

Abberley Green Trust- Tony Hewitt

The village green is a well-used space in the centre of the village, the perfect place to walk the dog, play with children or just be alone with your thoughts.

The Charitable Trust that looks after the green was established in 1994 and the original trustees/stakeholders included the Parish Council, the Church/PCC, and the School, later Abberley Gardening Club, Village Hall and Abberley Hills Preservation Society were added. Some of these bodies had not put forward a trustee or attended the AGM for a number of years. Prior to the last AGM they were all approached to put forward a trustee.

We currently have representation from; Parish Council, Abberley Hills Preservation Society, Abberley Gardening Club, and Abberley Village Hall. Other bodies did not respond, we resolved not proactively chase these other bodies, but we are very happy for them to be involved in the future should they wish.

The green continues to be maintained by a small group of volunteers, most of who are also the trustees, this is not a requirement, and we welcome anybody who has a few hours to help maintain the green.

This year we have planted (re-planted) a wildflower patch from the gate to the oak tree and will be keeping some of the grass longer again to encourage wildlife and pollinators.

We keep our expenses low and broadly annual donations match expenses, however we are not immune to inflation in our expenses such as fuel and insurance. We thank the Parish Council for their annual donation, we will likely be looking at ways that we can enable users to easily make a donation in the future.