

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

**Wolvercote
Commoners'**
NEWSLETTER
October 2021

**On the second Saturday of every month the Commoners have a work morning and usually a few people come along but not enough!
That's why we need your help.**

So why is it that the Commoners undertake work mornings?

If you are new to the village or new to reading the newsletter, here's what it's all about. In 1895 Wolvercote and the Commons came under the management of a Parish Council. However, this all changed in 1929, when everything was transferred to the Oxford City Council and the Parish Council was dissolved. Because of this the Wolvercote Commoners' Committee was formed, to undertake the care and management of Wolvercote Common, Wolvercote Green and Goose Green. As custodians of the areas it was decided about 15 years ago to start regular work mornings, since the areas were in need of more regular maintenance to maintain their condition.

So what do we do on the work mornings?

Many people enjoy Wolvercote Green as a beautiful flower meadow, have a picnic



Goose Green fire pit gets an overhaul

on Goose Green or a walk on Wolvercote Common. Over the years these areas have been maintained by the work undertaken by volunteers. Work includes transforming Wolvercote Green from just an area of scrub grass to a beautiful flower meadow with a combination of aftermath grazing and selective weed and tree control. Or maintaining Goose Green, by planting and pruning trees, keeping a nature trail clear of weeds or building and maintaining a fire pit*.



Nothing like ditch digging on a cold winter's day



Testing out one a repaired bridge on Wolvercote Green

Wolvercote Common benefits from the same care as Port Meadow and it is the Commoners' role to see that this carries on.

The work continues to this day but sadly with greatly reduced numbers. And this is why we need your help. So come along and give it a try. We meet every second Saturday at 10am outside the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, including children, just bring some gardening tools (secateurs, shears, rakes, spades or forks etc). Don't worry if you can't come for the full 2 hour session, even an hour is better than nothing.



Finished - repaired wheelchair access at Jubilee Gate

***Although fires shouldn't be lit on common land, they are being lit randomly around Goose Green and causing damage. The idea is that if there is a dedicated fire pit to use it might stop people lighting their fires all around the Green.**



Return of the missing access ramp

Some years ago the Commoners bought an access ramp for the then 'Post Box' but somehow it disappeared. So we have come to the rescue and a new one was installed recently. Avtar Singh and his son Akash, the new owners of the re-named 'Port Meadow Convenience Store', together with Mary Brown of the Commoners proudly show off the new one.

Dates for your diary

**Commoners' Half Yearly Meeting
Wednesday 24th November at 7.30**

It will be held on Zoom. If you would like to attend send an email to wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk for the Zoom link

**Commoners' Carol Concert
Monday 20th December**

A night not to be missed
The venue is yet to be decided
So watch this space –
just leave that night clear in your diary

If you would like this Newsletter emailed to you please email wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk

Don't forget Village Work Mornings second Saturday of every month

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am (bring garden gloves, wellies and any gardening tools you have). Children welcome



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