

Corfield Green Planting Project:

November 2016

The first phase gets under way with hard work digging out the beds. Thankfully we were able to make good use of the Wokingham Community Service programme, with the guys working very hard making light work of the very hard ground. Very limited topsoil meant a healthy dose of compost was needed.



This was quickly followed by the first planting phase of daffodils and crocus bulbs donated by WIB. The very enthusiastic team in charge of the planting ensured it was all done in accordance with their carefully prepared design. Not much to see at that stage but we only had to wait till spring 2017 to start to see the product of their hard work.



June 2017

We were back in action for the next phase of planting to start filling out the beds prepared the autumn before, using plenty of bark chippings to help control weeds and reduce evaporation from watering. The bark chippings were all donated by WIB and ERA provided the funds for most of the planting, with the taller plants donated by a local resident.



October 2017

This time we completed the bulb planting using tulips, snow drops and bluebells. We didn't expect much to show in the spring of 2018, but did see a few tulips and snow drops pop their heads up. We hope for a much bigger display in the early part of 2019.

June 2018

Our second summer of planting provided the opportunity to complete the planting scheme to the design, and to refresh the annuals. We learnt from the previous year opting for less thirsty ones. Little were we to know what a scorcher the summer would be (the best ever alongside 1976!). This provided real challenges with watering, especially as the compulsory water metering programme caught up with our local resident. Thankfully we had help from another resident who hadn't yet been transferred, but this will remain an ongoing challenge for future planting.



June 2019

The planting is looking more established now and we have added more annuals this year.



July 2022

The beds were refreshed this summer with new planting and lots of compost.



May 2023

Our volunteers hard at work refreshing the beds for more planting. The compost used last year has made a real difference to the quality of the soil. We hope to add some more next year.

