

Village Green Wildlife Area visit 11th February 2025



It is a long time since I last recorded any plants or animals in the Wildlife Area of the Village Green.

My last year of monthly visits and reports was 2020, since when I have made only a few casual visits which pretty much came to an end when the gate was locked and a 'no entry' sign was installed for safety reasons towards the end of that year.

I was therefore delighted when after the weekend of 8th/9th February this year (2025) I saw that the notice had been removed and work had clearly begun on the access paths. This prompted me to make a brief visit on 11th February to see how the site had changed over the past 4 years. Clearly a major effort had been made by volunteers to whom huge thanks are due. The following photographs are a record of some of what I saw.



A large heap of cut reeds and brambles



An inviting entrance track



The remains of a pigeon—Sparrowhawk prey ?



The cleared bridge leading to the reed bed

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The path between the beck and the pond



The beginning of access to the grassland area



The 'dipping platform, surrounded by tall reeds



The dipping platform is dangerous—no access !



Looking east towards reeds encroaching into pond



First signs of Spring near entrance

I hope that during the coming months I (and others) will have the opportunity of seeing, enjoying and recording some more of the sites' plants and animals.