



**Two Mile Ash
Environmental
Group**

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Easter 2022 Newsletter

Launch of the Bluebell Circuit

A Celebration for Two Mile Ash on the
Afternoon of Saturday 23rd April

The Two Mile Ash Bluebell Circuit is now fully open and its use is steadily increasing. Its centre-piece is that 11m footbridge but this 750m recreational way offers far more.



Preparing the way for a new wildflower bed on the eastern bank of the stream. The area has since been seeded with a 22 species mix appropriate to this part-shaded spot.

Seen 'in the round', it is a combination of stream crossing, paths through two very different woodlands, landscaped 'jitties' linking adjacent housing areas, two public greens and an ecological corridor. Together with its wider links to other routes, it provides scope for a daily ten minute stroll (or longer walks through its connections), as well as access to nature across the seasons.

Working with our partner, Milton Keynes Parks Trust, TMAEG volunteers have been enhancing the Circuit, through the insertion of new sections of all-weather path, the upgrading of older paths, and tree and wildflower planting. You can download a map and read more about this project in a new section of the TMAEG website www.tmaeg.org/bluebell-circuit/ see also our [Latest News](#).



View of Circuit from the Bluebell Wood, towards the bridge and the Green Ride beyond. Also shown are some of the 65 new trees planted along the path.

Five months on from the completion of the footbridge, we are now approaching Bluebell Time and the time is right to celebrate this new public amenity.

Our Celebration on **Saturday 23rd April** will provide an opportunity for attendees to recognise fully the contributions made by our partners and our volunteers to this project, to view the bluebells at their best and to enjoy light refreshments and a get together.



Our chief guest will be the Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Amanda Marlow; she will provide an initial address and preside over the opening tape cutting ceremony.



The provisional timetable for the Celebration is as follows:



The Bluebell Circuit

Gather at Milesmere Green – 2.15pm

Presentations begin – 2.30pm

Tour of Circuit and Opening Ceremony – from 2.45pm

Social, with light refreshments – from 3.15pm

Call for Volunteers – We are going to need more helpers, particularly for the serving of the light refreshments.

If interested, please call Chris
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Summer is coming! In just two months Two Mile Ash will be hosting its fifth **Open Gardens** on the **weekend of 11th-12th June (1-5pm)**. It's not too late to offer your garden (or just your front garden) if you have enjoyed working on it and feel other people might enjoy the fruits of your labours. Our existing Open Gardens lie along the Fairways – Westcliffe – Thorncliffe – Milesmere – Stonehill – Chardacre axis, so gardens in those areas would be most welcome.

In addition to the Gardens, Radcote Lodge, the Community Garden and the Stonehill Allotments will also participate and the Park Gateway, Bee Garden and Fernery and, of course, the Bluebell Circuit will be show-cased.

About 100 visitors can be expected over the week-end. **Visit www.tmaeg.org/open-gardens** to find out more.

Not sure? Contact Pavla Gossop
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to discuss.



Like to lend a hand?

We need Volunteers to help staff Gardens on the week-end.

For the energetic, we need people to help deliver Yellow Passports on designated streets in Two Mile Ash – we cover every home!



Remember, you can run a small fund-raiser (tea/cakes/plants etc) for your own charity.

*Hoping to hear from you soon!
Pavla Gossop –
TMA Open Gardens
2022 Sub-group.*



A Diverse Range of Projects

TMAEG has been particularly busy over the winter and spring periods as our pictures below will show.



The Two Planters on TMA's 'piazza' - the Park Gateway – off the High Street are maintained jointly by TMAEG with their owners, the Dental Practice and Hair Culture. TMAEG's main task is to change over the planting . This season's display is particularly eye-catching.



TMAEG maintains two gardens along Kepwick, a residential street close to the High Street. This is Kepwick II which provides a splash of seasonal colour through its bulb planting, the perennial geraniums and its central Japanese maple.

Steve, removing duckweed from the Stonehill Pond – a necessary maintenance task, part of the annual clean.



Litter clearance from the Ash Brook. A rainy day project in late February.

Pat maintaining the hollies and wild primroses along this footpath link between the High Street and Leaffield Rise – one of our smaller projects this season, but well worthwhile.

