

## **BGSMP: Maintenance Development Projects (MDP)**

Additional to the essential ongoing maintenance tasks identified in Section 1, a number of development projects are listed below. BGSMG will review, prioritise and allocate a budget on an annual basis, for approval by BPC.

### **Roadside Verges MDP:**

Priority 2023/24

- Understand responsibility and management of grass verges adjacent to private properties
- The verges around the railway crossing need immediate attention to improve appearance and become sustainably managed
- The verge area adjacent to Glebe Field at the Gypsy Lane/Main Street corner (by the notice boards) needs assessing – there is potential to make this an attractive focal point for the village

Other projects

- The planters introduced in 2021 need to be maintained and approval process agreed for any changes
- There are areas along some roadside verges that offer a wonderful vista and may benefit from localised seating e.g. the view to Lincoln cathedral on Apple Hill
- A review needs to be made of the condition of benches along roadside verges and a preventative maintenance plan established
- Invasive and non-native weed(s) such as Himalyan Balsam need monitoring and removal

### **Ferry End MDP:**

Priority 2023/24

- As per ongoing tasks and maintenance plan

Other projects

- Information board to be reviewed and updated

### **Glebe Field MDP:**

Priority 2023/24

- Improve the area around the notice boards to provide a more attractive focal point

Other projects

- Process required for deciding on future planting of hedgerows and margins
- Decide on the future for the small orchard and agree to either keep and maintain properly or remove/relocate
- BPC to assess management of roadside verges and agree plan – possibility of fencing along Gypsy Lane
- Introduction of wildflower patches to be considered – potential along grass strip on Main Street

### **St Mary's Church MDP:**

Priority 2023/24

- As per ongoing tasks and maintenance plan

### Other projects

- Many wildflowers are established throughout the area and there is scope to introduce more species and to help the existing plants thrive.
- There is interest to carry out a lichen survey as the area is thought to harbour species of scientific interest.

### **Jubilee Ponds MDP:**

#### Priority 2023/24

- provide a visitor map showing the main paths
- **internal paths to be reviewed and kept clear & accessible where needed**
- create a meeting point at the entrance
- better signs and information boards
- process for reporting problems & ideas

### Other projects

- develop the woodland floor through the introduction of native woodland species such as English bluebell, violets and primroses and wildflowers
- reintroduce hollies at selected sites to increase evergreen content
- improve information about Main Meadow and associated wildlife species to visitors
- optimise security regarding vehicular access
- consider grazing after Main Meadow cut
- a full assessment of scrubland to identify such areas and develop an appropriate management plan
- assess existing woodpiles and develop an appropriate management plan
- gain a better understanding of the concerns of the possibilities of encouraging mink resulting from site maintenance activities
- better management of the sandy area (stock pond area)
- installation of a Self-Composting Toilet
- review of invasive species, shrubs and trees
- monitoring events such as flooding & drought
- clear and maintain gully area between sanctuary island and Centenary Wood (big project for future)
- evaluate areas of coppice and holt as highlighted in previous management plan and decide on management regime
- digging out and refurbishment of reed-bed area
- improved management of dead timber areas
- create an area for quiet reflection in The Ride
- create an area of mature hedgerow in The Ride
- reconnection of smaller ponds

### **Bleasby Carp Syndicate MDP:**

#### Priority 2023/24

- Explore opportunities to enhance and protect pond perimeter habitat junctions, especially those with highest conservation interest, whilst taking into consideration various user needs

### Other projects

- some ideas for collaborative projects have been mooted, such as jointly building a bird hide at the water's edge / introducing a self-composting toilet / introduction to fishing days

