

Footpaths & Village Maintenance Report

We have had once again had a very busy year, with a number of completed projects.

Firstly following a number of requests from residents we have:-

- Planted over 6,000 crocuses and over 3,000 daffodils along Wanborough High Street. Planting was carried out over 4 weekends with residents invited to attend and help. Many thanks to everyone involved.
- We have now installed three new planters on the High Street, one by the sign near Rotten Row / High Street roundabout, second by the telephone box by the Village Hall and third one up by the pavement near The Plough. This is the first phase and we hope to install further planters subject to gaining approval from SBC Highways.

Ongoing maintenance continues, we carry out regular footpath inspections, clear shrubbery and fix stiles. We have been in discussions with SBC Rights of Way Officer who has confirmed that work will be carried out on footpath from Oakapple to Springlines Meadow that will make this footpath surface considerably improved and easier to use.

We have a number of public open spaces which we maintain, including two public play areas, again these are inspected on a weekly basis.

We are moving into the final year of our 3 year grass cutting contract with Idverde, in the Autumn of 2023 we will be going out to tender to either renew this contract or appoint a new contractor.

We hold regular village clean up sessions in the village, mainly targeting areas such as Highway verges. We would like to thank all the local residents who volunteer at these events. At the last litter pick we collected over 35 bags of rubbish.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations we undertook a couple of community projects:-

- Bird box workshop – Over two dates we invited families to join us for a bird box workshop where everyone got a chance to build their own bird box and decorate it. These boxes were then put up around the village.
- Queen's Green Canopy – We planted over 50 new trees at Church Meadow, inviting children from Wanborough Primary School to help.

Over the summer of 2022 we held a number of community village walks, it was lovely to see so many of you attending and enjoying all our lovely footpaths we have around the village.

We always welcome new ideas so please let us know if you would like to see anything improved.

Richard Bellamy (Chair of Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee).

Village Defibrillators

We are pleased to confirm that the phone box at Foxhill which was in a very poor state of repair has now been renovated and houses a new defibrillator.

With thanks to all those involved in the project.

There are now 5 defibrillators located around the village including:-

- The Village Hall
- The Plough
- Hooper's Field Pavilion
- Doctor's Surgery, Ham Road
- Foxhill

We would like to install one further defibrillator to cover Burycroft, The Marsh and Horpit, but the problem at the moment is finding a location that would be suitable. If anyone is aware of a location that could be used then please let us know.