

- The old telegraph pole was finally removed and the new one wired up during the first week of May. The remaining work to remove the mound of earth, shore up the fence of the adjacent property and lay the small section of tarmac to connect the Elms Close pavement to the field entrance will be done by an approved contractor as soon as Highways gives us the go ahead.
- All the new shrubs and trees are being watered on a weekly basis when there has been no rain. Thanks to Ashley Arbon M.B.E. for assisting with his tractor. Ashley also cut much of the grass on the field on Sunday 10th May – some has been left long to encourage pollinators.
- Limited planting in the nectar garden has been done and more will be added when weather is suitable. The ground is too hard to dig a bigger border until more organic matter has been added.
- The dipping deck gate will be installed when social distancing allows 2 people to work closely together.
- A water butt has been installed at the bicycle shelter and is now full. We will eventually replace it with a much larger container.
- The section of path from the circuit to the shelter will be done as soon as work can progress. This work has already been agreed by DPC.
- We applied to the Community Chest for £1000 towards the last section of path from the Elms Close entrance to connect with the circuit. They have offered us 50% of the cost (£876), provided that DPC funds the other 50%, with no conditions attached. **DPC is invited to discuss and agree to match fund £876.** Agreement would mean that both sections of path can be done at the same time, thus saving the considerable cost of bringing equipment on site for a second time.
- The mound has been partially seeded and partially left for plants to colonise. Sarah is finalising a plan of the whole area, including trees and shrubs.
- Extra material will be brought into the swale when the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
- We will reschedule the open day when large gatherings are once again allowed.
- Keep an eye on the Instagram and [Facebook](#) pages (search for Duxfordgreen) for progress reports and photos.
- **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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