

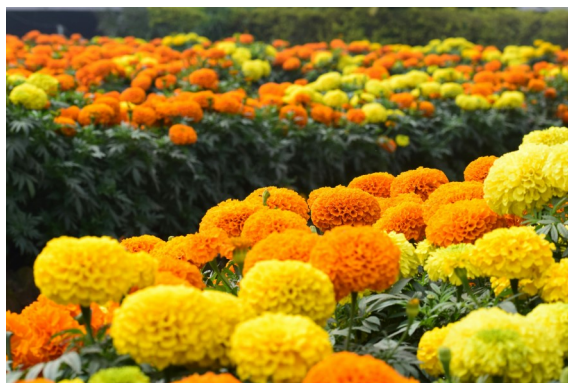


Community Group Newsletter

April 2024

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Another month has flown by and March was busy with lots of groups holding additional work parties under the Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign and Annual General Meetings.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

Rebecca Robinett  
Street Pride Co-ordinator

**March Highlights**

The Friends of Octagon Graveyard, Wisbech gave a tour to visitors from Tydd St Giles and Newton-in-the-Isle Gardening Club, so that they could hear about the history of the site, the people buried here, and measures being taken to make it a wildlife friendly pocket park.

Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom planted fruit trees in the Play Park, which Tesco had kindly donated to the group.

## Friends of Wisbech General Cemetery - Update

### News from Wisbech General Cemetery Friends

The first guided walk in February was our annual snowdrop walk. The relatively warm weather has brought on the daffodils and primroses too. We try to manage the cemetery by balancing three things. Encouraging a diversity of nature in plants and wildlife, providing a quiet place where the public can walk and sit, and respect for the gravestones and those buried here.

An additional point of interest during February was the newly laid hedge. Robin Hine writes to explain. "We had planted a mix of trees as a hedge a few years ago. By now most of them were reaching for the sky, beginning to cast the neighbours' gardens into shade, and as hedge rather thin and uneven. Hege laying is a traditional method of managing and strengthening a hedge" The idea of laying a hedge is to part cut the stems/trunks, and bend them on a slant. This encourages new growth and aims to eventually have a thicker and sturdier hedge. Part of the process is providing a framework of poles and binders to support and strengthen the laid hedge. Some of the poles and binders are homegrown from within the cemetery.

This is a task for winter, when the leaves have fallen, the sap is not rising, the birds are not nesting. It seemed like a narrow window this year between the leaves falling and the new growth appearing, a few weeks to get the job done. We hope in a few years we will have a thicker and controllable hedge, with safe places for birds to hide. For now, we wait for buds to open and new shoots to appear.



## Events Schedule

Fri 5th April	Waterlees In Bloom / Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at the Oasis Centre	13:00
Sat 6th April	Chatteris Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Church Lane Car Park	10:00
Sat 6th April	Doddington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at The Clock Tower	10:30
Sun 7th April	Whittlesey Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at The Buttercross	10:00
Thurs 11th April	Newton-in-the-Isle Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at the Village Hall	10:30
Thurs 11th April	Murrow Street Pride Meeting	Bell Pub	19:00
Sat 13th April	Friends of March Railway Station Work Party	March Railway Station	10:00
Sat 13th April	Wimblington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Addison Hall	10:00
Sat 13th April	Parson Drove Street Pride Work Party	Meet at The Cage	10:00
Sat 13th April	Tydd St Giles Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Community Centre Car Park	10:30
Sun 14th April	Wisbech Street Pride Work Party	New Drove / Half penny Lane	09:00
Sun 14th April	Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Work Party	Rings End Nature Reserve	09:30
Sat 20th April	Leverington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at Village Hall	10:00
Sat 20th April	Murrow Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Village Hall Car Park	10:00
Sat 20th April	Whittlesey Street Pride Litter Pick	Dandelion Way	10:00
Sat 20th April	Wisbech St Mary Street Pride Litter Pick	Churchfield Way - meet near School	10:30
Weds 24th April	Whittlesey Street Pride AGM	Manor Leisure Centre	19:30
Sat 27th April	Parson Drove Street Pride Work Party	Meet at The Cage	10:00
Tues 30th April	March Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet George Campbell Leisure Centre	10:00



## Wisbech General Cemetery

The Friends of Wisbech General Cemetery are leading a series of walks during 2024 focusing on the wildlife, monuments and chapel in this beautiful Victorian Cemetery.



### Snowdrop Walk

*Sunday 11th February - 2pm*

### Spring Walk

*Sunday 14th April - 2pm*

### Summer Evening Walk

*Wednesday 5th June - 6pm*

### Heritage Weekend

*Sunday 8th September - 11am & 2pm*

### Meet outside the Chapel

There is a charge for adults of £3, children and members free

For further information contact Sue Beel - 01945 584319



## Useful Contacts

Street Cleansing Team	<p><a href="#">Litter and Litter bins - Fenland District Council</a></p> <p>Use this link to report where waste from your work parties has been left. Please choose 'Litter Pick' and add "Street Pride Waste Collection" to the notes. You can also include more than one location to the notes.</p>
Street Scene Team	<p><a href="mailto:streetscene@fenland.gov.uk">streetscene@fenland.gov.uk</a></p> <p>01354 654321</p>
Cambridgeshire County Council - Highways	<p><a href="#">Report a highways fault - Cambridgeshire County Council</a></p> <p>(use this tool to report problems such as overgrown hedges to highways)</p>
Street Pride Co-ordinator	<p>Rebecca Robinett</p> <p><a href="mailto:rrobinett@fenland.gov.uk">rrobinett@fenland.gov.uk</a></p> <p>01354 602134</p>

Next months edition...over to you!

Please let me know by Sunday 28th April of any specific questions / topics you would like to see covered in next months edition. Perhaps you have an event coming up or details of a project that you would like to promote?

