

As of 06/11/2016 the Lady Smockers have achieved and undertaken the following activities during the year of 2016;

- Felled and coppiced trees around the pond with a view to regrowth
- Volunteer event to tackle hedge growth that was conflicting with contractor mowing
- Tree care with some removal of dead, damaged or conflicting branches
- New stakes, better guards, mulching and watering for young trees in dry spells
- Cut back the gap in the hedge where the footpath exits the field via the kissing gate twice
- Planted new trees and bushes filling out some hedge gaps
- Sanded and painted the existing football goals
- Organised a 60 person event to remove turf and sow wildflower seeds
- Organised a 40 person engagement event; gauged opinions on the future priorities for the field, ate pulled pork, did some walking tours of field, burnt to some green waste from the field and raised some money for LS
- Started drafting the first draft of the 10 year plan based on opinions given. To be presented as a draft for review by PC in early 2017 before putting to the wider village
- Organised a night time bat walk for about 15 to 20 people
- Put in a funding bid to the Harpur Trust for a £1,000 hedge cutting equipment and PPE
- Set up a bank account to enable said funding bid
- Documented our finances and sent them to PC
- Held several steering group meetings with minutes available upon request (will be made available online in the near futures)
- Organised the materials and set up the bonfire site for bonfire night
- Bought a sit on lawn mower through donation to LS
- Discussed and analysed the proposal from Julie regarding football matches/goals
- Confirmed our insurance coverage status
- Cut and managed the long grass zones and wildflower beds
- Set out and maintained long grass areas around established trees for their protection

- Supplied quality hay to people in the village with pets (more available)
- Coordinated the most recent grass cutting activities from the contractors
- Drafted a written contract (for PC approval) for the grass cutting contractors to work to in future to reduce risk of potential errors and poor performance
- Organised a professional hedge laying day for early 2017
- Cut the hedge along the church facing boundary
- Cut the hedge along 2 Bennetts close boundary, raising some money for LS