



WALKERN Parish Council

Wilder Walkern – Update & Discussion Paper Parish Council Meeting – 2 April

1. Recent Activity & Progress

Kick-Off Meeting

- Successful launch meeting held on **11 March**.
- Follow-up **briefing note** issued to all attendees.

Bird Boxes

- Bird boxes kindly **donated**.
- Wire and rubber belting purchased to support installation.
- Boxes now **installed in the playground**.

Website

- Wilder Walkern **website designed and now live**.

Swift Boxes

- Hertford Swift Group will deliver a **presentation** (date to be confirmed).
- They will subsequently **supply and install swift boxes** in the village.

East Herts Environmental Forum

- Wilder Walkern represented at the forum to build links and share best practice.

HMWT Nature Survey

- Meeting arranged with **Tim Hill (Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust)** on **16 April**.
- Aim: discuss HMWT undertaking a **nature survey** in Walkern.
- **URC and St Mary's** invited and confirmed participation.

2. Items for Council Discussion & Agreement

A. Official Opening – Froghall Lane Cemetery

Proposed elements:

- Installation of a **bench**.
- **Local produce and plant stall**.
- **Tombola** to raise funds.
- **Wildflower seed giveaway** to encourage community participation in biodiversity.

Decision needed: Approval of event format and date.

B. Woodland Trust – Free Native Trees

- Opportunity to apply for **free native trees** from the Woodland Trust.

Decisions needed:

- Should Walkern apply.
- Preferred **locations for planting**.

C. “No Mow May” Launch

- Proposal to formally support and promote **No Mow May** within the parish.

Decision needed: Agreement to participate and outline of communications.

D. Meeting with Chris Hinchliff

- **Chris Hinchliff has been invited** to speak about:
 - His work with **CPRE**
 - Advocacy for **nature recovery** and **chalk streams**
 - His role on the **Environmental Audit Committee**

Status: Attendance **awaiting confirmation**.

Decision needed: If attendance is confirmed, **organise a meeting date**.



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E. Wilder Walkern Budget

- Consideration of establishing a **dedicated budget** to support ongoing activities, materials, events, and community engagement.

Decision needed: Whether to allocate a budget and agree an initial amount.