



Uckfield Millennium Green Newsletter Summer 2025

As we move into Autumn and the trees start to turn colour, here is a look back over what happened during the Summer.

The Green hosted four sold out performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream, an immersive production by the Millennium Players. The performances were a great success, and a fantastic way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of both the Millennium Green and the Millennium Players.

We also held another Saturday morning Walk & Talk, this time Mick Harker was explaining about the history of the Green, from a meadow to a meadow, with some time in between as an industrial clay pit!

There are a number of ongoing housing developments near the Green:-

The housing development on the western boundary (Clearwater Land & New Homes Ltd) has now started work on site. The Developer kindly removed the old barbed wire boundary fence and has installed a new chestnut paling fence in its place.

The housing development of the north of Shipreed Lane (Barratt Homes) has also commenced and the overflow surface drain has now been installed down Shipreed lane. The next activity will be the re-instatement of fences and new steps in the area.

The housing development to the south (Horstedpond Farm) has received outline planning permission, but is still resolving the reserved matters, so no works have yet started.

With all the building work planned and underway, there is a risk that the character of the Green may be affected, but the Trustees endeavour to ensure it remains a place of tranquillity and enjoyment for the local community.

Facebook / Instagram Posts

The following is a compilation of some of the posts over the summer.

Common Spotted Orchid



The Common Spotted Orchids arrived on time, creating a pink conical roof village by the pond. When the sun was out, the dragonflies and damselflies were seen carrying out their aerial dances overhead.

National Volunteers Week



It's National Volunteer Week in June and we took the opportunity to thank all the volunteers that help out on the Green. Every week, usually on a Monday and in all weathers, there are volunteers picking up litter, cutting back the hedges and scrub areas to keep the paths clear, repairing fences/boardwalks/gates/benches, planting trees and managing anything else that is required.

This week the work involved repairing a damaged bench and reinstating a picnic table that had been moved, complete with its concrete anchors!

It's a varied list of activities to ensure the Green remains safe and accessible, the only certainty is that we stop for tea at 11.00



Teasel Time



It's Teasel time again. The spiky flower heads with an abundance of purple flowers are a magnet for bees when in flower, and later in the year birds can often be seen on the old, brown flower heads feeding on the seeds.

There is also a dark side to the Teasel, whilst not carnivorous, they are thought to benefit by the natural release of nutrients from insects that get trapped and unable to escape from pools of water where the leaves form a cup around the stem.

Summer Evenings

A tranquil meadow view on a lovely summer's evening, the very essence of the Green.



Tree Circle



The Tree Circle was planted in 2000 and comprises of Oak, Scot's Pine, Field Maple and Wild Cherry trees all enclosed in a post and rail fence.



Today you hardly see the fence line with the low branches of the big oaks now stretching over and reaching for the meadow.

The small bench marks the centre of the circle and is a lovely shady spot to sit on a hot summer's day.



Woodchip Time

In August the woodchip on the paths is refreshed, before the Autumn mud returns. Big thanks to Clearwater for not only providing the woodchip, but also delivering it directly to where it was required.

The new steps down the stream are now chipped and there was no need to dust off Ollie the Trolley for this one.



The Meadow Mow



The meadows had their annual mow in August, which is carried out each year to manage the encroachment of bramble and tree saplings across these open spaces. As always, the margins and butterfly havens remain uncut to maintain a butterfly friendly habitat.

The Brickworks Feature has also had a bit of a tidy up. It's a great place to sit and sometimes it's possible to watch the deer browse the tree line across the valley.

Favourite Photo

As we are now in Autumn, the Green can sometimes turn very moody!



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