

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Purpose

1. To cover work previously covered by the Tree officer and Footpaths officer and to pass responsibility for these areas to a group rather than named individuals so no one feels too burdened.
2. To organise volunteer groups to cut, maintain etc the verges and areas of land which are the responsibility of the Parish according to whatever management scheme the village agrees.
3. To organise bi annual litter pick

Who?

A number of people have already expressed an interest in helping with maintenance of verges etc.

Other thoughts

A number of people have expressed interest in maintenance of the verges, including management of grass cutting to preserve and enhance the biodiversity in these areas. This needs careful discussion as there are a number of different views on this in the village and all need to be considered carefully so as to take the village community forward together with any agreed plans.

One possibility is to arrange, possibly with the help of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, a biodiversity survey of the verges etc first in the autumn and then in the spring. The results could then be put forward for further discussion at the spring Parish Meeting.

Apart from the environmental knowledge gained from a biodiversity survey it is worth considering whether the findings can be used in any way to help with traffic management issues.