

Report for PC meeting on the recent boon day and the village greens.

The boon day was held on July 7th. There was a very good turnout in Hilton where work was concentrated on clearing the path down to Mill Corner, which is now completely clear of weeds and much easier to negotiate especially in the dark. Particular thanks to the Smales' for much needed cold drinks! And next time we might try and choose a day with fewer midges. The area round the seats overlooking Murton Pike has been strimmed and looks much better.

In Murton there were fewer people around on the day but vegetation was cut back round some of the benches.

I also took the opportunity to look at the village greens. The play area and the path to the bench on Murton top green are being mowed and look nice. The middle green is clearly being used, there were a variety of children's toys around. The grass there is mown and it is lovely that a previously overgrown area is now being put to good use. The green down by the beck is nicely kept.

In Hilton the triangular patch of green is ready for mowing, and this will be done as soon as Messrs Hogg have time. Once mown it will need a final strim and thoroughly raking. More plant species were apparent this year, and more Yellow Rattle will be planted in the autumn here and on Murton top green to continue to reduce the vigour of the grass.

The cemetery is reasonably tidy; but the bench at the back was overgrown by a large branch of a lime tree. I'm not sure if the has been cut back but if not it needs doing.

All in all many thanks to everyone who has contributed and continues to contribute to keeping our villages tidy, it was an excellent effort despite a number of Council members being on holiday. I think it is worth making this an annual event.

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