

BPC ANNUAL MEETING 18.05.23

Environment committee report

We've had reduced activity as a committee this year; mainly due to other council work taking priority and the challenges of our diaries. I plan to get some meetings scheduled for the year ahead however and build some momentum again.

We have however throughout the year, drawn on the climate and ecological action plan to inform our decision making and this is reflected in the comments we have made on planning applications and our approach to maintaining green spaces. We now have an area in Draycott that is left unmown to allow the wildflowers to flourish and we are no longer using herbicides to manage weeds.

We had successful litter picking events in all the villages this year and looking to the year ahead, it would be great to get some more community events going. The county council are continuing to offer free trees if we can find any landowners willing to accept them and of course, residents voted to double the number of green councillors at Cotswold District Councillors, and I hope the environmental objectives of the parish council will benefit from that.

Cllr C Turner