



Kesgrave Conservation Group

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Kesgrave Conservation Group (KCG) has unfortunately, like so many other organisations been dormant during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As Government restrictions are slowly lifted, the Group has re-visited areas where they have, in the past, carried out conservation work in order to assess how they have developed during the last year.

The first site is 'Jubilee Copse', a public open space between Ropes Drive and Pilboroughs Walk where over the last 10 years more than 100 trees having been planted. It has been a joy to see that many of these trees have survived and continue to thrive. As this area changes its now possible to see small clumps of native wildflowers also growing underneath, albeit small, a new canopy of trees.

The second site and an area of concern is the ancient hedge in Pilboroughs Walk which runs the full length of this shared cycle/footway. The condition of the hedge is gradually deteriorating and to address this problem efforts are being made to evaluate the ongoing management and maintenance of the hedge. Alongside this hedge are areas of wildflowers, planted by local groups, which also require a maintenance schedule to thrive and therefore will be continually monitored.

Finally, after many months of discussion Pergola Piece Public Open Space is to finally receive some scheduled work, in the autumn, to enhance the seating area and surrounding wildlife space.

There are many areas in Kesgrave where the conservation group could and would like to carry out further work.

If anyone reading this report feels that they would like to be part of Kesgrave Conservation Group or have any ideas which the Group may wish to consider, please contact Kesgrave Town Council for further details on (01473) 625179 or enquiry@kesgravetowncouncil.org.uk

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