

Girton Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 11th May 2022
Environment Report

The Environment Committee met for the first time since COVID on Wednesday 4th May. This meeting as many of the other Committee meetings this year is re-energising the work Girton Parish Council post COVID.

All Committees have begun to draft Mission Statements to set their direction, their goals, and their scope of work. The Environment Committee's draft mission statement reads as below:

To evolve a policy on the Environmental goals to minimise Girton Parish Council's environmental impact, working with the residents of Girton to make our village a safe place and a pleasure to live in. The Environment Committee will carry out our responsibilities to the best of our abilities using wherever possible local, trusted trades and to safeguard and be mindful of the cost implications of decisions made on residents' behalf; ensuring that any decisions made can always be justified.

Three initial projects owned by the Environment Committee are:

1. Tree Survey – completed in February 2022 with an approval by the Council to carry out work to make trees on Parish Council land safe.
A Tree Survey should ideally be carried out every three years, so we have some catch-up to do on this work. We will aim to improve our ability to communicate with our residents and work more closely with them to understand their concerns.
2. Local Nature Recovery Plan – Please join the public meeting on 18th May at 7.30pm led by Cllr Lima to begin development of a plan for our villages
3. Litter Picking – We have received a good response to our request for volunteer litter pickers. We are working with South Cambridgeshire District Council to hold a Litter Picking event on 28th/29th May to clean up Girton and encourage more people to join our litter picking group ready for our Village Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Please do let us know if you would like to get involved in any of the above initiatives. There will be the ability to co-opt Residents with passion and interest in our Environment at our AGM to be held on Tuesday, 17th May.

Andy Griffin (Chair)

Marcelo Lima (Vice Chair)

7th May 2022