

Dacorum Borough Council Report to Parish – 1st November 2021

Nash Mills School – Road Safety

We are still looking for volunteers to make the school crossing patrol happen. Mornings only will be a good start, but we still need to fill 2 days each week.

Rewilding Project

Rewilding The Willows happened last weekend, with a total of 18 different people, spread over two days (11 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday) planting the plug plants and bulbs. The areas have now been temporarily blocked off with hazard tape, and they will be fenced in shortly to enable the plug plants to take hold. Rob Cassidy from DBC is attending the November meeting to talk about the project and I am hopeful that the parish council will embrace it.

The Willows

I have received emails from concerned residents about the state of the open spaces in Teal Way and Bittern Close again, and am trying to establish whether DBC is actually going to adopt the land. If it does, it will make life much better for the residents as it will be tended to as per the rest of the estate.

Councillors will remember that a dog poo bin was installed on DBC land behind Swan Mead flats around Easter time. This was done privately and the council removed it. I requested a general bin to be placed away from the houses by the bend between Heron Close and Teal Way, but received no response so I am chasing it now.

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Various Highways Matters

- Belswains Lane – we are looking at further safety possibilities to implement on Belswains Lane near Nash Mills School. This includes 'No Parking' signs on the pavement by the zigzags and other suggestions that are being looked in to. I have requested a safety/feasibility survey to be done near Nash Mills Wharf to see if there is any safe point to put a crossing.
- **Marking Disabled Spaces – The Denes**
I was contacted by a resident who has asked for the disabled bays to be repainted at The Denes, in the hope that people will stop parking in them unless they have a blue badge. I have also chased the Parking Team to request that they visit the site and ticket cars parked there that shouldn't be.

There are many other county projects I am working on but these are outside the parish! As always, I am happy to answer any questions.

Jan Maddern

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