

- Landscaping is well underway, with the gravel paths now visible, the pond dug, the chalk mound being formed, the nectar garden, rainwater harvesting shelter, petanque court and bicycle shelter are under construction. Our contractor has brought in additional (free) material as the excavations did not generate enough to create a substantial mound.
- We have high hopes that local farmer Lewis Duke/Robert Smith Farms will fill the pond for us, a very generous offer!
- We will close off the corner entrance at Hunts Road/St John's Street – this is a planning condition to ensure safe entrances and will also allow the new hedging to grow – apologies to those who use it regularly, you will need to walk a few yards further to a gate.
- We will cut the grass and ensure that the field is at least partially accessible for the 21/22 September airshow weekend.
- SCDC have confirmed that 2 dual purpose waste bins should be installed near the pedestrian gates by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, so hopefully we will see less dog-mess!  
**(Dog owners, please respect other walkers and pick up!)**
- NEW: 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
- All new funds raised will go towards getting water on site, whether it be from a borehole (preferred), or from the mains. Water is essential to improve biodiversity, ensuring the success of the new plants and will be used to top up the pond when needed.
- Planting will begin this autumn – if you can spare some time to plant a few shrubs, tree saplings or bulbs (snowdrops, English bluebells), please email [clerk@duxfordvillage.com](mailto:clerk@duxfordvillage.com).
- We planted a memorial oak tree on the 29<sup>th</sup> August for Mathew Smyth and have another four requests to date. If anyone is interested in a tree or bench to remember a loved one or as a gift for, e.g. a child/grandchild, please get in touch. Some suggestions for memorial benches (though you would be free to choose from other sites, provided the wood comes from a sustainable source):
  - <http://www.rusticgardenfurniture.co.uk/oak-memorial-benches.html>
  - [https://www.4memorialbench.co.uk/acatalog/memorial\\_benches.html](https://www.4memorialbench.co.uk/acatalog/memorial_benches.html)
- Keep an eye on the Instagram and [Facebook](#) pages (search for Duxfordgreen) for progress reports and photos.
- We have created a hibernaculum, which will eventually be covered by the mound; this will provide a dark and frost-free place for amphibians and other small creatures to overwinter.
- We are thinking of holding a launch event in May or June next year. Please get in touch if you have ideas or proposals for crafts, stalls or generally green activities, or would be willing to help on the day.
- Sadly no progress yet to connect the path to the eastern entrance. We are still negotiating with the previous contractor and have also requested BT/Openreach assistance.
- **Don't forget to use easyfundraising to do your on-line shopping** – it's easy and costs nothing – switching utilities (including broadband), travel and hotels are all particularly lucrative. Do encourage your friends and family to use it by sharing the flyers or by following the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordgreen/>