

Kesgrave Conservation Group – Annual Report 2019/2020

Kesgrave Conservation Group (KCG) has not taken on any major projects in the last year but has continued to enhance those already started.

The first project during 2019/2020 was a joint venture between KCG and 1st Kesgrave Cubs to increase the wildflowers in Pilboroughs Walk. During the summer term each Cub, during their section meetings, planted pots of Ox-Eye Daisy seeds to nurture at home, with the intention to plant out in the autumn. Surprisingly many of the seeds survived and grew into healthy plants! In September, the Cubs were able to finish the process and plant their seedlings in the grass verges along Pilboroughs Walk, between Badgers Bank and Oak Meadow Public Open Spaces. Their efforts have been rewarded as you can now see a beautiful show of white flowers coming into full bloom along the cycle/footway.

The second task of the year was to carry out additional work at Pergola Piece Public Open Space. At the central circular hedge, a fourth opening was created and the other three were widened to make this quiet area more accessible for visitors to enjoy. The final part of this project is to create a central landscaped area which at present remains a grassed circle. Exactly what will be planted is still being discussed, so watch this space.

One of the Group's biggest projects to date is 'Jubilee Copse', an open space between Ropes Drive and Pilboroughs Walk. With over 100 trees having been planted over the last 7 years this area continues to thrive and in time a whole new habitat will have been created. In December, a further 80 trees, requested from and donated by the Woodland Trust were planted in this area. Although some people might view the area as unkept, this allows the new copse to take hold and grow without too much disturbance from mowing or footfall.

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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