

Update on Apostle's Meadow for July 2026

The meadow has been cut earlier than planned so we will re-sow yellow rattle in the autumn and wildflower seeds again in the spring to start to establish a wildflower meadow. We hope that some of the seeds will be in the soil – the meadow cut will have reduced the spread of thistles though. There was very little ragwort to be seen. The aim is to increase the biodiversity in the meadow and provide paths for people to enjoy the space.

We will be reviewing the finances for the maintenance of the meadow at the Finance Committee as we have a commitment to ensure that we spend the Section 106 funding in the designated time. In addition to funding the meadow management and woodland coppicing work, this could include other improvements such as a children's play-space, provided we can improve drainage and have enough funds. You can let us know what you think of this idea with any suggestions via the clerk or directly to email below. We will seek proposals to include some play features that will fit into the natural landscape like balancing logs, low climbing wall etc.

We will include some picnic benches and/or benches for enjoying the space and also include some signage. In particular, asking that **dog owners** ensure all waste is removed to allow full access to all children wanting to play in the meadow.

We have received a kind donation from a parishioner for a lovely cherry tree which has been planted closer to The Common end of the meadow for all to enjoy. Thank you!

If anyone wants to volunteer or just know what's happening please ask to join the **Volunteers' group** on Whatsapp. We still need help with a few thistles and spreading the woodchip for mulch! We plan to catch up on tidying the hedgerows using contractors to speed up the maintenance.

Thanks to everyone – it's great to see the paths and space used so widely.

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