

Kilham Pond Project

On 6 March at 1pm a small group of us who represent Kilham Parish Council, along with a group of Kilham school children known as the "Eco Warriors" are starting a community project at Kilham Pond. The aim of the project is to clean the area up of litter and brambles and to then sow mixed wildflower seeds, commemorative poppy seeds, wildflower bulbs and reeds, but more importantly to keep the area natural. In addition, we aim to install owl boxes, bird boxes, bat boxes and bug houses and hopefully encourage a good mixture of wildlife to the pond area. Although the pond will never permanently hold water, there is still great scope to make the area a lovely place for the community and subject to funding we may be able to supply picnic benches.

What is the reason for the message I hear you ask.... Well, you will be pleased to know we are not asking for money. That said, would anyone in the community be willing to help get the project up and running, for example we need areas of the land to be strimmed and raked in readiness for the seeds, which the children will sow. There is an area of about 3 sq mtr that has brambles growing and really could do with digging out, otherwise they will return. Short of someone with a small digger to assist, does anyone have the muscle power to help dig them out. Once out, the children will plant bluebells and wild bulbs in the area. The grass will need a cut too. The aim is to begin sowing and planting by the end of March and should provide a lovely focal point for our community. Anyone with proper gardening skills and those with tools would be worth their weight. If you feel you can help then please message me so that I know how many volunteers to expect. Thanks, Bryan