

- Friends of Duxford Green Spaces (FODGS) held a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January to discuss progress to date and the launch event, which is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup>. If any individuals or groups in the village would like to take part on this special day, please email either [info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org](mailto:info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org) or [clerk@duxfordvillage.com](mailto:clerk@duxfordvillage.com)
- The 'three free trees' voucher given to us by the District Council was actually a voucher for £60, so we purchased one decent Victoria plum for the orchard and 10 privet 'whips' for hedging, which came to £58.
- We have approached the Wilfred & Grace Parkinson Trust for funding for the additional sections of gravel path and are awaiting their response. We have also applied for funding from the Postcode Local Trust.
- Safety equipment was purchased for the pond, but the lifebuoy ring was so heavy and hard it has had to be returned. We will find another more suitable one asap.
- The estimated total cost of completing the Elms Close entrance is £8953.30 (bear in mind that Openreach costs can increase).

**DPC agreement needed to cover costs up to £10K**

- It has been too wet recently to bring in extra material for the swale (the dip next to the pond), but this will be done as soon as the ground is hard enough.
- To summarise the outstanding work:
  - infilling the swale to hide the edges of the lining material
  - construction of two sections of gravel path;
  - completion of Elms Close entrance;
  - planting of the nectar garden and the chalk mound;
  - removal of rubbish at the front of site;
  - construction of safety gate for the dipping deck;
  - installation of pond safety equipment;
  - design and installation of a number of information boards
  - Bringing drinking water on site (when funding is available).
- We are also considering purchasing a third dual-waste bin to be located at the rear of the field, which we hope will encourage more dog owners to pick up.
- We would like to use some of the **DPC art fund money** for an installation on Brewery Field. **Whatever is chosen must be original and have connections to the village of Duxford.** We will once again be inviting costed proposals from parishioners and local artists, for e.g. a sculpture, some unique seating, a weather vane, notice board, or something else.

**DON'T FORGET:**

- *Follow progress and keep up to date via our social media [Facebook](#) and Instagram pages (search for Duxfordgreen).*
- **Become a Friend** of Duxford Green Spaces [www.friendofduxfordgreenspaces.org](http://www.friendofduxfordgreenspaces.org)
- **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

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