



Wildflower planting outside the Swimming Pool in Wotton

Wotton Town Council, via a working group of councillors (and funded by the Town Council), has been very busy. With the help of the Wotton Climate Action, swimming pool volunteers, advice from Earthmark Design, and with Sam Munton, Chair of the Climate Action group leading, the volunteers have dug out the bank at the side of the swimming pool facing the fire station. Two mixed bags of 450 natural spring scatter bulbs were spread under special turf impregnated with UK wildflower seeds of 34 varieties plus native grasses.

Wildflowers will not only enhance the environment but will create a biodiversity habitat supporting birds, mammals, bees, butterflies and other invertebrate species and act as an anti-pollutant. The working group of councillors looked at the possibility of planting next to the Town Council owned open air swimming pool, starting with the bank immediately outside the pool and a small area by the footpath. The Council hopes to continue wildflower planting in the future at Marchesi Walk. The swimming pool trustees are very enthusiastic about the venture; wildflowers in bloom will greet visitors in late Spring when the pool re opens its doors after major pool tiling and changing room refurbishment works.

It was very important that the bulbs went in before the end of January planting season. Pippa Shennan of Earthwork Design living in Wotton, as an accredited partner, of the Wildflower Turf Ltd, obtained the materials and gave advice on the planting. The Town Council congratulates Cllr June Cordwell for spearheading the whole venture and making this happen so swiftly in time for the 2020 spring season. Well done also to the volunteers for hard graft on a damp January weekend. The stunning 'after' pictures will be posted soon.....!

