



Froxfield News

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New swings this week!



A Wicksteed Leisure construction team moves onto the village green first thing tomorrow morning (Tuesday 5th) to begin building the new swings.

Funding for the new swings came from The Lottery Commissions Community Fund and through a generous donation from local company BK Grain. Together they helped the Froxfield Parish Council achieve the total cost of the new swings, including the safety grass matting underneath.

The work will take between 3 and 4 days and the hope is that the choice of a metal frame will ensure the swings are more durable and therefore able to serve the community's children for decades to come!



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Volunteers clear overgrown nature reserve hedge

A determined band of village volunteers went into battle with the overgrown hedge along the Froxfield nature reserve on the water meadow, last month.

The wildlife-friendly hedge had been planted to form a boundary of the village's water meadow Nature Reserve and established with the help of Action for River Kennet (ARK). All the summer rain caused an explosion of nettles and cleavers which threatened to suffocate many of the younger saplings in particular. However, after a couple hours of hard labour the 10 volunteers managed to hack it all back under control again and released the hedge to grow freely. Some saplings are now more than 5 years old and securely established, with others planted in the last few months to fill gaps. We hope it will provide food and protection for birds while creating a peaceful haven within the reserve with its wild ponds and habitats nestled between the A4 and the rare chalk stream tributary of the River Dun.

• **More volunteering days are planned for later in the Autumn.**



Keep in touch with your village

The Froxfield Parish Council meets next on September 25th at 7pm.

An agenda and minutes of previous meetings will be posted on our website www.froxfield.org a week prior.

This newsletter is emailed to anyone interested in Froxfield news and Parish Council events.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list send your details to the Chair: v.body@froxfield.org

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