

- Hortiservices have now finished landscaping – our thanks to the entire team for an excellent job. The remaining works are to build the connecting path from the rainwater harvesting shelter to the main path, to shape the mound and to install a barrier on the dipping deck and safety fencing around the pond. These will be done as soon as budget allows. Additional money has already been found to increase the length of the gravel path and install a ramp to the dipping deck thus allowing full accessibility. **DPC to agree additional costs.**
- Warning signs are in place around the pond, along with temporary barrier fencing. We will install wooden fencing (similar to that around the nectar garden) around the pond until the plants have grown, after which a decision will be made whether to fence the pond permanently. **DPC to discuss and agree costs for installing warning signs and fencing pond.**
- Solar lighting has been put up at the bike and rainwater harvesting shelter and will be dimmed by a filter as they are currently too bright.
- We are applying to Cambridge Water to bring mains water on site – application fee is £70 (with no obligation to proceed). **DPC to discuss and agree.**
- **Sincere Thanks to:**
 - Neighbouring farmer Lewis Duke/Robert Smith Farms for filling the pond;
 - Butler Brothers of Whittlesford, for bringing extra chalk and top soil for the mound;
 - for our first memorials, a bench for Ken Prosser-Snelling and an oak tree for Mathew Smyth.
- If anyone is interested in sponsoring a tree or bench to remember a loved one or as a gift for, e.g. a child/grandchild, please get in touch.
- Two dual-purpose waste bins are now in place near the pedestrian gates, so hopefully we will see less dog-mess! **(Dog owners, please respect other walkers and pick up!)**
- Planting will begin this autumn and is budgeted (covered by the £50K Amey grant). The Amey loan will soon be drawn down – a good proportion now (to be returned to DPC, who have funded the works in the interim), and the remainder when planting is complete. **DPC to agree that we can go ahead with planting.**
- **We are looking for volunteers** to help with the planting of shrubs, tree saplings and/or bulbs (snowdrops, English bluebells).
- Keep an eye on the Instagram and [Facebook](#) pages (search for Duxfordgreen) for progress reports and photos.
- **We would like to invite the children of the village** to help create bug/bee hotels and hope that the village school will join in this activity, using old pallets, bricks and fir cones etc.
- We are thinking of holding a **launch event in early May**. Please get in touch with ideas or proposals for crafts, stalls or generally green activities, or would be willing to help.
- Sadly no progress yet to connect the Elms close footpath to the eastern entrance. We are in dispute with the contractor and have requested assistance from County Council Highways in resolving the matter. We have also requested BT/Openreach to quote for repositioning the telegraph pole.
- **Raise money for us with easyfundraising for your on-line shopping** – it's easy and costs nothing. Switching utilities (including broadband), travel and hotels are all particularly lucrative. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordgreen/>
- **Donate to Friends of Duxford Green Spaces by SMS:**
 - To donate £3, text FODGS01 to 70331
 - To donate £5, text FODGS01 to 70970
 - To donate £10, text FODGS01 to 70191

You are invited to email feedback on any of the above topics, either to info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org or to DPC via clerk@duxfordvillage.com