



Millennium Green Expansion — Success Part II

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THE MILLENIUM GREEN HAS EXPANDED

We have now purchased additional land from Staffs County council. Combined with the recent purchase of land from A.J Busby we have increased the Millennium Green by 4.7 acres. We are now pursuing a grant for landscaping the site into what will become a haven for visitors and wildlife.

The trustees would like to wholeheartedly thank the many people who pledged money and support to make this project happen.

This fantastic achievement for the village will significantly enhance the Millennium Green amenities, benefit the villagers and in turn create a new wildlife haven. We have already conducted well attended walks around the site. There is another opportunity to see the proposals and make suggestions at a planning event to be held on Saturday July 6th 12am to 2pm at the Millennium Green Shed. Please come along all are welcome.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREAT MORE WATER MEADOW

Staffs County council have also offered us another 2.6 acres of important water (flood) meadow to purchase, which is adjacent to the field just purchased. The opportunities to buy adjacent fields to the Green, are infrequent so we are investigating how to fund this purchase. We would need to raise approximately (with legal costs) £24,000 to purchase this additional field and we would welcome fundraising suggestions and donations. Interested in helping? Contact the trustees.

WHEN WILL IT OPEN?

We cannot legally open the land until planning permission has been granted for change of use from agricultural to conservation / recreation. This then allows us to apply for the necessary insurance.

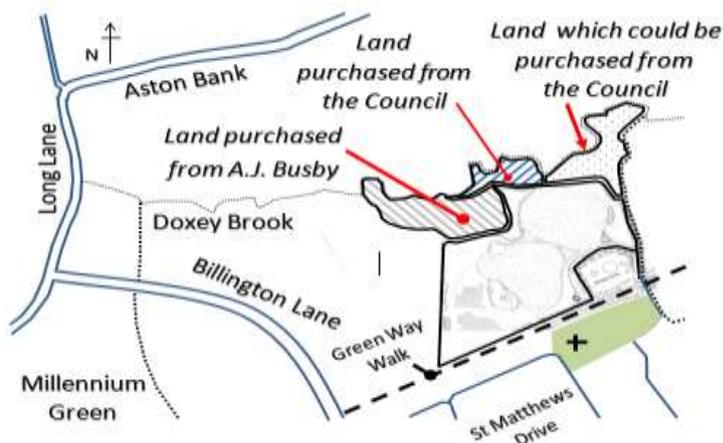
In the meantime, the grass on both fields is being allowed to grow for 2 reasons: to see what species of plants we have growing already and to grow hay for harvesting.

Landscaping of the site is dependent upon whether DMGT are successful in obtaining a grant. If successful, then the money will have to be spent relatively quickly, so landscaping will hopefully be late autumn or early spring. If the grant application is unsuccessful, then the land may be left to develop naturally for a few years or we apply for other grants.

MILLENNIUM GREEN AGM

In the Millennium Green Shed, Wednesday **24th July 2019**, 7pm for 7:30 (light refreshments will be served).
Come along it only normally takes an hour, and we've placed an order for another beautiful sunset!

Map of Expansion



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Derrington Millennium Green Trust — A local charity for the village of Derrington

Derrington Millennium Green Trust (DMGT) is a local charity who work on behalf of the villagers of Derrington. Every penny raised goes to supporting the Millennium Green. There are no paid staff and everyone who supports the Green is a volunteer, whose interest is to develop and maintain a wonderful village amenity for the benefit of current and future generations to enjoy.

Derrington Millennium Green is now in its 20th year of existence and continues to be extremely successful. As an environmental project it's nice to know, that with the current concerns on climate change, every tree and bush planted helps to soak up more Carbon Dioxide and improve air quality.

DMGT is wholly charitable and relies entirely on donations from people who use and appreciate the facility. If you would like to support a project where you can visibly see how the money is used, please visit our website www.derringtonmillenniumgreen.com and see how you can help with either a monetary or volunteer contribution.

A Social as well as Environmental project

The Millennium Green may be based mainly on an environmental and conservation theme however, it is also very much a social project. We have a large group of volunteers (mainly villagers) who meet every Wednesday morning and the 2nd Sunday of every month. It's an excellent opportunity to get out of the house, take some fresh air and get to know other villagers. People work as much or as little as they want; please feel free to come along, we are welcoming. If you'd like to know more please contact Roy Wood (Tel no. on front page)

Expansion Planning Event

This will take place on
Saturday 6th of July
(the day before
Derrington Fete)
12am-2pm
in the Millennium
Green shed. Please come
along all are welcome!

What we could do with the site (proposals only)

NOTE: only the first purchased field is shown above!

To give guidance before the planning event, there are many things we can and can't do, to enhance the expansion land, these are as follows:

CAN:

- Dig out pools
- Plant Trees
- Install fencing
- Bird hide or bat/ swift wall (on the existing millennium Green)

CAN'T:

- Put any buildings or conduct any building work which would be perceived as development (As this would trigger an 'Overage' clause in the original landowners sale contract e.g. we'd have to pay a lot of additional monies)
- Re-divert the brook
- Raise the level of the soil in the designated flood zone (no all-weather path next to the brook)
- Block nature access (e.g. Foxes and badgers routes)