

Park Hayes Open Green Space – Community Consultation

Leigh-on-Mendip Parish Council has recently taken ownership of the open green spaces at Park Hayes from Somerset Council.

Our Parish Tree and Biodiversity Advisor, Tom Kemp, has developed a proposed grassland management and hedge-planting scheme designed to benefit **local wildlife and the whole community**. Please see the attached plan for an illustration of the proposal.

What are we proposing?

The scheme would create a variety of habitats while retaining areas for people to enjoy.

- **Short grass** would be maintained around the edges and along paths (shown in **white** on the plan), providing clear routes through the area.
- **Longer grass** would be allowed to grow in designated areas, creating wildflower-rich habitats and supporting insects, birds and other wildlife.
- **Spring meadows** are shown in **red** and **summer meadows** in **yellow**, providing seasonal interest and a changing landscape throughout the year.
- **New, thicker hedgerows** would be planted towards the rear of the site, providing additional shelter, nesting opportunities and food for wildlife.

We want to make sure that the space works well **for both people and nature**.

We would love to hear your views

This is an opportunity for the local community to help shape the future of Park Hayes.

Do you have ideas for how the area could be improved or used? For example:

- Additional seating or benches
- Community composting facilities
- Areas for community activities
- Improvements to paths or access
- Planting or other features
- Anything else you would like to see

Please let us know your thoughts, suggestions or concerns. All feedback is welcome and will help us develop the area in a way that reflects the needs and wishes of the local community.

Would you like to get involved?

If you would like to volunteer your time to help look after, improve or develop the area in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please take some time to consider this valuable community green space and let us know what you think.

You can contact Leigh-on-Mendip Parish Council via:

[Insert contact details / email / website / social media]

We look forward to working together to make Park Hayes an even better place for our community and local wildlife.

Leigh-on-Mendip Parish Council