

## **Bench Working Party Report**

**28<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

During this lockdown we have decided not to work, but one or two small jobs have been done, and we could probably do urgent jobs. We still have a weekly ZOOM with up to a dozen or so people attending. Members who have moved away from Kimpton also join in the zoom chat - John Richardson from Wiltshire, Stephen Tees from Scotland (who each week gives us a lovely solo piece on his viola), and Les Weeks from Australia. John Richardson has started a Bench Working Party equivalent in his village in Wiltshire, which meets monthly, and he gives regular reports on progress there.

### **Parish Council**

- Erected the new Parish notice board at the Corner Stores and left the old one for the Allotment Committee to use
- Filled several holes in the roadway around The Green with cold tarmac
- Cleaned off and repaired benches
- Wedged a post under a leaning apple tree on Parkfield Green to extend its life
- Emptied a concrete waste bin near the tennis courts, which was full of water, and cleared the drainage hole. Made and fitted a lid for it.
- Cleared leaves from part of Church Path

### **Community/Parish Council**

- Raked dead grass from slopes at the football pitch and near the cricket pitch to encourage wild flower growth. Planted some wildflower "plugs" on the cricket pitch slope.
- Set concrete base and installed Sue Hawke's bench at top of Recreation Ground

### **Community**

- Removed the Community Art Display from the stand at the Corner Stores and laid it on the floor of the chancel at the church. It will be hung from the north wall of the chancel after Lockdown. The stand remains in situ (until Sanjay's building work starts anyway) and will be used as a mount for the next Community Art Project – the advent calendar.

### **Churchyard**

- Tidied up a grave near the South Door

### **Dacre Rooms**

- Cleared weeds and other growth in the area around the building

Bob Finch

18<sup>th</sup> November 2020