

- Unbelievably, the saga of the Elms Close pavement entrance goes on: the Highways Inspector has now said that she wants the drop kerb at the Elms Close entrance removed, as this was not on the original technical drawing. This means extra work for our contractor, to dig up the entrance laid by J.P. Webster and subsequently more cost to DPC (funds which we simply don't have). I have asked Highways to reconsider, particularly as many people with buggies cross to/from the school at this point, and I await their response.
- We continue to water the new trees and shrubs as often as we can, though my friendly farmer is busy with harvest and some of the trees are struggling. We have applied for a 'zero carbon' grant to bring water on site as soon as possible, which would make the job slightly easier.
- We have now installed a 1000l water butt on the bike shed.
- Amey (who gave us the first grant of £45K to landscape) kindly donated 2 extremely large loads of soil improver (made from your green waste at their Waterbeach plant). With a few amazing volunteers, we spread this over the swale and will spread the remaining mound around all the new trees to give them a bit of extra help. It does have a rather strong smell (!) but this should dissipate over the coming weeks. Hopefully we will get some rain to help.
- Amey's press officer made a site visit on 30<sup>th</sup> July and met some of the team. It was great to show him how much we have done with their money and tell him about our plans as the site matures.
- There have been lots of sitings recorded on the blackboard – 21 butterfly species have been identified to date, as well as many species of dragonfly and damselfly. We keep a spreadsheet of all sitings, so please email them (with a photo if possible) to [info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org](mailto:info@friendsofduxfordgreenspaces.org)
- Whenever we are on site, we get lots of compliments from parishioners, this makes all the hard work worthwhile!
- The amenity areas of the field will be cut in time for the September 18/19/20 IWM airshow.
- We have taken delivery of 6 picnic tables/benches and have 3 more on order. These will be installed by our landscaper (Hortiservices) as soon as he is able to do so.
- 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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