

# Meadows Newsletter

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Credit: Rich Mastin

## Project Update

Work progresses on the Meadows, though a variety of factors has resulted in a slight delay to the schedule as this newsletter goes to print, which is hoped to be caught up in the coming weeks. Awaiting permissions, changes in weather and staff illness have all played a part but the Wildscapes team have been on site, rain or shine, advancing the project. Following the snow; the churned up, water-laden site meant that heavy plant machinery could not be used for fear of causing lasting damage. Smaller plant and hand equipment were turned to but are slower. The changing weather also effected the setting and the level of the newly laid paths, which had to be rolled several times to get the correct finish. This is all par for the course when working in the autumn and the programme was begun purposely in September to avoid closures during the busier summer months. It does however mean that the path closures remain in place. The Town Council is sorry for this continued inconvenience to residents. The paths will open as soon as the contractors are happy to do so, at this point they advise before Christmas and we hope earlier.

The result of this hard work is that the paths *are* looking great and the design is coming together. We have also received additional funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to install seating across the lawn area .

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If you are interested in volunteering from next year, please email with your name and contact details to:

[enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk)

## ~ A Space for residents ~

The majority of space on The Meadows will be given over to wildflower meadow (to the west) or remain scrubland with new drainage swales; providing brilliant habitat and encouraging biodiversity. Residents will be asked to keep to the paths in these areas and the meadow will be fenced temporarily while it establishes. However the triangle created to the north, between the paths, will be turned into a recreational lawn. This will be a space for visitors to sit and enjoy the area. Two large curved benches and a small amphitheatre will be built here, the latter being suitable for small-scale events or gatherings. Picnic benches will be dotted around the edge of the lawn, long-term giving views across the meadow. It is hoped that the space may be useful as an outdoor classroom and as a place for socialising, play and relaxation, at the heart of town.

# Pictorial Diary | Surfacing paths, new and old



Another Longcliffe delivery



Surfacing in progress



Overview of paths



Rolling the paths



The new junction

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