**Greening Glemsford PC Climate Group**

**Report 13th July 2021**

1. **BMSDC wildflower areas**

The background is:

Babergh Public Realms Team is taking the grass mowing in-house from September, and an email was circulated to Parish Councils asking for suggestions of areas for wildflower seeding using the online digital map to identify the bits of grass currently managed by Babergh.

The whole project will be funded and managed by Babergh, so no work involved for GG except the application. Public Realm should then respond to discuss whether the choices are suitable/feasible.

The attached photos are screenshots from the Public Realm digital map of Glemsford.

Land managed by Babergh is highlighted in Lime Green and a blue pen indicates the areas which could be seeded.

Point of interest: Tye Green and Fair Green have not been selected as they were not Lime Green on the digital map and the Corporate Manager - Public Realm, Will Burchnall, has confirmed they are not managed by Babergh.  Wildflower seeding on either village green would have to be funded by the PC and then managed by the working group. The Babergh funded option is preferable.

Image 1 - Orchard Way/top of Skates Hill

It doesn’t show it, but there is a triangle of grass behind the footpath, so junction not obscured.

Image 2 - Greyhound Rd

The grass isn’t on a junction so no visibility issues.

Image 3 - Schoolfield

The area circled is away from the playground end of this green.

Image 4 - Kings Rd near Park Lane

The grass at the junction of Parkland Close is not circled due to possible visibility issues, but any of the other areas might look nice if seeded.

Image 5 - Chestnut Rd/Kings Rd

Circle 1 is the area of grass with a No Ball Games sign on it. There’s also a bench, so suggest a patch is seeded, not the whole green.

Circle 2 is the current wildflower project on Kings Road. It would be better if that whole area was seeded.

Image 6 - Stanway Close/Bells Lane

As with Image 1, there is a strip of grass behind the footpath, so no problem with junction visibility.

Action: To be discussed at a PC meeting in order to reach agreement on which area/s are best suited for wildflower enhancement.

2. **Greening Glemsford Facebook group**

The administrators have discovered that because the group was set up as Private, it cannot now be made Public but it can be changed from Hidden to Visible, which may help potential members find it. A link from the PC website to the GG Facebook group is being looked into by the Parish Clerk.

3. **The Great Big Green Week, 18-26 September 2021**

The Climate Coalition is coordinating a national week of events celebrating action on climate change.

As NFWI is a member of the Climate Coalition, Glemsford WI is organising a Big Green Walk round the village followed by a Climate Cafe at the Old School Hall on Wednesday 22nd September.

Some members of Greening Glemsford are involved in organising the walk and the cafe.

By supporting these events, and engaging with WI members and the wider community, the aim is to transform the conversation around climate change and environmental sustainability and translate it into action.

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