

Creeping St Peter Tree Warden Report May 2021

Achievement over the past year has been limited due to the pandemic, but further planting has taken place along the A14 embankment near the church path.

Some of the saplings had to be replaced and now appear to be established.

Some Swift boxes have been installed around the village.

I have also written to a number of organisations regarding planning applications, especially concerns regarding environmental impact.

BMSDC have an Action plan to increase biodiversity in the county.

They are offering free trees and hedgerow plants this Autumn for parishes, including private and church land. They also would like parishes to provide locations for wildflower planting.

Details of their intentions were shared on the Village FB site and app. Three members of the village have shown an interest.

The Wildlife group had their first meeting since the beginning of last year on the playing field on 13.5.21, to discuss planting around the village.

Playing field

Nine fruit trees, one Oak, saplings to fill in gaps

May I propose that the parish council provide some funds for post and stock wire protection for the fruit trees, from browsing animals and footballs.

The fruit trees will provide free fruit in years to come.

Area 51

This small area of woodland has a number of different species, including Ash. It is divided from a small woodland on adjoining land by a ditch.

This area provides a partial screen to the A14. It is in need of some management, including removal of rubbish and maintenance to fence. It would benefit from further tree planting to 'future proof' any losses to Ash Dieback and reduce noise from road and developments. We also intend to plant native woodland wildflowers in the area, for example Bluebells.

We discussed the possibility of the parish council contacting the landowner of the ditch that extends out of the wood, to gain permission to plant a hedge to provide a further screen and increase biodiversity.

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Plant Oak on the meadow

Village Green

Areas near the bench and around signs were agreed to be suitable for wildflower planting.

The Queen's Green Canopy is being planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. Suffolk's target is 770,000 new trees,(one for every person in Suffolk).

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Inspected area on 11.5.21, see separate report.

Good example of Rewilding

Virginia Taylor 17.5.2021

