



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Melton Recreation Ground

Dead hedging in Burkes Wood

Volunteers are continuing to create the dead hedging and it has remained intact.

Bike Track

A bike track has been created just after the junction with the footpath running from Turnpike Lane to Leeks Hill. It crosses the main path through the woods so creating a hazard. The Maintenance Officer will deconstruct it this week.



Memorial Tree

The Tree Warden has planted the memorial Oak tree gifted by a resident between the two benches along the 'top edge' of the Playing Field. A cage, similar to that of the Jubilee Oak, will be added for protection. The office will organise the commemorative plaque.



Pond

Following the request from a resident for the pond to be cleared, which was discussed at the previous Recreation meeting, the office contacted Native Landscapes who installed the matting around the pond on the 24th of September 2021. They are not aware of any developments on the eradication of pygmy weed.

Native Landscapes have offered to attend a site visit and carry out a survey to provide a report at a cost of £80.

Trees on Saxon Way Footpath

A resident has arranged for two pine trees to be felled on 16th January 2023 - this is in accordance with the approved TPO. The felling will be done by a qualified Tree Surgeon and the arisings will be stacked.

Comms advising of the work have already been sent out via the office.

Future Suffolk Wildlife Trust event

Following the last Recreation meeting where it was agreed to run another SWT event during the Melton Fete, Suffolk Wildlife Trust has confirmed their attendance. The idea of an activity where participants can drop in and out has been discussed so the proposed idea would be to create seed bombs for either bird feeding and / or wildflower distribution. This will allow the SWT stall to be part of the main fete area and not so isolated as it was last year.

Flood Lights

A Councillor would like the Council to consider the removal of the old floodlights by the MUGA. The floodlights were to be looked at as part of the MUGA project, which was moved towards the bottom of the priority list. However they could be removed separately to this project.

Members are asked to:

- Note and comment on this report
- Consider if a pond survey should be undertaken
- Consider and agree SWT activities for the Fete
- Consider the proposal to remove the old flood lights

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