

Pocket Park Report to

Aston le Walls Parish Council 'Open' meeting 2024.

During the course of the year we have added 4 regulars to the managing team and their help is greatly appreciated.

We have had a busy year in the Park.

We completed the tasks mentioned in the Annual RoSPA report.

New fencing and wire between the Park and Washbrook Equestrian Centre.

New posts to fencing on the Bridge.

Cut back brambles behind the swing to in excess of 3 m.

Cleaned all Furniture and Signs.

Further to these we have made repairs to the bridge after the steps with new planking and anti slip chicken wire.

Dredged the pond of fallen branches.

Planted the Oak tree to Commemorate the Accession of King Charles 111. Kindly donated by Simon Davis and his colleagues at EKFB.

Sue Clayton and Trevor Bradley have made and painted pottery signs for both this tree and the crab apple planted for Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee.

The pathways and open areas are mulch mown regularly.

The new hedging whips have survived their first year and are flourishing.

We continually cut back overhanging growth, weed around the whips and pull nettles.

We have finally managed to get the new Beam installed on the swing and the swing seats, at the third time of trying. The trenches under

the swing have been filled in, new safety fall mats placed above and seeded with grass seed. The grass is already taking hold very well.

Every year come September / October we scythed the grass from the Meadows and collect it, more help with this task and the hedge cut would be great.

The hedge alongside the lower meadow was cut and all trimming taken to the area by the railway bridge to compost naturally, since we have decided to no longer have bonfires to be more environmentally correct.

During the winter storms there have been a few trees blown over.

We notified the Parish Council of our concerns and a meeting was held in the Park to assess the situation.

As a first step we have coppiced in the lower park area and cut 1 foot rings in the ivy on the trees.

The fallen trees we could manage have been removed, the Parish Council is taking on the larger tree care.

The Park remains very wet due to all the rain, but have managed 3 mows this year so far.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for having the Stiga serviced.

Charles