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# East & Old Green Team Eco Newsletter

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- Litter Pick Up dates
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## Your Planet Needs You



Over the coming months the Green Team will be posting a number of editions of the Green Team Eco Newsletter on the teams pages on the East & Old Church website at <http://www.thebigkirk.co.uk/>

## Gardening News

This month we are focusing on gardens. The first article will cover the Eco garden at Restenneth Priory, whilst the second article will focus on the revamped section of the churchyard beside the Church Hall wall.

After the first publication of our handy hints for gardeners in the spring edition of the Steeple Times 2014, the convenor of the Green Team was asked by Fiona Scharlau, the Archives Manager at Angus Archives, to help to create an Eco garden in an area of uncut and neglected grass verge at Restenneth Priory.

Over the course of three weekends, a group of gardeners went out and cleared the old grass away and prepared the soil for planting.

Following the hints in our gardening guide we planted lavender, buddleia, daisy and buttercups with a wide variety of bulbs and ground covering plants such as cowslip which would come every year. As a commemoration to World War One we also planted red poppies.



At least one Saturday every month a few of the green team gardeners such as Heather and Walter or Lorna and Douglas have gone out to tidy the area. Following our green ways of doing things, we use a hoe to weed the garden instead of using pesticides and recycle all of the weeds into a compost heap in the woods.



2015 has seen the garden cleared and tidied for spring and a new fence border put up as a decorative border. The buddleia has doubled in size as have the lavenders.



From the photographs accompanying this article you can also see that the daisies, buttercups as well as our 100 varieties of bulbs and other wild flower seeds have blossomed to create a haven for the bees and other insects. The only change we will have to make is to replace the lupins next year as they are proving a great feast for the rabbits.

## Litter Pick Up Dates



There are no litter pick up dates for September. More dates will become available soon.

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## Churchyard Improvements

The Green Team have made improvements to the foot of the churchyard along the Hall wall.

What was a mud and moss covered section for broken headstones is now a beautiful gravelled section of the Churchyard with decorative shrubs.

The left hand side of the graveyard has also been raked and planted with wildflower seeds for next year.

I want to congratulate all of the team for all their hard work in getting this project finished, especially Bill and Doug, who did most of the organisation and material delivery aspects of this project.

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## In our next newsletter

An article about the Church shop and the memorial rose garden as well as some more handy hints.