

Contemplation Garden – St Giles’ Church

In view of rising public interest in “green” issues and with recommendations from environmental groups, such as Greener Great Coxwell, we are planning to develop and re-vitalise the Contemplation Garden at St Giles’ Church. We recently applied for and received an Eco Church Bronze Award, in recognition of us caring for the environment.

This garden was sown with a wildflower meadow mix in 2013. We hope to plant additional wildflowers, hedging and bushes. The Garden will include a circular grass walk, seats, and wildlife habitats. With beautiful views across the Vale of the White Horse, this restful area is open for the benefit of the village and to visitors alike.

Plan of the Garden



Volunteers needed

To be able to create and maintain this garden, we are looking for volunteers of all ages to help with the practical tasks such as:

- Planting additional wildflowers – to attract insects and birds
- Planting up further wildlife friendly species, such as hawthorn, blackthorn, crab apple, and wayfaring trees
- Mowing and general clearing
- Planting a Tree for the Queen’s Jubilee which will be dedicated in June
- Making nest boxes for birds, bats, and insects
- Installing nest boxes

Donations

We would be very grateful to receive donations to purchase plants and other items for the garden. These include:

- Wooden benches – these may be donated in memory of a loved one
- Welcome board at the Church Gate
- Interpretation board at the entrance to the garden
- Way markers for private and led contemplation
- Nest boxes, bat boxes, bee boxes

Further Details

If interested in taking part in this project, volunteering for a working party, or donating, please contact a member of the Contemplation Garden Committee below:

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