

Shamley Green Environment Group Objectives for 2023

This will be our third full year. A report on 2022 will be put on the group's website www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk. Please have a look.

Here's what we are hoping to do in 2023:

Amphibians. Prevent as many as possible from dying on Woodhill Lane and other SG toad crossings during the current migration season. If you can help please contact info@shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk. Ensure that amphibian preservation is a criterion in any ditch and pond work.

Ponds. Help the Parish Council to maintain the two main village ponds including monitoring and improving water flows to the Duck Pond and controlling vegetation in and around the ponds. We hope ducks will breed successfully in 2023

Ditches. Advising the PC on how best to balance the needs of wildlife in the ditches while also maintaining water flow and keeping the ditches visible for people.

Trees. Tree Group monitoring of trees on common land to start in March to help the PC and Waverley. If you want to plant trees on the commons this needs PC approval. Please ask SGEG in the first instance and we will try to help.

Birds. We organise bird walks and a WhatsApp group to compare sightings and record them on the SGEG website. We will support the swift nesting box initiative.

Mowing. We provide advice to the PC on mowing and liaise with the contractor to help the PC which has overall responsibility. In the last few years this has involved less mowing. A wider variety of plant and (we think) insect and butterfly species is returning. If you have views on the mowing regime please tell us and the Parish Clerk. We support no mow May and the nationwide Blue Campaign

Wildflowers. We maintain a wildflower diary available on the website and will decide during the summer with the PC whether to do further planting of bulbs and wildflowers.

Publicity. We will publicise through the website and the parish magazine a regular supply of articles on our activities and links to other local and national environment initiatives. We will continue to work with the schools in the village.

If you would like to volunteer or have ideas the you would like to discuss with us please get in touch.

Jim Drummond