

Meadows Newsletter

Spring 2026 ✦



Project Update

It has been a busy spring so far on The Meadows, largely thanks to our volunteer team. Our sessions so far this year have focused on getting the lawns ready for opening and involved removing lots of thistles, stone and litter. The picnic benches have been levelled (as much as is possible on an undulating site!) and the swale has been planted up and fenced off for safety until the plants have grown. The fencing will slowly come down now around the lawns, though the removal itself is a big job. So our thanks go to Elizabeth, Huw, Geoff, Lucy, Judi, Paul, Jude, Sarah, John, Jeremy, Chris and the rest of our brilliant team (you know who you are). Please get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Other exciting developments include, as promised in our last newsletter, the installation of an arbour above the new bench. Made on site by Sally at Wild Roots Creative, we have received nothing but positive comments about the lovely willow structure- the only negative is when visitors arrive on site to find the bench already occupied, as it is becoming the most popular spot to relax!

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Meadows Volunteer Hub & Storage Unit

Hopefully you have seen the new Volunteer storage container at the Yokecliffe entrance. Our Meadows site is off grid, so the town council has raised funds to install a small unit (a recycled container in fitting with the ethos of the site) with a mobile sink and solar panels.

Maintenance equipment such as spades, wheelbarrows, rakes, brooms and PPE, can all now be stored here rather than at the Town Council offices. This means volunteers can be on site far more often, and with more ease, having somewhere to store belongings and clean up too. The fantastic artwork is by local artist Adam Matkin at High Peak Art. Our grateful thanks go to the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund for their generous support to purchase the hub.

Volunteers

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

enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk

or drop a note into the Town Hall.

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April Blossom



The new arbour



The unit- before & after



Bluebells along the woodland walk



The swale: planted up & fenced



Planting the swale

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