

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Environment Committee have continued to meet remotely through lockdown, although all our planned projects for 2020 were put on hold. Prior to the pandemic however, the committee had completed the Cranwell Road project, completely refurbishing this beck side area of the town that provides a popular pedestrian thoroughfare to the town centre. A successful volunteer of painting had been held there and had led the way for future events, the Two-Hour Makeover Saturdays, which due to the pandemic never happened.

As the town centre began to re-emerge from lockdown in the autumn the Environment Committee worked with the Tidy Team and with the arrival of the third new member, a street cleansing regime was introduced, as well as the purchase of a street sweeper and the traditional street cleansing wagon. The difference the cleansing made was and has been incredible and has been met with much praise from the townspeople. In addition, our plans to refurbish the Pinfold also came to fruition with the hard work of the Tidy Team and now we have a beautiful sun trap for the residents to sit and enjoy, we are hoping that this place can be free of littering and vandalism, although sadly only one week in and one of the seats has been damaged.

Plans have been made at committee meetings for work to start as we come out of the lockdown and we are looking forward to June 21st when we can begin to organise a series of community painting days to revitalise the town centre, re-launch the Friends of North End Park and the Laundry Lane Project. There are a few other projects, including the installation of bike racks in conjunction with ERYC and our own CCTV committee (as we hope to have a camera installed to protect them), and a tree planting project we hope to initiate in partnership with Drifffield Men in Sheds, so there is plenty to do.

The committee have also now started to put together the Drifffield Town Council Climate Emergency Strategy, concentrating first on how we can improve things in our own buildings and operations, and then would like to move on to encourage, promote and educate local businesses and residents on how they can reduce their carbon footprint. We hope to work with the ERYC on this as they too are in the process of producing their strategy.

Cllr Tom Watson

Chairman