- Planning for the launch event, Sunday April 26<sup>th,</sup> is well underway. There is still time to be involved – if any individuals or groups in the village would like to take part, please email either info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org or clerk@duxfordvillage.com
- It may be that we have to cancel the open day due to the Covid-19 virus. This being a real risk, we are keeping everything fairly low key.
- Our butterfly expert has planted a number of chalk loving plug plants on the mound, known to support various butterfly species.
- As there is limited parking outside the school, we plan to use the new Community Centre car park on the Rec. for the open day. Appropriate signage will be in place.
- The Wilfred & Grace Parkinson Trust have disappointingly turned down our request for funding for the additional sections of gravel path. We have have had another refusal for funding from the Postcode Local Trust. We are awaiting a decision from the Community Chest.
- Signs "Please pick up after your dog" are now installed on both pedestrian gates.
- No news yet from Openreach as to when the telegraph pole will be moved.
- It remains too wet to bring in extra material for the swale (the dip next to the pond), hopefully this will be done before the open day.
- Rubbish has been removed from the front of site, but some rubber mats have been dumped inside the field near the sign (noticed 3 March). These will be removed asap;
- The safety gate for the dipping deck will be installed in the next week or two;
- Pond safety equipment will be installed when the replacement life ring arrives;
- The sign on the corner of Hunts Road will be rewritten. Thanks to Hortiservices for donating it;
- We would like to purchase a third dual-waste bin to be located at the rear of the field, to encourage more dog owners to pick up. The cost of the bin would need to be covered by DPC and the maintenance contractor will be instructed to empty the contents into the one of the bins at the entrances that are emptied by SCDC. **DPC agreement needed.**
- We hope 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 have put posts on the various social media sites, 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 <u>Facebook</u> and Instagram pages (search for Duxfordgreen).
- Become a Friend of Duxford Green Spaces 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. <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordgreen/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/duxfordgreen/</a>
- Donate to Friends of Duxford Green Spaces by SMS:
  - To donate £3, text FODGS01 to 70331
  - o To donate £5, text FODGS01 to 70970
  - To donate £10, text FODGS01 to 70191

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