

## CSG Congleton Eco-schools sub group Feb 2021 Update

### **Eco schools:**

Four GF holders: Buglawton Primary, Saint Mary's Catholic Primary, Marfields Academy & Smallwood. All other schools defaulted to silver.

Three schools are Young Tree Champion Clubs/schools (Marfields, Saint Mary's & Smallwood primaries), they are developing their tree trail projects now. Saint Mary's has started to run weekly Forest Schools sessions. RSPB birdwatch at Saint Mary's.

Aim of CIB team: to encourage as many in Congleton to renew/apply over the next 12 months. Schools need to apply electronically and will be desktop assessed only.

WDT grants still available to local schools towards learning outside the classroom following co-vid regulations etc. Next round applications: by mid March please, application forms available from Patti (meeting rescheduled to 29 March).

### **Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG etc:**

Zoom meetings: CSG (2/2/21),

Conference on biodiversity net gain for planners & eco consultants (11/2/21);

Various workshops: wilding churchyards, tree ID, rewilding: why wildflower meadows matter, composting, social & therapeutic horticulture.

Looking after tree whips for Lower Heath site and wildflowers for Congleton Park (St Stephens gate project) at polytunnel, checking trees for Congleton database

Designing memorial area in the Community Gardens,

Designing planting scheme for Macc Rd roundabout.

Community gardening at Community Garden & Margaret's Place

### **Publicity:**

Since lockdown, videos & photos of various sites taken & shared via Facebook.

PP continues to admin/edit facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc

[Congleton In Bloom, CSG, Friends of Congleton Park, Congleton Park, Congleton Food4free, Saint Mary's Garden Club, Buglawton in Bloom, Trees for Congleton pages] 'Trees for Congleton', 106 followers 24/02/21

**PP Volunteer hours: Feb 2021 55 hrs**