

Aldridge Triangle

An attractive open space dedicated in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This small, green area has a boundary with the busy Watlington Road. The path running alongside the western edge of the Triangle is used for access to Rene Brogan Path, leading to Millar Close and Westfield Road.

What You Will Find Here

- A grassy area with wildflowers, which is 'dotted' with trees.
- Areas planted up with flowering bulbs such as crocus, snowdrop and daffodils - a spectacle in the early months of the year.
- A wilder area on the eastern part of the Triangle.
- A tarmac path runs alongside the western edge of the island.
- A metal bench for public use is situated on the western edge of the Triangle, next to the path.

Technical Summary

Habitat: This green spaces comprises a grassy area with wildflowers, planted areas and several trees. The wildlife area plants are left to grow longer than the rest of the vegetation during the main growing season. The flowering plants provide a useful source of food for pollinating insects. The trees, which include beech, oak, lime and hornbeam, provide potential nesting habitat for birds.

Management Summary

Designated as a Local Green Space in our Neighbourhood Plan, the Aldridge Triangle is managed by the Parish Council as both a public space and for its benefits to wildlife. The Aldridge Triangle is noted for its array of flowering bulbs in the early months of the year.

Management Activities

- Reduce mowing of grassy area in order to benefit wildlife, whilst maintaining a strip of shorter vegetation along the periphery.
- Remove cuttings after mowing, which will prevent nutrient build-up in the soil and subsequent reduction in range of wildflowers.
- Renew signage explaining the wildlife benefit of allowing the plants to flower during spring and summer.
- Undertake basic tree care management when required.
- Further small-scale planting as and when bulbs and/or wildflower seeds are available.
- Installation of interpretative signage as part of Benson's green network walk.

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