

Working Together – A Community Project for Hythe Green!

A number of local community groups are working together to enhance and develop one of our great local assets – Hythe Green – to make it more wildlife friendly and accessible to members of the public as a natural, unspoiled space for recreation, enjoyment, development and learning.

Hythe Green Preservation Society were kindly given £1,000 by Hythe Town Council this year to develop wildflower areas on the Green and to improve the woodland and hedgerow areas around the perimeter.

Following a survey by Kent Wildlife Trust (generously commissioned by one of the HGPS members), they are working with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, the Hythe Environmental Forum, the Hythe Civic Society and individual volunteers and interested parties to develop areas to encourage wildlife and to improve its diversity and richness.

The local Hythe Home-Education Group have also become involved, as part of the John Muir project they are undertaking. This endeavours to encourage children to develop environmental awareness by involving them in focused projects for which they can gain a certificate, similar to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Any schools wishing to be involved in the Hythe Green Project will be most welcome – please contact us*

Stephen Bailey – the local Landscape Gardener has also advised the Society about ways in which the hedgerow and woodland areas on the perimeter might be improved and developed to enable more diverse wildlife and also to encourage imaginative outdoor play and exploration – and the group are hoping to put long-term plan into place for this.

On Friday 19th April the project kicks off when Izzy Knight from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust will be scarifying the ground that runs along the wall to prepare it for seed-planting which will take place on Thursday 25th April.

*Anybody wishing to volunteer or be involved would be most welcome – please contact Geoff and Celia German on 01303237056.