

Renaturing in Great Waltham

Your Parish Council is committed to managing its land on a sustainable basis and its strategic plan has objectives including designating wildflower areas for pollinators and planting bulbs, as well as engaging with residents and schools to promote the local natural environment and renaturing.

Following on from a very successful project at Ford End Recreation Ground we are now planning to do something similar here. Working with Chelmsford City Council (who will provide funding and initial management resource), we have identified an area of this recreation ground that is very suitable for wildflowers and grasses - shown in the red hatched area of the plan. The area will be unfenced and open to all. As it becomes established we will provide mown walkways around the perimeter and through the area for your access and enjoyment.



This project will breathe vibrant life into the heart of our community. By establishing wildflowers alongside the new play area, we can significantly boost local biodiversity, reduce maintenance, and provide an enjoyable and enriching educational space for residents of all ages. The City Council Parks Department will supply a variety of twenty different types of assorted grass and wildflower seeds along with various wildflower plugs.

A dedicated "wild" area will also serve as an incredible, hands-on learning resource. The Parks Department will work with the primary school to arrange plantings sessions with the children and revisits to see the results of their work and to learn about habitats, insect life, and the local ecosystem. In the longer term we are hoping to develop the area further with some native tree planting along with additional seating.

This project is very much weather dependant, seeds need rain, but we hope to start work this autumn or early spring. As with all types of planting this area will take time to develop so don't worry if you don't see instantaneous result, it will get there!

We hope you will be as excited as we are about this new initiative. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share with us, please email the Clerk at clerk@gtwaltham-pc.gov.uk

