

Don't let Great Coxwell green space go to waste

Dear neighbour,

Many of us love the National Trust fields at the heart of the village – Siberia.

But you may have noticed in recent months that the land adjacent to the fields has been damaged and covered in waste and rubble.

Now we have a chance to clean things up, improve the site for wildlife, and protect the land for the village forever.

We want to raise at least £60,000 to buy the land off the south east corner of the field to keep in trust for the village. We want to turn it from a waste site to a wonderful green place for wildlife, with a community orchard, and places for us all to walk and relax.

But the window of opportunity is short: the land will be auctioned in just over a week.

Will you help us protect our village and do something brilliant for our environment?

Please pledge your support today, online: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/greener-great-coxwell, or by returning the form on the back to 3 Danes Court.

Yours faithfully

Members of Greener Great Coxwell

(the Great Coxwell Sustainability Group)



What do we want to do?

We want to buy part of the Chowle Farm estate between Siberia and the A420. The site is 2.74 hectares (6.78 acres). The area to the west of the site is mainly taken up by a pond, with huge wildlife potential. The east is largely agricultural/grazing land: <https://tinyurl.com/348rr4zd>

We hope to turn the site from a waste dump to a site that benefits wildlife. In time, we would like to improve the site with a community orchard, wetland walkway, bird hide and wildlife habitats.

Why do we want to do it?

We want to do something local and practical to help beat climate change and to protect wildlife.

We want to make sure that our village is protected from pollution and inappropriate development.

We thinking owning the site is a rare opportunity to do something amazing together, as a community, that will benefit the Coxwells and the surrounding area for future generations.

How would we do it?

We need your help to raise at least £60,000. The money would go toward purchase of the land and then safe clean up and management costs.

We would buy the site initially, and then establish a Community Benefit Society, Trust or similar legal entity to own and manage the site on behalf of the village.

Please pledge your support here: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/greener-great-coxwell

Finances

We ask people to pledge their support in advance of the land going to auction.

Members of the core group would use their own money to buy the land and then offer the land to the village to buy back at cost, minus their own contribution.

If we were not successful in winning the land at auction, only members of the core group would incur a small cost. Your money would safe. If you have pledged through the website (preferred option) then the money would simply be refunded to your account.

If for any reason the land were sold in the immediate future (e.g. the next ten years), your money would be returned in full if the full amount is raised or, if not, part of your initial contribution would be returned in proportion to the sale value.

If, as we hope, the land remains in village ownership, there would be no financial return on your investment. The reward would be a wonderful shared asset for our village.

Who are we?

We are members of Great Coxwell Sustainability Group (the "core group"): Margaret O'Donohoe, Ken Hirons, Sophie Stainer, Richard Benwell, Annabelle Zinovieff.

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I commit to giving to enable the village to purchase the land described above, if the project team is successful in buying the land.

Signed Date