

- The saga of the Elms Close pavement entrance continues. In spite of works being completed last week on the section of pavement, Highways will not sign off the work. Their reasons are 1) the gradient of the pavement does not meet their specification and 2) the gravel boards that have been used to retain the higher ground on both Brewery Field and the adjacent property are not acceptable. Highways insist that the work be redone before they will sign off and return the DPC deposit of £4250.
- We have been watering the new trees and shrubs every 3 days, though the rain this week has given a welcome break.
- The farmer has agreed to top up the pond when he irrigates the field this week. Sincere thanks to Russell Smith farms for helping us with this.
- The ground in the nectar garden needs a thick layer of organic matter adding to it – it is currently too hard to dig and drains too easily. We have approached both Amey and Maddingley Mulch to see if they will donate some soil improver.
- Hortiservices will begin work on the 2 gravel path sections next week.
- The dipping deck gate has been installed and castors will be added to each gate so that they can be opened and closed more easily.
- Safety equipment for the pond and the third waste bin has finally arrived and will be installed next week.
- The hot dry weather in May meant that the pool was used not only by dogs but also by a number of children to cool off. As it is primarily a wildlife pond, which would be much better left undisturbed, some suitable signs will be added to try to discourage paddling and swimming.
- It is encouraging to see so many people using the field for exercise and leisure during this difficult time of lockdown and social distancing.
- We will reschedule the open day at a time when large gatherings are once again allowed.
- Keep an eye on the Instagram and [Facebook](#) pages (search for Duxfordgreen) for progress reports and photos.
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