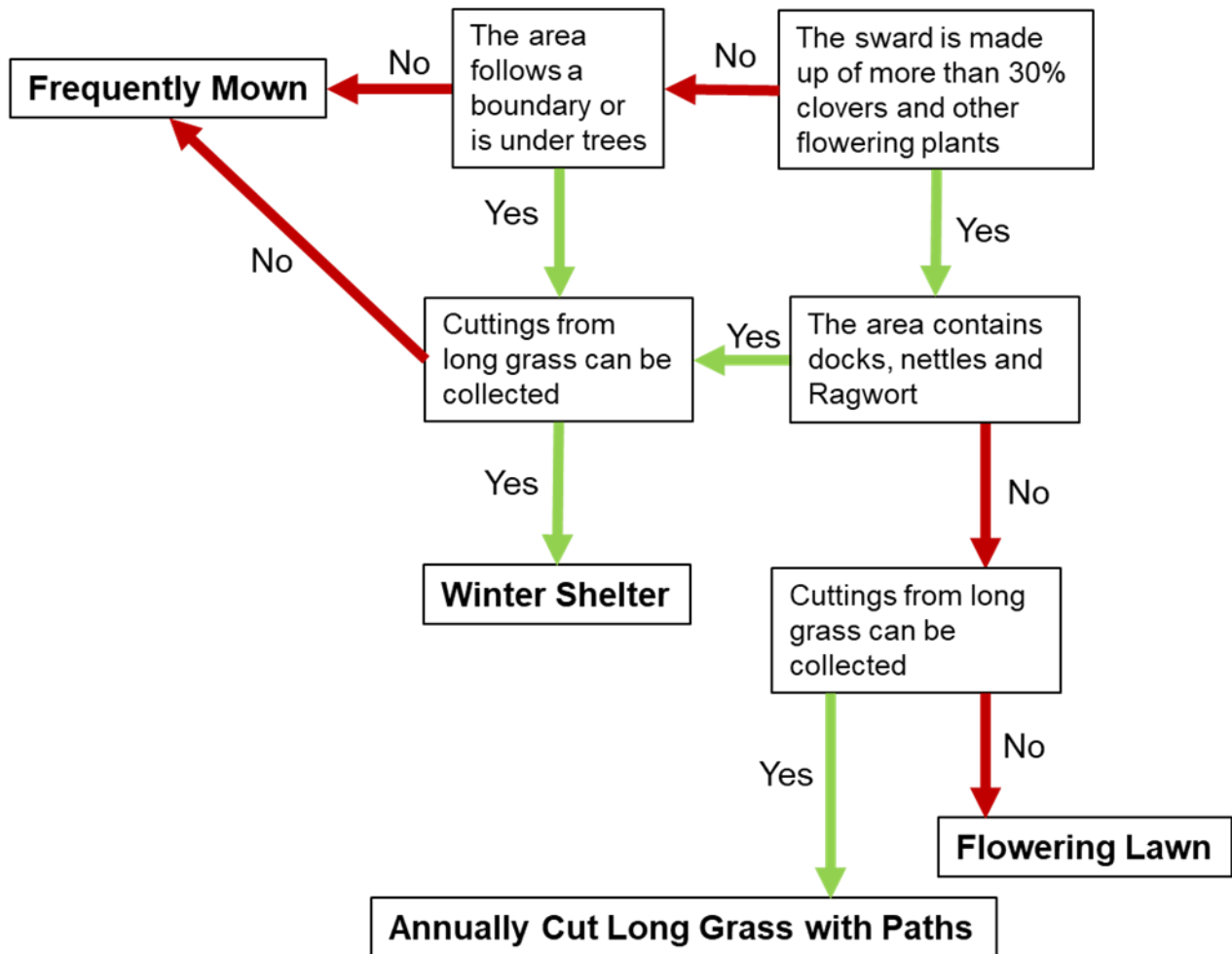
Operations – Cut and Collect

In areas where grass has been allowed to thrive with minimal maintenance, cut and collect teams will top off 100mm of debris which is removed thus providing no nutrients back into the soil, therefore no nitrogen. In the long-term wildflowers naturally increase around the Autumn season– Sept/Oct.

How will grasslands be managed

Areas identified for management will undergo the decision tree model provided by the Somerset Wildlife trust and grassland management. Areas will be surveyed using

the 3 themes of High use areas, Moderate use areas and infrequent use areas. During 2022 we have focused on infrequent use of areas within our open spaces to either change the cutting regime to one cut annually or creating winter shelters. Ref Diagram from somerset wildlife trust.

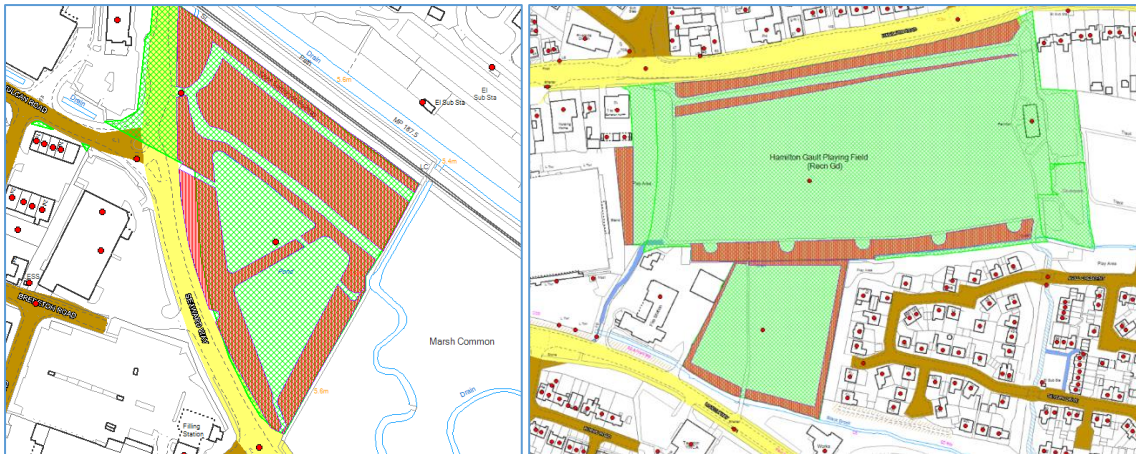


Autumnal season

No strimming around trees allows winter habit for invertebrates to hibernate in. – hard landscape features that almost lend themselves to not being maintained as much can also achieve this such as pylons.

Mapping

New areas to be left to re wild will be mapped accordingly using the Councils GIS mapping system. Identification of these places should be taken with careful consideration and reviewed in depth to ensure that it is feasible and suitable to be made an area for biodiversity to increase. An example can be found below. existing areas that have already begun the rewilding strategy will also be mapped on the GIS platform.



Public Communication

Communication to wider the audience is vital. Areas previously mown frequently will see a change in growth of vegetation and biodiversity if selected for re-wilding or management. For the public to understand this change it is possible to promote such activities in a technical way. An example of this would be through QR codes. Members of the public would be able to identify information by scanning a QR code that would allow details of the location, species, and plans of the re-wild area. This is an interactive way that can engage the community and provide a positive message for the council. In addition to this public message boards can be created at the locations of the areas to provide the public with information.

- Make residents aware – housing officers align/agreement (housing officer responsibility to gain feedback and provide information to residents.)

In line with grassland management, housing officers need to be aligned on areas identified for re-wilding. This would allow residents of local community within the council control to understand and engage with residents to make them aware of this strategy. This may also reduce complaints regarding the grass not being cutting regularly. Housing officers must provide information to residents and gain feedback to the council for SWT to carefully manage areas which will be identified for re-wilding in residential areas.

- Some residents may not want expansion – find the balance.

Some residents will still require the grass to be cut as this looks neat and tidy compared to leaving areas of grass grow wild and look overgrown. It is important that SWT finds the right balance to maintain high density grass to avoid further complaints and avoid the blockage of any paths that may obstruct residents access to their homes, schools, or gateways to parks.

To combat rising complaints regarding grass areas, SWT will provide improved communications as mentioned in above sections (ref public communication). We will aim to carry out ecological surveys within areas that have already been re-wilded thus giving us the statics to highlight the improvement within the areas due to cutting regimes used less frequently.

Public safety

Junctions, roads, safety. In good growing conditions grass can grow very quickly, especially on verges that the council maintain. It is in the public interests and safety that verges that approach road crossings, roundabouts and junctions should be maintained to a certain height to avoid collisions due to no clear line of sight. Furthermore, street signs should be clearly visible and high grass should not act as an obstruction to these.

Footpaths

Where re-wilding takes place, this can encroach onto footpaths which may make them narrow and, in some instances, not accessible. To prevent this, grass cutting teams will cut approximately 1 metre width path either side of the footpath to restrict further spread onto footpaths. This will provide room for the public to use footpaths and provide safer access to paths.

Engagement with Somerset Wildlife Trust (Wider community officer)

Working closely with the wider community officer, SWT will actively communicate and participate in consultation for areas that could be rewilded within our open spaces. An example of this is school engagement that reside near open spaces.

Lessons learnt

In previous years, SWT has utilised wildflower seeds to try and create wildflower meadows. During the same period, areas across the district, areas were selected for rewilding, we evaluated this throughout. The results showed that there was more diversity of flowers in rewilded areas compared with the wildflower meadows. Not only were the results improved but this was a cost-efficient solution to allow nature to do most of the work. Allowing rewilding areas to have less maintenance produced a greater variety of flowers compared to heavily maintained areas.

Appendix

| Area/Street Name | Activity description |
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| Burrough Way | Some re-wilding |
| The Paddocks | Cut all and footpath |
| Chestnut Close | Cut all |
| Oakfield Park | Re-wild boundary's |
| Barrington Way | Leave banks |
| Richards Close | Wellington town council |
| Corner Close | Cut all |
| Walkers Close Gate | Cut all |
| Dobree Park | Cut all |
| Wellington Sports Centre | Cut all |
| Wellington Playing field\Rec | Leave banks |
| Ham | Large re-wilding area |
| Lee Park West Buckland | Cut all |

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| Wiverliscombe | |
| Lion D'angers | Leave around trees |
| Nordens Meadow | Adoption in progress |
| Croft Carpark | Leave banks |
| CSL & BL | |
| Cotford St Luke | Large re-wilding area |
| Lydeard Station | Cut all |
| Hithermead | Some re-wilding |
| Taunton | |
| Cresswell Avenue | Leave around trees |
| Greenway Rec | Leave around trees |
| Goodlands Gardens | Cut all |
| French Weir | Leave banks |
| Clarence Street | Cut all |
| Tangier Central | Cut all |
| Weirfield Green | Cut all |
| Roughmoor Crescent | Cut all |
| Showell Park | Some re-wilding |
| Langford Mead | Re-wild boundary's |
| Hudson Way | Re-wild boundary's |
| Mallory Close | Cut all |
| Bindon Road OS | Leave around trees |
| Geoffrey Farrant Way | Cut all |
| Longrun Meadow | Cut 1.5 metre path edges |
| Bishops Meadow | Some re-wilding |
| Waterfield Drive | Some re-wilding (mounds) |
| Galmington Park | Re-wild boundary's |
| Glasses Mead | Large re-wilding area |
| LLoyd Close | Large re-wilding area |
| Claremont Drive | Large re-wilding area |
| Gill Crescent | Leave banks |
| Coleman Road | Cut all |
| Comeytrove Park | Some re-wilding |
| The Grange | Cut all |
| Hoveland Crescent | Some re-wilding |
| The Spinney | Small re-wilding area |
| Parkfield Walk | Re-wild boundary's |
| Haines Park | Cut all |
| Pikes Crescent | Cut all |
| Queens Drive | Cut all |
| Dowslands Way | Large re-wilding area |
| Killams | Some re-wilding |
| Holway Open space | Large re-wilding area |

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| Larch Close | Re-wild boundary's |
| Bacon Drive | Re-wild boundary's |
| Streamside | Cut all |
| Blackbrook Pavillion | Re-wild boundary's |
| Liseux Way | Cut all |
| Leycroft Park | Re-wild boundary's |
| Allington Close | Large re-wilding area |
| Hamilton Park | Some re-wilding |
| Moorfields | Re-wild boundary's |
| Victoria Park | Some re-wilding |
| Leycroft Road | Cut all |
| BMX Track | Leave banks |
| Acacia Gardens | Cut all |
| St Quintons | Cut all |
| Farriers Green | Some re-wilding |
| Waterleaze | Small re-wilding & boundary's |
| Nerrols | Large re-wilding area |
| Priorswood Park | Re-wild boundary's |
| Lyngford Park | Large re-wilding area |
| Grafton Close | Cut all |
| Kirke Grove | Cut all |
| Blackthorn Gardens | Cut all |
| Wellsprings Open space | Large re-wilding area |
| Enmore Road | Large re-wilding area |
| Taunton Green | Re-wild boundary's |
| Hope Corner Lane | Complete re-wilding |
| M5 Memorial | Cut all |
| Hankeridge | Cut all |
| Creech S M | |
| Crufts Meadow | Cut all |
| Tristram Drive | Cut all |
| Paddock Close | Cut all |
| West Somerset | |
| Culvercliffe Open Space | Main area left with walkways regularly cut through it. Seaside bank left. Cut with Tractor and Topper late autumn each year and Late Winter/early spring |
| Lagoon Area | Main Area left with walkways regularly cut through (By MTC). Cut with Tractor and topper late autumn. |

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| Seward way | Main Area Left with walkways regularly cut through. (By MTC). Area around 'Bomb' cut more regularly. Cut with Tractor and topper late autumn |
| Ellicombe Open Space | Perimeter hedge row area left, Under the trees left to 're wild' To be cut and collect late autumn |
| Hyde Road | Selected Daffodil Clumps left and cut and collected in late autumn |
| Millbridge Gardens | Bank area left and daffodil clumps left. To be cut and collected late autumn. |
| Parks Walk | Riverbank areas left and to be strimmed once a year (winter) |
| Woodcombe Walk | Riverbank areas and A39 roadside bank from hedge towards Bratton left and to be strimmed once a year (winter) |
| Bratton Park | Selected Daffodil Clumps and cut and collected in Autumn. More areas to be identified winter 22 |
| Mariners Garden/Zig Zag path | Mariner Garden left but strimmed down early spring and early winter. Main walkway left but cut back to ensure easy passage. |
| Molly's Garden | Whole area cut back yearly (winter) walkways and clear passage cut as required. |
| Clanville Grange | Grass area left in void between 'no man's land' and car park |
| Blenheim Gardens | Wildlife area left to be cut and collected once a year (late Autumn) Is now permanently fenced. Selected Daffodil clumps left throughout year to be cut and collected late autumn |

Report for The Environment and Open Spaces Committee

17 January 2023

Additional Funding request for the Provision of a Storage Unit and Hardstanding at Fox's Field

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to set out a request for additional funding of £2,000 for the provision of hardstanding and parking spaces at Fox's Field.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in December 2022 the Town Council agreed to provide funding of £4,500 to support the provision of a storage container and associated hardstanding at Fox's Field. It was also noted that Transition Town Wellington (TTW) was applying for a grant of £1,000 to contribute towards the cost.
- 2.2 Since that decision was made TTW has been informed that it only received £500 of its grant application and also that the £4,500 agreed only reflected the cost of the container and did not include the cost for all of the hardstanding. This was an error in the report writing
- 2.3 On that basis there is a funding gap of £2,000 to cover the installation of the container and the provision of hardstanding/parking.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 is a picture that shows the current condition of access to the field demonstrating the need for hardcore to be laid to ease access.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 shows a proposed plan for the location of the storage unit and layout of the hardstanding/parking area for volunteers/disabled parking.

3. Consideration

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider if it would recommend to the Town Council that a further £2,000 is allocated for this project in addition to the £4,000 previously agreed noting that both the installation of the storage unit and the development of parking provision would require the approval of Somerset West and Taunton Council or Somerset Council depending on the timing of the decision.

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Town Clerk

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



