

St. George's Flowerbank

Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Covid 19

A second national lockdown and being put into Tier 3 restrictions it's taking a long time. Let's hope that everyone can have a good Christmas despite the restrictions.

North Somerset Council

Things are beginning to move so that we should be back in business before *too* much longer.

The Council have been agonising about the safety of volunteers because the site is in a 50mph zone. NSC tell us that a permanent reduction in speed limit will not be possible.

An interim solution is for a commercial firm to provide the 'Traffic Management' (cones & signs) and to apply a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order to bring the speed down to 30mph for a limited number of days. We are awaiting a plan to be made.

Long term it is to be hoped that we will be able to provide the 'TM' - we have trained people – and that NSC will grant us a TTRO to work within.

Watch this space!

Other conservation works

The new area in Chestnuts Playing Field at Macrae Road has been marked out and the grass left to grow. Where it won't cause danger or obstruction the hedges have been left to grow. This will benefit wildlife with more blossom and fruit

The Paddock has had a hay-cut and a second cut. We will continue to include this in our calendar.

We've cleared bramble and long grass in the Brookside playing field for the planting session being organised next weekend by Hannah Price. (info. from hannahprice3011@gmail.com)

Work has started to prepare Hardwick Road playing field for some tree/shrub planting.

One of our Committee, Bill Morris, has volunteered to coordinate a 'Village Raking Group' to organise work on the smaller areas to be 're-wilded' by NSC (leaving it to grow long then cutting but not removing). Other groups have been circulated with invitations to be included. (info. from bill.grant.morris@gmail.com)

Christmas and beyond

- If you don't do Facebook you might like this footage of Pill Christmas Lights (I hope you can access it)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8rtfclau6qlubi0/Pill%20Christmas%20Lights.mp4?dl=0>

- Don't forget Christmas Tree shredding
 - Sunday 10th January 2021 10am – 1pm
 - collection available from the Pill vicinity

Finally

In these strange times let's remember all those no longer with us, those who are unwell and all those who continue to work so hard to keep us all safe (not just NHS & emergency services).

Here's wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, in whatever form it has to be, and a rapid return to 'normality' in 2021.

Raise a glass and...

STAY SAFE!