



Millennium Green Expansion — Success!

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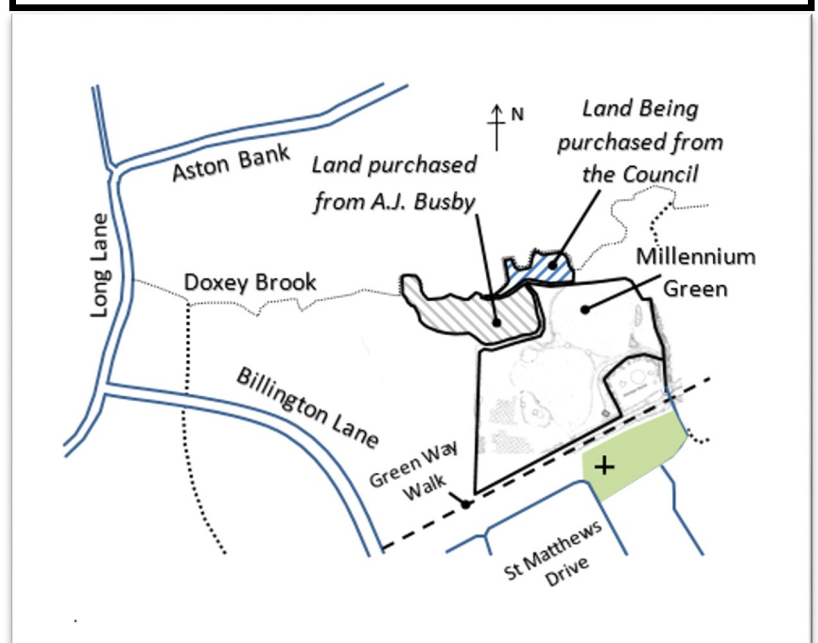
Almost 2 years ago, 23 acres of land adjacent to the Millennium Green came up for sale. The trustees of Derrington Millennium Green endeavoured to purchase all of the land however, this wasn't possible. After discussion with the subsequent purchaser of this land, A.J. Busby Ltd., it became feasible to buy a few acres between the Millennium Green and Doxey Brook. The trustees are delighted to inform you of the following news:

1. The proposed Millennium Green expansion field has now been purchased from A.J. Busby Ltd.. The purchase has taken longer than expected, as can sometimes be the case in complicated legal matters.
2. Staffordshire County Farms have generously agreed to sell some adjoining land next to the green. The Trust have decided to buy 1.2 acres of a 3.9 acres parcel to take advantage of their offer whilst there is no sitting tenant. Having this extra land will allow greater access to Doxey Brook and enable us to create a circular walk back to the green.
3. In addition we are working with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust in pursuing a grant to develop the new fields (e.g. fences, landscaping, pond excavation and tree planting etc.).

This is a fantastic achievement for the village that will significantly enhance the Millennium Green amenities, in turn creating an expanded wildlife haven that will benefit the village and the environment. **The trustees would like to wholeheartedly thank the many people who pledged money to make this project happen.** The new land can be viewed from a break in the hedge which has been recently installed. A planning event will be held shortly to show the proposals for the new site and allow people to make suggestions

There will be limited access to the new site for the immediate future, initially for Safety and Insurance reasons but then to enable us to grow hay, so that we may see if there are endangered plants before we re-grade the site. The purchase of the additional land will provide a completely new wetland habitat for the Millennium Green. It is proposed to dig out several ponds with islands, the area will then be fenced off, with possibly a bird hide, to create a quiet and secure area for wetland nesting birds and animals. (see over) The additional land is being purchased from the council in order to allow access to Doxey Brook because the proposed wetland reserve access would have been limited.

Map of Future 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.

Derrington Millennium Green is now in its 20th year of existence and continues to be extremely successful. The Trust recently converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to allow it to purchase additional land and to ensure the projects future.

DMGT is wholly charitable and relies entirely on donations from people who both 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. There's always a roaring fire in the work shed at this time of year. If you'd like to know more please contact Roy Wood (Tel no. on front page)

PLANNING EVENT

The Millennium Green Trustees will be arranging a planning event in the near future to discuss the future development of the site (see below). There will be a guided tour of the new land on Sunday 10th March at 11.00am. Please come along and meet the trustees. Any development suggestions in keeping with the ethos of the Green will be welcomed.

What we could do with the site (proposals only)

