

CCPC Environment Group Update Notes December 2022

There was no November Environment Group Meeting (cancelled due to lack of availability of core team members) and was substituted with the face to face event at the Play Area.

Luke gave a talk at the Library on Friday 11th November at 2pm on the subject of "What's the local response to the climate emergency and other local environmental issues?" David was also in attendance but unfortunately Helen was ill with Covid so was unable to attend.

We held an Autumn Tree Event on 19th November 2022 at the Play Area, with Helen, Luke, David and Richard and lots of members of the public in attendance. This event was organised as a follow-on to the event at Corfe Castle Primary School on Monday 17th October.

This event comprised of

- A tree giveaway using some of our free Woodland Trust trees – we gave away 40.
- Plant your own tree / tree seeds, using seeds left over from school event
- Plant your own mini tree nursery, using copse in a box root trainers – Helen used some of the seeds leftover at the end of the event to plant on mini nursery, and Luke was going to use the remainder
- Gave information about trees, including different trees from David, plus seeds / nuts.
- Chatting to parishioners and others about trees, what we were doing and general environmental issues.

Thanks to the Motion Council passed last month, we were also able to start our Jubilee Tree by planting the hedge on South West fence line using our free Woodland Trust trees and some of the tree saplings / seedlings that David has been babysitting since they were donated to us by parishioners over the past year or so. Before we had started planting a member of the public spoke to us with a concern about ownership of the land in question, but we were able to resolve this.

We also scarified and sowed yellow rattle seeds on the four areas of the play area identified for this.

The next Environment Group meeting will be on Thursday 15th Dec at Mortons Manor at 7.30pm when our guest speaker will be Adam Evans, the Purbeck Net Zero Coordinator for the National Trust. His talk will be entitled "Achieving net zero in the National Trust Isle of Purbeck portfolio". We will also be covering our usual agenda items, and offering some festive mince pies.