

Open Space Community Participation

Groups FBC have been working with in 2022

- Gosport & Fareham Friends of the Earth
- Wallington Village Community Association
- Sarisbury Green Team
- Countryside Volunteers
- Portchester Litter Ladies



How Groups Can Assist

Work parties – Organised and attended by FBC staff

- Set days and times for work events.
- Risk assessments and Insurance cover provided by FBC.
- Tools and equipment provided by FBC.
- FBC officer/employee must be in attendance.

Self organised – Supported under guidance from FBC Officers but self funded and managed

- Must be self insured and create own safety documents.
- Can work at anytime on site.
- No need for FBC staff to be on site.
- Can access grant funding to support group and projects.

Perennial Meadow Wallington

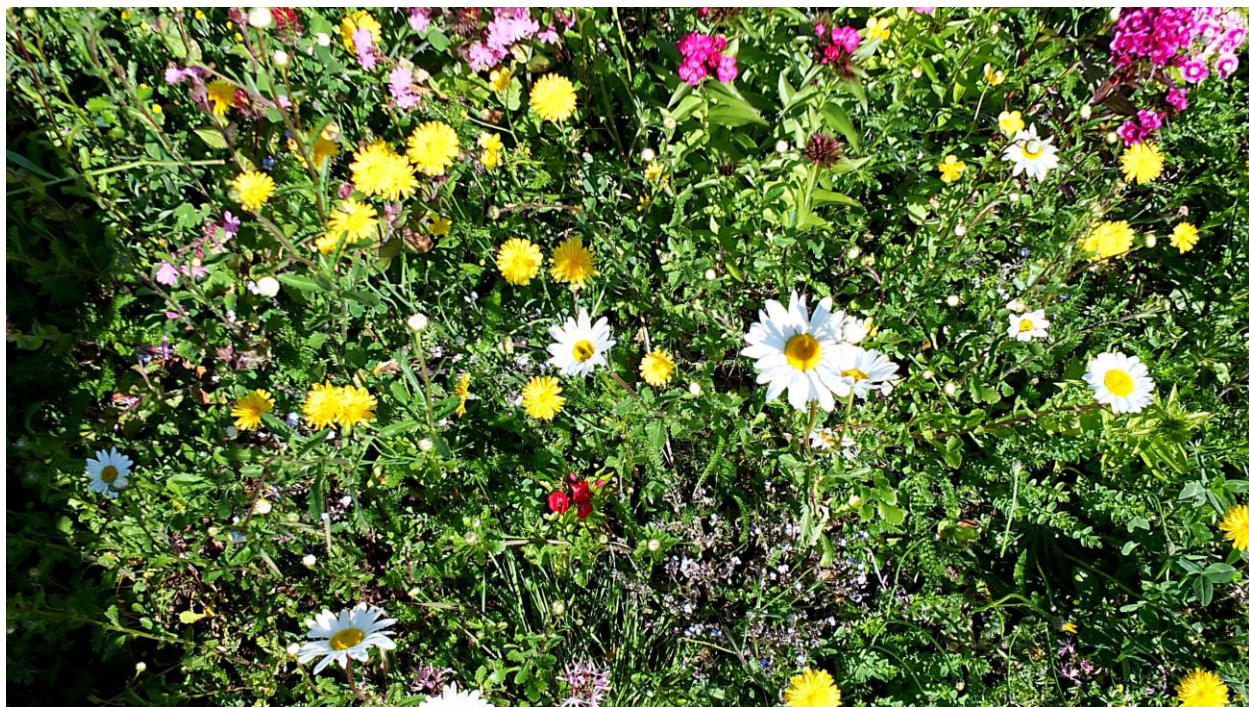
Cost of meadow turf (£1,500) was funded entirely by the Wallington Community Village Association.

Volunteers from the community joined FBC Grounds Maintenance staff to prepare and lay the turf.

Grass area around meadow and seating now managed by village volunteers.



Perennial Meadow Wallington



Perennial Meadow – Wickham Road Cemetery

The Grounds Maintenance team working with Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth Trees and Bees Group created a new 200sqm perennial meadow in Wickham Road Cemetery.

A pre-sown soil and seed mix funded by FBC was spread across the area

The project was designed to help boost the site's biodiversity and contribute towards the Council's Carbon footprint reduction target.



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Salisbury Green Team

- Group started over a year ago and the team is growing steadily. It was started by a few Salisbury Green residents who were proud of the area they lived in and with the help of FBC, wanted to improve it further.
- Projects have included litter picking, weeding the tennis courts, planting flowers in borders, mowing, shrub clearance, wild flower planting, church grounds up keep and more.
- They have now formed an association, have a social media page and are putting together plans for the future. Local company Ecosupport Ltd have started sponsoring the Group and provide Hi-Viz vests and safety signage for work events.



Portchester Litter Ladies

- The group was formed during lockdown in May 2020 when 5 woman from Portchester began litter picking on their lunch breaks to help with the increasing litter problems in the area.
- The group hold regular beach cleans in the area as well as enlisting an army of litter pickers for events and regular patrols.
- Plans are being made to take part in a tree planting event at Portchester Castle Open Space as the groups focus is expanding into conservation.

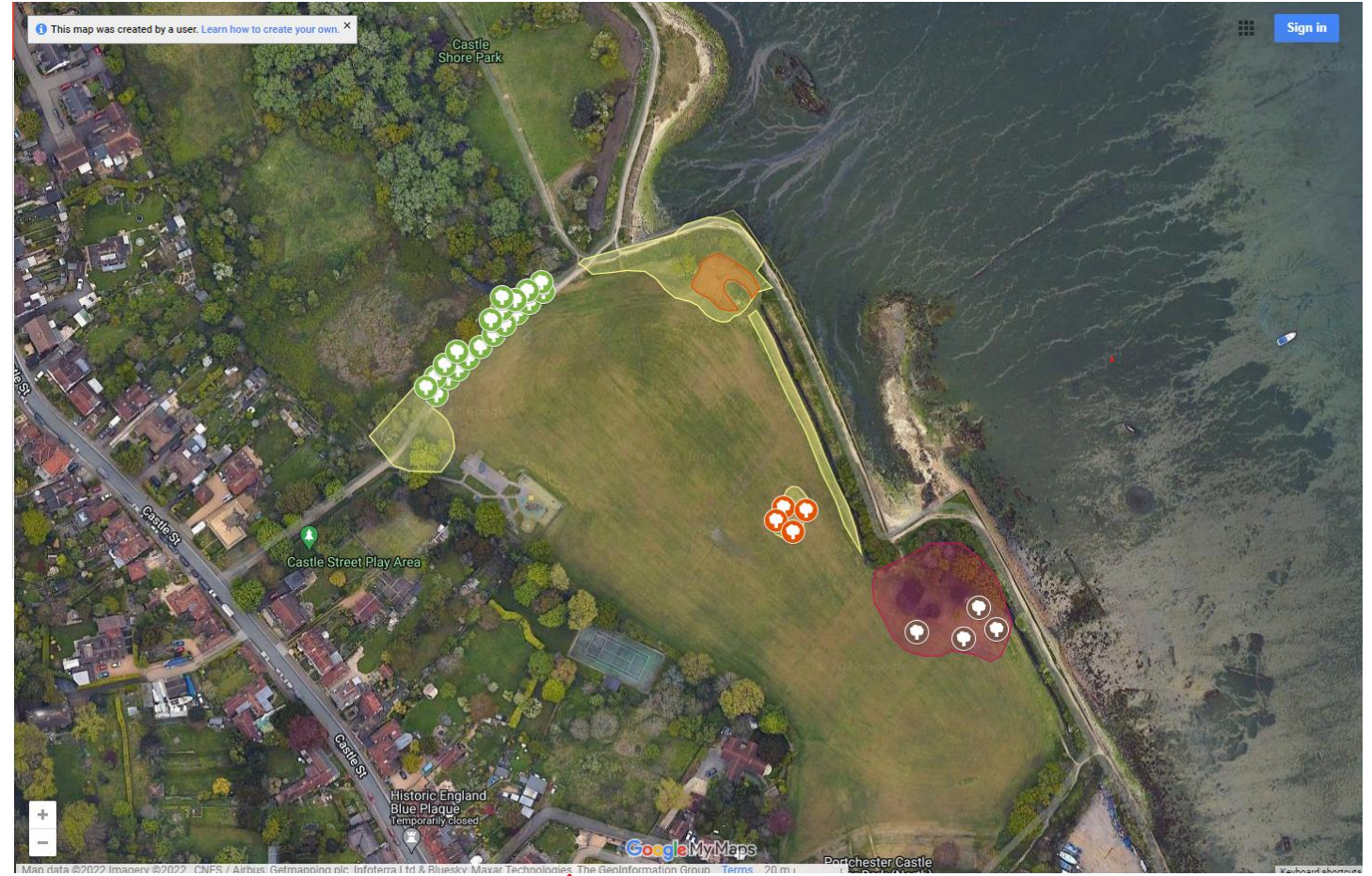


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Tree Project January 2023

Trees funded by the Tree Council and scheme partnered by FBC Streetscene and HCC Countryside.

Mix of tree species to include Black Poplar, Whitebeam, Aspen, Mirabelle, Sea buckthorn, Field maple.



Countryside Volunteers

- 5 Volunteer Groups (around 80 individuals) working across a number of sites.
- Regular weekly work days are held at the Holly Hill and Coldeast sites managed by the FBC Countryside Ranger Team. Volunteers assist with a wide range of allocated tasks.



Summary

- Encouraging the community to start up self supported groups for new and existing sites.
- Fareham does not have any Friends of the Parks Groups that seem to be common elsewhere.
- Insurance costs are low and is available from around £100 a year for £5 million public liability cover.
- All help is welcome but resource to manage groups is limited.