

Report for the South Leigh Parish Council AGM – May 2021 Village Green Committee

A new contract for the mowing of the Village Green was concluded by the Parish Council but it was agreed that the south side was excluded to reduce the cost, encourage wild flowers and allow a contrast between the two sides of the village green.

More snowdrops were planted as well as foxgloves and winter aconites. An attempt was also made to start the naturalisation of English bluebells with the planting of bluebells bulbs and the intended planting later in the year of Bluebell seeds – it remains to be seen whether that attempt will be successful.

One of the liability notices will need to be replaced.



The area is being actively managed by a limited number of adjoining landowners.

It is worth reminding ourselves of a benefit of this lovely space... last year, 2020, we had our second Midsummer Social evening on the green. Everyone in Church End was invited. After the difficulties of the pandemic, it would be a treat to continue this event. This comes with a suggestion

that we canvas local people about a date: either 19th June or 26th June. It seems to work as a bring your own drinks and a plate of nibbles to share event.

Things to do as a committee:

1. We need to support Liz and Mike Barrett with their watch on the horse chestnut tree that stands outside their property which is not within the remit of the village green subcommittee but which needs looking at by the Parish Council.
2. We have in the past had a cut Christmas tree with lights on the green. It is a lovely sight and point around which to sing carols. It is, of course, not very green to buy a cut tree. Can I make the suggestion that instead of buying a tree, we invest in battery operated Christmas lights on a timer for the gorgeous tree in the middle of the green?
3. We need to have a watch on the large oak tree on the top corner of the green. It is growing through the main wires for Church End. We get reminded of this when we have windy storms. The boughs are like giant cello bows on the wires, audibly reminding us of the need to keep a watch on this tree.



Village Green Committee: Mike Barrett, Dick Pears, Anne Raftery.