

Radford Semele Parish Council Environment report – November 2024

Playing field wildflower meadow & hedge

Members of FoRGE scarified random areas of the meadow and sowed Yellow Rattle seeds and some additional wildflower plants.

The hedge will be trimmed back a little in the winter to keep the plants strong and healthy.

Maintenance of hedges in The Valley & Valley Road

Farmer Sam Gibbs trimmed back the hedge on both roads on 15th November. Unfortunately he was only able to trim back a few sections in The Valley due to cars being left on the road. For discussion during the meeting.

I have contacted WCC to try to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage ditch.

I will keep chasing up the overgrown hedge leading down to the Valley on Lewis Road with WDC.

Canal Access project

A contractor is in the process of being hired, with construction planned for early 2025.

Town & Parish Council Reference Group meeting

The Chairman and I attended an excellent meeting on 12th on flood defence, with presentations from Tom Knibbs (Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Resilience); Joanne Carter (Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service); and Sophie Lynes (Flood Risk Management, WCC). It was a great opportunity to talk about the specific issues that we have in Radford and ask some key questions about aqua packs, etc. As soon as we receive the slide packs from the meeting (including an emergency plan template) we will distribute to the members of the flood defence committee.

Wet footpath problem on path leading to Southam Rd

Update to be provided at the meeting.

Telephone Box restoration project

Gerald Brooks from WCC Highways has received the risk assessment and given the go-ahead for the project. The nearby occupant has been informed of the start date, which is planned for the morning of Friday 22nd November.

FoRGE activities

Footpath Group

Met up on 9th: strimmed the brambles on the Leigh Fosse permissive path, and tidied the footpath that runs from Radford Rd along the back of Lythall Close and Overtons Close.

FoRGE News/Village newsletters

The village groups plan to distribute newsletters to the village in early December.

Cllr Josie Sanderson