



Uckfield Millennium Green Newsletter Spring 2026

As the days have now started getting warmer and longer, here is a look back over what happened during the past few months.

AGM

The AGM is on Tuesday 26th May at 7.00pm in Ridgewood Village Hall. Teas and coffees will be available, and everyone is welcome to hear what has been happening over the last year.

Shipreed Lane Works

The improvement works to Shipreed Lane, associated with the new BDW Homes development on Eastbourne Road, are partially complete. Whilst the drainage pipe has been installed and the Lane's entrance improved, there are a number of potholes that need to be repaired, and the new fence and gate are still yet to be installed. The Trust is continuing to chase BDW Homes to get this work completed as soon as possible.

New Charity Structure

The Uckfield Millennium Green Trust has changed its charitable status from a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Trust's structure, objectives and formal Statement of Aims remain unchanged, as does the oversight by the Charities Commission and Natural England. The CIO is a more modern Trust arrangement which has already been adopted by a number of other Millennium Green Trusts around the country.

Facebook / Instagram Posts

The following is a compilation of some of the recent posts.

New Ponds



The large pond was created two years ago within one of the clay pits. From the initial muddy mess it is now looking rather lovely.

This work was carried out by the Newt Conservation Partnership to create a new habitat for Great Crested Newts. The water is tested every year and to date the newts have not moved in. It can normally take up to four years for the right environment to develop for them.

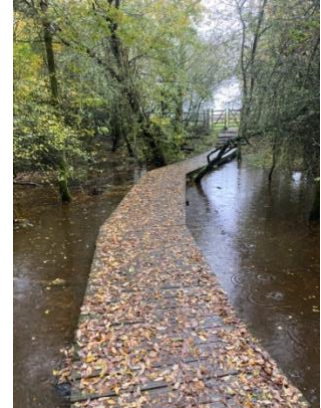
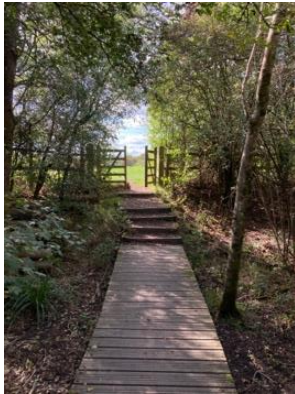


The Boardwalk Gate



There is always a great view at the end of the Gordon's Walk boardwalk when, having walked through the moody wetland, you reach the gate.

The gate also makes a great backdrop for a photo through all the seasons.



Bridge across the Stream

The bridge across the stream is almost lost in the carpet of leaves, the rain brought a lushness to the woodland and the streams quickly came back to life after a dry summer.



Tree Planting



The first tree planting of the season took place in November with seven intrepid tree lovers and one dog helping to plant 24 trees, including alder, birch, sweet chestnut and hawthorn.



The trees were planted in a section of meadow that has now not been cut for two years, so a number of self seeded oak saplings are also growing well.

And what a difference a year makes, the previous year we were planting trees during the wind and rain, but this time the sun came out to help us.



Moss on the Green

January can sometime be wet and grey, which is ideal for the resilient moss that thrives in damp and dark conditions. The green luminous glow always brightens the dark corners on a walk around the Green.

Considered a sign of ancient, quiet, and magical places, the dark green mats embody the slow, quiet, and enduring life of the woods.



Shipreed Lane



The Shipreed Lane entrance has undergone a refresh as part of the improvement works being made by the David Wilson Homes development.

Hopefully the work to the new post and rail fence, pedestrian gate and steps to Bob's Walk will also start soon.

Wealden Grant

With more deer encroaching onto the Green, and the local rabbit population developing a destructive appetite for young trees, it has been necessary to provide stronger tree protection.

With support from the WDC Councillor Ward Budgets Scheme tree cages and guards have now been installed to give our next generation of trees a fighting chance. A big thank you to Councillor Ben Reed for helping with this funding.



Fairies on the Green



The fairies have been busy on the Green recently, they certainly picked a lovely location for their new woodland house.

Favourite Photo

We can always tell Spring has arrived when the daffodils bloom in the Tree Circle.



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