

Henbury Millennium Green Trust

Work Done on the Green in 2020

2020 was a long year in many ways. Here is a list of the work the Henbury Millennium Green Trustees did in that year in order to keep the Green open and available to its community. It's quite a long list...

- A full inspection of the Green followed by a drink at the pub in January (yes – we could all go to the pub for a drink in January, it seems a long time ago now).
- Starting to work through the list of jobs
 - Planting of damson trees
 - Additional hedging on Church Lane
 - Annual 'haircut' for the willow structure
 - Planting of additional Hazel
 - Improvement of part of wire fencing along the main road.
- At the first Covid lockdown, a very quick yet thorough evaluation of the impact of the Covid restrictions was done, and appropriate action taken
 - Immediate closure due to play areas having to be closed, and communication to community
 - Reopening of the Green once the following had been put in place
 - Covid risk assessment agreed for Trustees/volunteers working on the Green
 - Sourcing and erection of barrier fencing around the play area
 - Covid risk assessment agreed for reopening the Green based on Government guidelines for parks/countryside
 - Appropriate signage displayed
 - Additional playbark added to play area
 - Risk assessment updated to allow opening of play area once allowed
 - Removal and safe storage of the barrier fencing once play areas could be opened again.
 - Communication to the community at all stages
- Regular Maintenance
 - Hedge trimming
 - Wildflower meadow path cutting
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 - RoSPA inspection
 - Play area inspections
 - Working with parish council to get trees close to wires cut back
 - Cutting back of woodland area as needed – especially around willow structure to allow more light to the area.
- Remedial work
 - Sovereign were brought in to replace rotting posts in play area
 - Main path filled where it was uneven by the gate
 - Main path brushed
 - Briars trimmed behind bench near bog area
 - Sun dial area given a good tidy up
- Improvements
 - Drainage channel created in Geo blocks in front of gate (during heavy rain, the run off from Church Lane is now much less likely to damage the path)
 - New bench seat for bench next to path, near gate
- Administration work

- Successfully moved Trustee meetings to zoom and made appropriate records to state this had been done and why.
- Reviewed the financial situation of the Green to determine the impact of decreased funding in 2020 (no bonfire). HMGT finances have been well managed so this is not an issue for 2020
- Worked to identify new sources of funding – ways that visitors can make one off or regular contributions (Amazon smile set up and CAF donation capability)
- Creation of new inspection checklist for the Green

From the list it is very clear that, even with the difficult year and the restrictions the Trustees have been working under, they have achieved a huge amount. Indeed it is these restrictions that have shown how important the Green is to the community as a local place they can visit (whilst following current restrictions). I would just like to say thank you to all the Trustees for their hard work this year.

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