



Gwent Wildlife Trust's



WILDLIFE WARRIORS

Presentation to
Magor with Undy Community Council
23rd July 2014

Welcome to the
Derek Upton Centre
at Magor Marsh.

Proposals for the Common-y-coed Plantation Development Project

Introduction -

by Cllr Paul Cawley, Chairman of the Magor with
Undy Community Council's Parks & Open Spaces
Committee

Project Idea

- rejuvenate neglected land
- create a mixed habitat
- attract more visitors
- create a space for learning



Project Partners

- Community Council 's Parks & Open Spaces Committee
- Gwent Wildlife Trust's Magor Marsh



Input from

- Magor Marsh's Wildlife Warriors

Why the Project is needed

- Site has been neglected over the years.
- Canopy of invasive trees killed off native growth
- Diseased and invasive trees have been removed
- Meadow overgrown with bracken and briars

Project Details

- **Management**

- Joint management of project
- Input and development by Wildlife Warriors



- **Surveys**

- Flora, fauna and trees survey
- Bat survey



Tree Removal

- Part of maintenance programme
- Invasive, unsafe and diseased trees
- No Tree Protection Orders
- Will allow for new planting



Clearance of Rubbish

- Clearance of brush, briars
- Removal of builders rubble
- Litter Pick of cans and bottles



Fencing & Hedging

- New stock fencing under the maintenance programme
- New hedge to be planted within stock fencing
- Internal hedge to be cut back

Pathways

- Creation of two new paths

New Trees

- New trees to replace young damaged trees
- New trees to infill those felled



Wildflower Meadow

- Mix of wildflower and grass seed

Seating

- Benches
- Log circles



Enhanced Habitat

- Bug, Bee and Hedgehog Hotels
- Bird, Bat and Owl boxes.

Education

- Interpretation signage

Acknowledgement

- Signage or plaque



Project Outcomes

- Improved Wildlife Habitat
- Actively Managed Local Biodiversity
- Community Engagement

Project Outcomes cont'd

- Development of countryside and life skills
- Creation of a dedicated open space
- Provision of a safe and secure environment

Project Beneficiaries

- Local community, to include people of all ages and abilities
- Walkers, ramblers and visitors to the area
- Gwent Wildlife Trust Education Department
- Gwent “Wildlife Warriors” Youth Group
- Wildlife

Project Sustainability

- Annual maintenance budget by The Community Council
- Annual Wildlife syllabus to include maintenance work



Funding Sources

- Community Council earmarked a sum of £7000 (*to include cost of maintenance work*)
- Woodland Trust for 420 free saplings:
- Pearce Seeds Ltd grass and wild flower seed mixture
- KG Gardens Grounds Maintenance free labour to fell and remove diseased trees

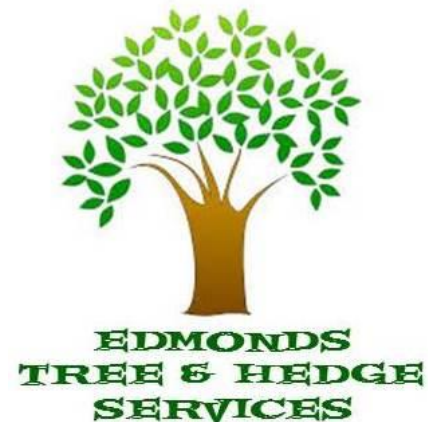


Funding Sources cont'd

- Hillcroft Garage Langstone, wood for forest school seating
- Edmonds Garden & Tree Services Nash, wood chippings for pathways, seating areas and forests school area



**Hillcroft
Rescue and Recovery**



Funding Sources cont'd

- Estimated Cost of Project £12,730
(including maintenance works)
- Grants and Gifts In Kind £7,800
- Community Council Budget £7,000

Project Delivery

- Maintenance work commenced
- Surveys completed

And

- delivery by Summer 2020



QUESTIONS?



Thank You for Listening

Please join us now in our end of term
Barbeque.

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