



# Twyford Parish Lands

## A 10-year Management Strategy for Parish-Owned Open Spaces

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**Twyford Parish Council**



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## Introduction

This living document was revised in October 2020.

Following a public consultation with residents of Twyford, a Parish Plan entitled ‘Twyford 2020’ was produced in 2010. The plan contained a list of Action Points that had been proposed and supported by residents and members of Action Groups. Section 3 of the Action Plan, the Natural Environment, contained an important action for the Parish Lands Committee of Twyford Parish Council (TPC);

### 3.1 Manage Parish-owned Open Spaces in the most effective manner

#### 3.1.1 Prepare 10-year management strategies for Parish-owned Open Spaces and implement conclusions.

Suggestions for King George’s Field include:

- retain space for Firework Display
- more tree planting, wildlife areas, floral displays
- more seating
- easier access for cyclists
- more tennis courts and more skate ramps
- football nets/posts
- investigate options for public toilet provision
- access to refreshments during school holidays e.g. ice cream van or community café

Suggestions for Stanlake Meadow include:

- adventure playground for older children
- picnic benches
- adult outdoor gym
- replacement native trees along Waltham Rd

#### 3.1.2 Establish a scheme to enable trees and seating in open spaces to be provided by public donation

When considering the lands owned by TPC, it is important to appreciate the different ways in which residents use these areas, from sports organisations to dog walkers, residents of all ages enjoy these community spaces in different ways.

The Parish Council is also obliged, under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, 2006<sup>(1)</sup>, to have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. This must also be considered in any plans for Parish-owned lands.

This plan looked at each area and gave an approximate value for the amount of recreational activity that takes place and the potential for biodiversity.

Location	Recreation	Biodiversity
King George's Field	70%	30%
Stanlake Meadow and Copse	60%	40%
Hurst Road Allotments	70%	30%
London Road Allotments	80%	20%
Parish Council Burial Ground	70%	30%
Millennium Garden	10%	90%
Jubilee Corner	95%	5%
Bell Corner	95%	5%

Each of these areas is now considered in more detail in the following sections.

A tree survey of all trees on Parish Lands was conducted in October 2019.

## King George's Field

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

Previously a landfill site, this area is now an open green space, with three pitches (2 senior, 1 junior) used by football clubs. The field is also popular with dog walkers and residents of all ages who come to walk, or sit and watch, as children ride bikes and scooters. There are three tennis courts, a skate park, a ball-court and a children's play area for children aged up to 13 years. The field is available throughout the year for various entertainments, including hosting fairground rides, bonfire and fireworks display organised by Twyford & District Round Table, Donkey Derby organised by the 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scouts, and a beer festival organised by Orchid. There are regular problems with dog fouling, even though the Parish Council provides dedicated dog bins.

	This site was once a gravel pit, then a rubbish tip.
1937	Site was purchased by TPC.
1938	Formal opening was in spring 1938 by which time a small wooden pavilion and two shale tennis courts had been provided.
1939	A grant of £1000 was received in 1939 from the King George V Foundation, by which it was dedicated in perpetuity for recreation, and the Council committed to maintenance of the heraldic panels, mounted in the gateposts off Wargrave Road, which are set back from the road because of a long abandoned scheme to widen Wargrave Road.
1968	Opening of Loddon Hall and Twycombe Lodge following the granting of permission by the KGV Foundation for some of the land to be used for this purpose.
1975/6	The Youth Centre was built in 1975/6, the Parish Council contributing the land and £15,000 towards the showers and changing rooms. This land is leased from TPC.
1980	Demolition of a brick built toilet block (date unknown), which suffered repeated vandalism until it was closed and demolished in 1980.

1981	The original tennis courts were replaced with hard surfaces in 1981 and an extra court added which was to be available for public use (and still is).
1999	The wooden pavilion, used by the Cricket Club, was burnt down by arson in 1999 and the cricket pitch subsequently relocated to Stanlake Meadow.
2002	The Youth Shelter was erected in 2002, when the concrete storage shed was demolished and replaced by a new shed for football equipment in the garden of Twycombe Lodge.  The tennis pavilion was destroyed in an arson attack.
2003	The Scout Hut and their storage shed were destroyed in an arson attack.
2004	The Wargrave Road car park surface was improved and the bollards fitted.
2005	CCTV was installed.
2007	A new Scout H.Q. was opened in 2007 (built by funds raised through Project Phoenix).
2008	Following a long process (started in 2002) a skate park and ball court were finally opened.
2010	A new wooden climbing structure with slide was installed along with a spinning-top net climber and a coracle swing following a successful grant application to Play England.
2012	Three oak trees were planted commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
2015	A tree was planted commemorating the Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association (TRHA) 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. A defibrillator was installed at Loddon Hall. An aerial runway was installed outside of the play area.
2017	The childrens' play area equipment was either replaced or refurbished and new safety matting installed. A new zip wire was installed outside of the play area.
2017	A litter bin was installed adjacent to the Youth Shelter.
2019	Dog waste bins were removed and new multifunctional litter bins were installed.
2019	Wildflower area established and maintained by local residents.
2019	2 memorial benches installed; 1 near the tennis court and 1 in the wildflower area.
2019	Recycled bench installed under willow tree.
2020	Memorial bench installed near youth centre.

## Species List

### Flowers

Chicory – wild blue flower in wild grass area.	Primroses

## Trees and Shrubs

Acacia	Elder	Rosa Canina
Acer	Goat Willow	Small-leaved Lime
Ash	Hawthorn	Sycamore
Beech	Hazel	Tulip Tree
Bird Cherry	Holly	Viburnum Lantana
Blackthorn	London Plane	Whitebeam
Crab Apple	Oak	Wild Cherry
Dog Wood	Rosa Arvensis	Willow

## Strategy

Overall Aim: Preserve open spaces for recreational use, but increase biodiversity around the perimeter. Maintain King George V gate posts in accordance with King George V playing field requirements. Ensure maintenance contracts are sympathetic to the needs of wildlife and biodiversity.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) Re-instate management of wildflower area by Wargrave Road car park (volunteer gardening group).
- 2) Extend and maintain wildflower area from hedge of wildflower area by Wargrave Road car park, along boundary with Longfield Road (to depth of 2m) up to tree by gate to Longfield Road. Use spray markers prior to first spring grass-cut to delineate boundary of wildflower area.
- 3) Allow residents the opportunity to pay for a commemorative tree or bench to remember local relatives.
- 4) Add up to 4 park benches (with back rests) along edge of new wildflower area, starting with a bench under the tree by the gate, angled to avoid full sun.
- 5) Any new tree planting should be carried out in November and must include a schedule for watering and maintenance for the first three years. New trees are susceptible to periods of drought and encroachment of grasses, which compete for any water. Therefore it is vital they are watered regularly during the first three years and a mulch area of 1m diameter is maintained around the base.
- 6) Pitch maintenance to be continued.
- 7) Play areas/skate park/youth shelter to be maintained to current high standards.
- 8) The King George Heraldic panels and surrounding brickwork are in need of repair, and would benefit from regular inspection and maintenance.
- 9) Laying of the Longfield Road hedge is being considered.

Updates:

Parish Lands Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012

It was decided that it was not possible to reduce hedge cutting to once a year at the end of January (to protect birds nesting in Spring and to provide Autumn/Winter food sources for birds from fruiting hedges). This is because of complaints from residents that the hedges look untidy and obstruct the footpath. The contractor brings a tractor onto the field to cut hedges on all sides of the field at the same time, this has to be done when the ground is firm to reduce damage to the football pitches.

## Stanlake Meadow and Copse

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

Stanlake Meadow is one of the highest points in Twyford, the geology is Plateau Gravels overlying Upper Chalk. It has a more natural ambience than King Georges Field, more wooded with less built structures. It is a large, open green space, bordered on one side by the railway line, with a small wooded copse in one corner. There is a cricket pitch used by local clubs. The sports pavilion is used during term-term as an after school club, at other times the gates to the car park remain locked. The field is popular with dog walkers, joggers and residents of all ages who come to exercise or just to get some fresh air. The field is visited annually by a circus and a fair. In 2016, the annual Twyford Village Fete was introduced. A permitted path runs across the field from the Waltham Road gate nearest to the railway line, to the Stanlake Lane stile. There are regular problems with dog fouling, even though the Parish Council provides multifunctional litter bins. There have been unauthorised entries and short term residence by travellers.

The copse mainly comprises a plantation of white poplar with a number of willows. However, there are some well established self sown native broadleaf trees, namely oak, birch and ash. There is a small stand of alder and a planted disease resistant elm. A fine multi-stem field maple is on the northern boundary beside the lay by. Other plants include dogwood, stinking iris, fern, honeysuckle, dog rose, greater willowherb, bluebells and herb bennet. The copse is bordered to the north (Stanlake Lane) by a hawthorn hedge line with some holly which is in very poor condition with wide gaps between plants. There is also a post and wire fence and overhead service power lines. The southern boundary has a mown grass walkway between the wildflower areas. The site can become very wet during periods of prolonged rainfall. The ground cover has become largely invaded by brambles and nettles which is preventing a more diverse ground flora, as well as deterring public access. There is some standing dead wood habitat for invertebrates and boxes for roosting bats.

	This land was originally farmland.
	A proposal for 150 houses was turned down after a planning enquiry.
1979	After much legal wrangling the land was compulsorily purchased by the District Council in 1979 for £27,000 and sold on to TPC for the same sum.
1986	The first football pitch was established in 1986. A pavilion was first discussed in 1986, but not proceeded with as the football clubs were not willing to commit to it.
1988	Two permanent football pitches were laid out in 1988, the District Council contributing £2000.
1992	The pavilion was erected in 1992 by Laing Homes at no cost to the Parish Council as a "planning gain" contribution for the Broad Hinton development. They also provided a new roof for Loddon Hall.
1996	The Nursery School opened in 1996 and has since closed.
1997	A commemorative oak, donated by TPC, was planted by Stanlake Lane entrance in May 1997 by Rev. Hamborg to commemorate 150 years of St Mary's Church.

2002/3	In 2002/3 the cricket pitch was created, having been moved from King George's Field after the destruction of the pavilion. The permanent goal posts were erected in 2003.
2008/9	The Waltham Rd hedge was cut and laid in winter 2008/9.
2011	41 orchard fruit trees were planted in an avenue along the railway fence after the Community Council for Berkshire (CCB) received funding from The Big Lottery Fund's Local Food Scheme. The 'Fruitful' project established community orchards in Twyford, Wargrave and Swallowfield. The scheme involves volunteers from the community, especially families with children, working together with their local Parish Council to take responsibility for the planting, maintenance and harvesting of the fruit trees. The overall aim of the project is to provide free access to locally grown food and support a link with healthy lifestyles.
2012	Wildflower meadow area established.
2015	A fitness trail incorporating 10 pieces of apparatus was installed around the perimeter.
2016	Additional planting to screen along railway boundary in front of transformer station.
2016	Annual Twyford Village Fete introduced.
2017	Wildflower meadow area re-stocked by volunteers from TPC, Twyford Allotments Tenants' Association (TATA), TRHA, and local residents.
2017	Memorial bench installed.
2018	An application to place a mobile phone mast in the North-East corner was received and is currently under discussion.
2018	TPC are considering ways of preventing unauthorised vehicle access by travellers.
2018	Commencement of discussions regarding Pavilion replacement initiated to provide a modern multifunctional building.
2018	Installation of a defibrillator as a result of an initiative between Twyford Together, Twyford and Wargrave First Responders and TPC.
2018	New goal posts and nets purchased.
2019	5 new multifunctional bins installed to replace the old dog litter bins and bins for general waste.
2019	Access in the copse improved by creating a walkway through the site and laying some of the hawthorn and holly on the northern boundary. These tasks were done by CROW (Conserve Reading on Wednesdays).
2020	CROW engaged again in the copse area to pollard some of the willows, lightly prune trees and clear some bramble.

2020	Permission granted to extend the copse to plant field maple, hornbeam, oak and silver birch trees. To coincide with National Tree Planting Day on 28 November 2020.
2020	Tree works recommended in the tree survey for the copse were completed.
2020	Consideration of installing a water supply to the copse end of the meadow.
2020	Oak processionary moth survey conducted.

## Species List

### Flowers and Mushrooms

Agrimony	Meadow Buttercup	Stitchwort
Bedstraw	Oxeye Daisy	Teasel
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Pale St. John's Wort	Vetch
Chicory	Parasol Mushroom	Wild Parsnip
Clover	Plantain	Yarrow
Cowslip	Pulmonaria	
Forget Me Not	Red Clover	
Greater Celandine	Sow Thistle	

### Trees and Shrubs

Alder	Dogwood	Hornbeam
Arum	Elder	Male Fern
Ash	Field Maple	Oak
Birch	Grey Poplar	Willow
Blackthorn	Hawthorn	
Cherry	Holly	

### Insects – Butterflies, Moths and Spiders

Brimstone	Marbled White	Red Admiral
Comma	Meadow Brown	Small Copper
Female Feathered Gothic Moth	Orange Tip	Small Tortoiseshell
Female Wasp Spider	Painted Lady	Small White
Gatekeeper	Peacock	White Letter Hairstreak
Large White	Purple Hairstreak	

## Strategy

Overall Aim: Stanlake Meadow and Copse has greater potential than King Georges Field for tree planting. Preserve open spaces for recreational use, but increase biodiversity around the perimeter. Encourage dog

walkers to use the perimeter of the field, keeping their dogs on a lead, to avoid the problems with dog fouling on the sports pitches.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) Maintain natural ambience by limiting the number of fairground visits on Stanlake (propose KGVR as alternative) and increasing natural enhancements.
- 2) Maintain hedge cutting to once a year in October. This is sympathetic to birds nesting in Spring.
- 3) Extension and regular management of copse area. Thin out selected trees/create walkways/add more bat boxes etc.
- 4) Allow residents the opportunity to pay for a commemorative tree or bench to remember local relatives.
- 5) The boundary with Stanlake Lane is already the site of a memorial oak, and could be the site for any further memorial or commemorative trees.
- 6) Relocate mound of grass cuttings to a designated spot in the copse area.
- 7) Any new tree planting should be carried out in November and must include a schedule for watering and maintenance for the first three years. New trees are susceptible to periods of drought and encroachment of grasses, which compete for any water. Therefore it is vital they are watered regularly during the first three years and a mulch area of 1m diameter is maintained around the base.
- 8) Pitch maintenance to be continued.
- 9) Ensure that Stanlake Pavilion remains available to sports clubs wishing to use it as a sports pavilion.
- 10) The creation of a complete circular avenue of fruit and memorial trees might help to persuade dog walkers keep their animals on a lead and off the sports pitches. (See 'Maps' section towards the back of this document for a proposed plan).
- 11) The laying of a hedge along Stanlake Lane is under consideration.
- 12) Encourage the involvement of the local community in the maintenance of the copse.
- 13) Improve access for walking and future maintenance management of the copse.

## Hurst Road Allotments

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

A sizeable section of allotment land of approximately 2.9 hectares, sloping slightly downhill to a stream at the bottom boundary.

1913	Hurst Road allotments became the property and responsibility of TPC
1977	The clearance of the old piggeries took place in 1977.
1986	The horseshoe access road was built in 1986.
2002	A hazel copse was planted in 2002 by members of Friends of Ruscombe Wood, to provide sticks for allotment tenants on a coppicing cycle.
2009	Alda Landscapes contracted to clear mounds of soil and allotment waste at the lower end of the allotments to create 14 additional plots.
2010	Approx. 167 plots in total.
2016	Native bluebells planted in the hazel copse.
2016	Heritage osier bed established.
2017	The hawthorn hedge adjacent to the WBC grassed triangular area on Hurst Road was laid by allotment volunteers. Additional native species added during this work.
2017	TPC granted TATA 10 poles [2 plots] to promote the use of allotments; 4 mini plots were created to give people the chance to experience working an allotment.
2017	Deer fencing installed along the bottom boundary with Orpington Close and extended along the brook.
2017	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of large non-compostable materials.
2017	3 acer Campestre Queen Elizabeth planted by road hedgeline to commemorate Queens 70 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
2017	Memorial bench installed on land by Hurst Road.
2018	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of large non-compostable materials.
2018	3 rowan trees were gifted and planted within the allotment site boundary.
2018	Branches of 2 trees along brook boundary to remove hazard to tenants.
2019	10+ tonnes of recycled type I material purchased by TPC and distributed by TATA members to fill in ruts in the lower section of the access road.

2019	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of accumulated non-compostable materials.
2020	Consideration of an area for 'Green Prescriptions'; an initiative working with the local surgery social prescriber.
2020	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of accumulated non-compostable materials.

## Species List

### Trees and Shrubs

Birch	Rowan	
Bramble	Victoria Plum	
Hawthorn	Willow	
Hazel		
Oak		

## Strategy

Overall aim: Preserve land as allotments as a contribution towards sustainability. Continue to actively manage hazel copse. Use planting and changes to maintenance schedule to improve the appearance of the Hurst Road hedge which is a well-used approach to Twyford.

- 1) Maintain hedge cutting to once a year in October. This is sympathetic to birds nesting in Spring.
- 2) Continue to work with local environmental groups such as Friends of Ruscombe Wood and TATA to manage the hazel copse.
- 3) The Hurst Road hedge has degraded and should be considered for the planting of native specimen trees. Hedge maintenance would have to be re-considered.

## London Road Allotments

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

Smaller in size than the Hurst Road Allotment site, these allotments border Polehampton Junior School and are the location for the Twyford & Ruscombe Horticultural Association Stores building.

	This land is thought to have been used for allotments for some considerable time.
1920	London Road allotments became the property and responsibility of TPC.
1963	Polehampton C of E Junior School was built on “derelict allotment land” in 1963.
1970	Land was sold by TPC for site of the Roman Catholic Church.
1975	Land was sold by TPC to the Secretary of State for Social Services for the site of Twyford Surgery.
1978	Land leased by TPC to Twyford & Ruscombe Horticultural Association for the purposes of building a trading centre.
2010	Approx. 32 plots in total.
2018	Major pruning of 4 trees between allotments and doctors surgery.
2018	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of large non-compostable materials.
2019	Improvement to tenant access from Loddon Hall Road in progress.
2019	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of accumulated non-compostable materials.
2020	Skip provided by TPC to allow tenants to safely dispose of accumulated non-compostable materials.

### Species List

#### Trees and Shrubs

Conifer		
Walnut		

### Strategy

Overall aim: Preserve land as allotments as a contribution towards sustainability.

- 1) Maintain hedge cutting to once a year in October. This is sympathetic to birds nesting in Spring.

## Parish Council Burial Ground

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

Situated next to St Mary's Church burial ground and behind the house to which the land originally belonged, is the Parish-owned burial ground. There are plots for full burials and cremated remains. An attractive bank of earth planted with bulbs and shrubs has been built up along one side.

	The land originally belonged to the large house next to the church (the Firs).
1956	The land was acquired by TPC in 1956 from the Burton family, who were for generations the village blacksmiths.
2010	By 2010 the burial ground was nearly full and it was decided to continue with burials beyond the hedge. This required the gap in the beech hedge to be widened and a metal arch was installed.
2018	Work commenced on installing a retaining wall to the flower and shrub border.
2018	Maintenance of the flower and shrub border undertaken by volunteers.
2020	200 snowdrop bulbs planted in the flower and shrub border.

### Species List

#### Flowers

Alkanet	Hellebore Orientalis	Primrose
Arum Italicum	Iris Foetidissima	Rosemary
Crocus Tommasinianus	Lavender	Snowdrops
Flag Iris	Narcissus	Wild Arum
Hebe	Phormium	Winter Aconite

#### Trees and Shrubs

Beech	Euphorbia	Mahonia
Buddleja	Hawthorn	Robinia
Callicarpa	Hazel	Sorcococca
Camellia	Holly	Spirea
Choisa	Horsechestnut	Viburnum
Cotoneaster	Hypericum	Weigela
Dogwood	Laurel (spotted)	Yew
Elder	Leylandii	

## Strategy

Overall aim: Maintain planting in earth bank using species that provide seasonal nectar for insects.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) Continue the gardening and maintenance carried out by the TPC Park Ranger and volunteers.
- 2) The beech hedge should be trimmed once a year in late summer.
- 3) Remove sycamore seedlings.
- 4) Cut back leylandii to reduce height and give beech hedge space to grow.

## Millennium Garden

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

At the foot of the Parish-owned burial area is the Millennium Garden area. There are two benches, a circular area of formal planting and a more informal area of copse with a stream at the end. This bottom area was originally intended to be maintained for wildlife.

1956	The land that is now the Millennium Garden formed part of the Burial Ground land acquired by TPC in 1956 from the Burton Family.
1999/2000	The lower part of the land below the beech hedge was not used and became very overgrown. In 1999/2000 the area was cleared and landscaped to establish the Millennium Garden stretching down to the river.
2017	An investigation into the use of Columbaria for cremated remains was instigated.
2019	Hedge laid on the left hand side of the copse.
2019	Whips planted along the left hand side of the Millennium Garden
2019	Hazels coppiced and used for a dead hedge in the St. Marys burial ground.
2020	Tree works recommended in the tree survey were completed.

### Species List

#### Flowers

Alkanet	Geum	Primroses
Arum	Greater Stitchwort	Red Campion
Bluebell (English and Spanish)	Ground Ivy	Ribwort
Campanula	Hedge Garlic	Rosemary
Common Daisy	Hedge Woundwort	Snowdrops
Cow Parsley	Herb Bennet	Spear Thistle
Crocus	Herb Robert	Stinking Iris
Dandelion	Hogweed	Violet
Forget Me Not	Lavender	Winter Aconite
Foxgloves	Narcissi	Wood Anemone

#### Trees and Shrubs

Beech	Hawthorn	Sycamore
Buddleja	Hazel	Verbena Bonariensis
Crab Apple	Holly	Willow
Dogwood	Horsechestnut	Yew
Elm	Silver Birch	

### Strategy

Overall aim: Maintain formal planting in circular area but transform lower area from formal garden into wildlife-friendly reserve.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) The beech hedge should be trimmed once a year in late summer.
- 2) Local residents to be involved with initiating a change towards wildlife planting such as primroses and bulbs, and the creation of features such as log piles. Appropriate signage will be necessary.

## Jubilee Corner

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

This small patch of land between the garage and the road to The Grove, consists of a paved area with benches surrounded by attractive beds planted with shrubs and trees. It is well used as a place to sit and relax, particularly at lunchtimes by people who work locally. Twyford Together (previously known as the Twyford Village Partnership) also use this site for a Christmas Tree which is held upright by fixings located under the circular central paving slab. Connections from the ornamental street lamp also provide an electricity supply that has been used to light the Christmas tree in previous years (now ceased due to vandalism).

1965	In 1965 large gardens on either side of the Alms-houses were sold off for the garage and the shops to be built. A new road access was created and a small piece of land remained unused in the hands of Berkshire County Council.
1969	The site was leased to TPC in 1969.
1976	The site was purchased outright by TPC in 1976.
1977	Landscaping was carried out and the site was named Jubilee Corner when it was opened in 1977, as that was the year of the Silver Jubilee.
2001	In 2001 new paving, a lamp and new benches were installed and new planting carried out, funded partly by the developers of Waitrose.
2004/2007	New seats were installed in 2004 and another in 2007.
2009	Aspects Gardening Services contracted to replant the beds.
2010	Volunteers from the Twyford Village Partnership Environmental Action Group carried out weeding, trimming and planting for butterflies and insects. This group now carry out regular Spring & Autumn maintenance.
2016	Twyfords' success in achieving Silver Gilt in the Thames and Chilterns in Bloom recorded by the erection of a plaque.
2017/2018	Silver Gilt awards for these years added.
2018	Additional shrubs and perennials planted by volunteers. New identification labels donated by 'Joy of Plants'. Annual Christmas tree provided by TPC placed here.

### Species List

#### Flowers

Aubretia	Lavender	Thyme
Evening Primrose	Majoram	Valerian
Foxgloves	Michaelmas Daisy	
Hedge Garlic	Scabious	
Honesty	Sweet Rocket	
Ice plant	Teasel	

## Trees and Shrubs

Buddleia	Mahonia	
Field maple	Rowan	
Hawthorn	Walnut	

## Strategy

Overall aim: Maintain attractive seating area for residents and visitors, surrounded by wildlife-friendly planting to provide nectar and berries.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) Volunteer gardening group to maintain this site, record planting species, replacement planting to continue butterfly friendly theme providing seasonal nectar; while trees and shrubs provide berries for birds. Group to co-ordinate with TPC regarding any future enhancements.

## Bell Corner

### Overview and Timeline

*This section is intended to be continually updated as changes and developments occur.*

This small patch of land in the centre of the village was gifted to TPC in 2017. It consists of a circular brick planting area with small ornamental plants, the centre of which displays the Twyford Village sign post. Twyford Together use this site for a Christmas Tree and carol singing. It is also used by Twyford Scouts for carol singing. Local businesses provide an electricity supply for the ornamental lights on the Christmas tree as well as a water supply when the paved area needs to be cleaned.

2018	Installation of a defibrillator as a result from an initiative between Twyford Together with Twyford and Wargrave First Responders and TPC.
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### Species List

#### Flowers

Ornamental Grasses	Variegated Ivy	
Spring Bulbs		

### Strategy

Overall aim: Maintain attractive area for residents and visitors.

This will be achieved by:

- 1) Volunteer gardening group to maintain this site. Group to co-ordinate with TPC regarding any future enhancements.

## Summary

This document has been created as a 'living document'. It should appear quarterly on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee for discussion, and any updates should be added in the appropriate section. Filling in the species lists will be an on-going task, and some of the actions in each strategy section may also need altering if implementation proves to be problematical.

This document should evolve with time to ensure that it continues to provide our Parish Councillors with a sound planning tool that balances biodiversity and recreation to meet the future needs of our residents.

Some of the suggestions from 'Twyford 2020 – A Parish Plan for Twyford' could not be included in this document at this stage for reasons outlined below:

### King George's Field:

- easier access for cyclists
  - *the main obstacle for cyclists is the set of two bars at the Hermitage Drive entrance to King George's field. This short section of path, from the road to the gate leading onto the field, is owned by Wokingham Borough Council.*
- more tennis courts and more skate ramps
  - *the skate ramps have only just been built, and although they are well used, it is too early to consider expanding on what is already there. The tennis club manages bookings of the public court.*
- football nets/posts
  - *the Parish Council already provides posts for the football clubs using this field, however due to vandalism in the past, these are now dismantled after each match and stored away.*
- investigate options for public toilet provision
  - *due to the high cost and high risk of vandalism to a remote facility on the field, this is not a practical option for the Parish Council to consider, however there are other public buildings in the vicinity that could be approached on this issue.*
- access to refreshments during school holidays e.g. ice cream van or community café
  - *this is beyond the remit of this plan.*

### Stanlake Meadow:

- adventure playground for older children
  - *there are several nearby playgrounds in Broad Hinton, provided by Wokingham Borough Council.*
- picnic benches
  - *worthy of future consideration, once the impact of the memorial benches scheme can be assessed.*

There is a strong emphasis on the active role of volunteer groups in assisting, and in some cases leading the work outlined in the strategy action points for each area. It is hoped that by engaging with our local community in this way, the Parish Council can provide opportunities for residents to be involved in projects that will provide both personal fulfilment and community pride. Trees planted today will provide shade for generations to come.

TPC recognises and is grateful for the work of volunteers on these projects and welcomes comments on any aspect of this plan.

## Maps

This section will contain a map of each of the areas – pending approval of application to join the Public Sector Mapping Agreement.



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## References

1. Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, 2006 can be found online at:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/16/contents>

## Revisions

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