

# Meadows Newsletter

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## Project Update

As most people will be aware, work has now begun on The Meadows and the site is closed for the major earth-works to the paths and swales. When the site was fenced off there was some concern about the duration of the closure, as initially the only visible signage was the statutory Public Right of Way Notice, showing permission to close for 6 months. Additional signage was quickly added to clarify that the expectation is for the paths to be reopened in 2 months time or as soon as it is safe to do so. The full 6 months permitted closure will not be required -though works will carry on for much of this period and there may be intermittent changes to access to ensure safety as works take place.

The groundworks are now well under way. Paths have been marked out, the ground where the meadow will be seeded has been scraped and the land has been dug and shaped to form the swales.

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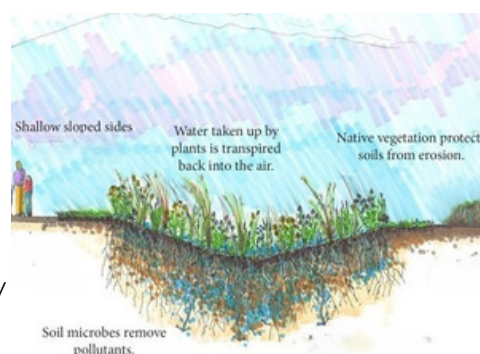
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## Volunteers

We hope to set up an active volunteer group for The Meadows. If you are interested in volunteering from next year, please email us with your name and contact details to: [enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk)

## What is a swale?

A swale is a shallow, planted channel that collects and moves water. It can remove pollutants and help to prevent flooding. The swales on The Meadows will be home to planting such as bull rushes and will provide new habitat, encouraging biodiversity across the site.





## Pictorial Diary | Work begins....



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