

## **GIVING NATURE A HAND**

### **Send your ideas to the SG Environment Group**

We hope many villagers will have noticed that there are more wild flowers and trees on our common land this year. In common with most other local councils around the country mowing has become less frequent allowing native plants to set seed and reproduce. In addition, last autumn the Shamley Green Environment Group (SGEG) added various bulbs, wildflower turf and seeds, and also 16 fruiting trees in trial areas around the village based on advice from a visiting international expert. These areas included the Bricklayers Green, Lords Hill, the entrance to Hullmead and Spring Cottage Green.

This was possible due to a very generous donation from a villager. But near the Bricklayers the planting was supplemented by donations from friends and neighbours in memory of three much loved, long-standing residents who passed away during the pandemic. The Parish Council and the SGEG are keen to encourage other initiatives with local fundraising in other areas of the village. So, if you and your neighbours have ideas for improving biodiversity in your local patch do get in touch with the Environment Group who may be able to offer advice, support, coordination and possibly some funding.

The best time for planting is usually in autumn. Any planting on public land needs permission from the landowner; in Shamley Green this is usually Womersley Parish Council or Waverley Borough Council. Both are very supportive of such initiatives. If you have ideas, please tell us at SGEG [info@shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk](mailto:info@shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk). Initiatives for the autumn should preferably be approved by the Parish Council in July and presented in a joint submission supported by SGEG. And do look at the new Shamley Green environment website which explains what we do and has a wealth of information about our natural environment wildlife, plants, links with schools, recent news amongst other topics. Look in the News section for the wildflower diary we have just added. There are also maps on the website of the areas in which we have planted wildflowers and trees. <https://www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk>



