

Meadows Newsletter

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Project Update

It's been an eventful few weeks on The Meadows, as the main paths re-opened and residents were able to access the site again for the first time this year. Sadly, quite soon afterward, the woodland path was temporarily closed when the lovely large Beech tree near Orchard House developed a deep split down the centre of its main trunk. Thompsons were required to use specialist remote equipment to take the tree down, due to the dangerous nature of the work required. The woodchip from the tree works will be used upon the woodland path, and the council ask that residents do not remove this- half has already unfortunately been taken at the time of going to print.

In happier news, the first volunteer session was held on Friday 21 March, fittingly the first day of Spring. Over 20 residents came along to volunteer their time and help to plant trees, resulting in nearly 250 being planted in the North-West corner. A mix of Dogwood, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Dog Rose and Hawthorn were planted as hedging to hide the fencing near the Yokecliffe Crescent entrance, and Rowans were planted further down to fill the gaps in the tree line. Many thanks to all of those who donated their time and efforts. If you are interested in coming along to the next session, please get in touch on the details below.

What Next? |||||

The first phase of The Meadows project is not yet finished; Wildscapes will return in coming weeks to carry out further seeding, to add the gabion bench tops and to assist in installing the new gate. New signs will be installed at the four main entrances and we hope to hold another volunteer session at the end of April to plant more trees and work on the woodland path.

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If you are interested in volunteering, please email your name & contact details to:

enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk
or drop a note into the Town Hall.



Volunteers in action



The Town Clerk at work



The trees in situ

Maker Spotlight: Little Canyon Printworks

You may know James Waring's work from other sites across the town. Amongst other things he created the Discover Wirksworth identity and designed the new Welcome to Wirksworth signs, along with the new identity for Wirksworth Festival. Most recently he created the signage for the Josh Stockell Skate Park. We were therefore happy to have James cast his creative magic over The Meadows project; creating an identity and designing the signage, which was generously funded by the Vernon Robert Bowmer Trust. The sign bases have been made for us by Andy at Hammerhead Forge on Water Lane, as highlighted in last month's newsletter.



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