# Craven Crescent Green A space for people 8 wildlife The story so far

# November 2024



Friends of Craven

Crescent Green









Local resident, Gwyneth, plants fruit trees in winter 2021 to start making the green more attractive.



Incommunities mowing team cut a central area and grass paths in late May 2023





August 2022 - Local contractors engaged to install hardcore & mesh to protect the edges of the green, funded by Incommunities, AEG and a local trust fund



Spring 2022, Incommunities met residents, Gwyneth & Paul with AEG. They agree the fruit trees can stay and to leave the grass unmown through the summer.



The long grass and paths are much enjoyed by parents, grandparents and young children through the summer.





Everyone who came, expressed delight with the changes made so far - the fruit trees planted last winter, transformation to wildflower rich grassland, with grass paths mown through and a central mown area. Ideas for further changes suggested included:

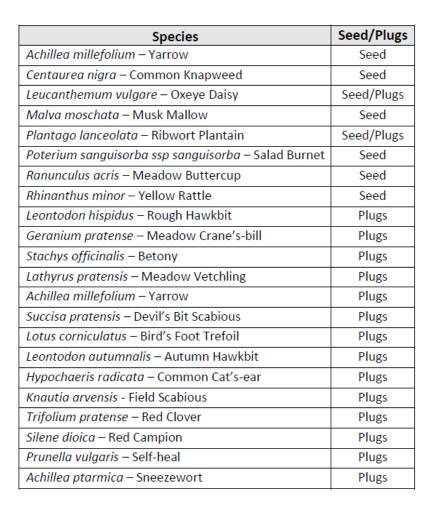
- A seating area in the middle of the green, perhaps with seats in a ring. Possibly with a specimen tree at the centre
- More tree planting especially fruit trees for the community
- Vegetable/herb planter(s) for use by residents
- Wetland scrape/bank (in the bottom corner)
- Hedge/shrub planting on the corners on the south side of the green.



Preparing & planting the wildflower meadows, supported by the YDMT BeeTogether project officer, Catherine Mercer.



### **Species list**



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### Work undertaken

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022: the area was heavily scarified by several passes of a motorised scarifier to expose bare soil.

15<sup>th</sup> October 2022: a seed mix (Emorsgate - Basic General Purpose Wild Flowers EM1F) and additional yellow rattle seed (Emorsgate and locally collected) were sown by hand onto bare ground at approximately 2g/m<sup>2</sup> respectively. A range of plug plants (Kendal Wildflowers and Cumria Wildflowers) were also planted into the prepared area. Some species, which are more tolerant of grass competition, were planted across the site.



In early 2023, we engaged a professional garden designers to pull together a plan for The Green incorporating everyone's ideas. All the residents living around The Green were kept in touch and invited to comment as plans developed.





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### **Craven Crescent Green**



Following last year's discussion about developing the Green as a more attractive nature friendly space for people young and old we have employed a professional garden designer to put all our collective ideas together.

The plan has been strongly supported by Incommunities. Wharfedale Naturalists Society has provided funding and this has been matched by Incommunities.

So we're ready to make a start by planting the new hedge on Saturday 25th March. Help would be very welcome! Tea and biscuits will be provided.



But before we start, please let us know if you would like to see any changes to the plan. Contact: phone 0330 175 9540 or email: gemma.drayton@incommunities.co.uk.

Gemma (Incommunities) Friends of Craven Crescent Green



Planting the hedge on a damp March 2023 day.

Our D of E volunteers lend a hand with the digging!

The species mix including hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, dog wood, field maple, holly and honeysuckle has been chosen to provide a wildlife friendly feast of nectar, nuts and berries.

A grant from Wharfedale Naturalists helped buy the plants.













A colourful show of cowslips we planted in November, together with dandelions, provide early sustenance for bumblebees in Spring 2023





meadow in November 2023.

Seed and plug plants kindly provided by The Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Meadows Project





After the award of a generous Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust community grant, the seating area and planter for herbs, is built in late February 2024.





Tree & hedge planting in March 2023 - a grant from Wharfedale Naturalists paid for the plants.







Spring 2024 - apple blossom, dandelions and cowslips providing early food sources for pollinating insects.





First cut of the season the Incommunities mowing team cut the margins, grass paths & picnic area in late May 2024, and continue cutting these through the growing season.









of Climate Action Addingham's Wildlife Week at the end of June 2024







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Over the summer of 2024, we've worked with two talented local residents - wildflower illustrator, Judy Kennedy and graphic designer, Henry Makin to create an interpretation panel for The Green.

Contractor, Kevin Grosvenor, who also built the seating area and put in the crush proof matting, is seen here installing the lectern on 6 November 2024.