

# Craven Crescent Green

*A space for people &  
wildlife*

**The story so far**

**November 2024**

*Friends of Craven  
Crescent Green*





Local resident, Gwyneth, plants fruit trees in winter 2021 to start making the green more attractive.



Spring 2022, Incommunities met residents, Gwyneth & Paul with AEG. They agree the fruit trees can stay and to leave the grass unmown through the summer.



Incommunities mowing team cut a central area and grass paths in late May 2023



The long grass and paths are much enjoyed by parents, grandparents and young children through the summer.



August 2022 - Local contractors engaged to install hardcore & mesh to protect the edges of the green, funded by Incommunities, AEG and a local trust fund



**Craven Crescent Green**  
**Wildflower Seed Sowing & Planting**  
**Sat 15 October**

*Join us on the Green*  
*at any time between 1 & 3pm*

- Come & have a cuppa
- Help plant some wildflowers
- Chat about ideas for improving the space for people & wildlife.





Everyone who came, expressed delight with the changes made so far - the fruit trees planted last winter, transformation to wildflower rich grassland, with grass paths mown through and a central mown area. Ideas for further changes suggested included:

- A seating area in the middle of the green, perhaps with seats in a ring. Possibly with a specimen tree at the centre
- More tree planting – especially fruit trees for the community
- Vegetable/herb planter(s) for use by residents
- Wetland scrape/bank (in the bottom corner)
- Hedge/shrub planting on the corners on the south side of the green.



**Preparing & planting the wildflower meadows, supported by the YDMT BeeTogether project officer, Catherine Mercer.**



## Species list

Species	Seed/Plugs
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> – Yarrow	Seed
<i>Centaurea nigra</i> – Common Knapweed	Seed
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> – Oxeye Daisy	Seed/Plugs
<i>Malva moschata</i> – Musk Mallow	Seed
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> – Ribwort Plantain	Seed/Plugs
<i>Poterium sanguisorba ssp sanguisorba</i> – Salad Burnet	Seed
<i>Ranunculus acris</i> – Meadow Buttercup	Seed
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> – Yellow Rattle	Seed
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i> – Rough Hawkbit	Plugs
<i>Geranium pratense</i> – Meadow Crane’s-bill	Plugs
<i>Stachys officinalis</i> – Betony	Plugs
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> – Meadow Vetchling	Plugs
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> – Yarrow	Plugs
<i>Succisa pratensis</i> – Devil’s Bit Scabious	Plugs
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> – Bird’s Foot Trefoil	Plugs
<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i> – Autumn Hawkbit	Plugs
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> – Common Cat’s-ear	Plugs
<i>Knautia arvensis</i> - Field Scabious	Plugs
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> – Red Clover	Plugs
<i>Silene dioica</i> – Red Campion	Plugs
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> – Self-heal	Plugs
<i>Achillea ptarmica</i> – Sneezewort	Plugs

## Work undertaken

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022: the area was heavily scarified by several passes of a motorised scarifier to expose bare soil.

15<sup>th</sup> October 2022: a seed mix (Emorsgate - Basic General Purpose Wild Flowers EM1F) and additional yellow rattle seed (Emorsgate and locally collected) were sown by hand onto bare ground at approximately 2g/m<sup>2</sup> respectively. A range of plug plants (Kendal Wildflowers and Cumria Wildflowers) were also planted into the prepared area. Some species, which are more tolerant of grass competition, were planted across the site.



In early 2023, we engaged a professional garden designers to pull together a plan for The Green incorporating everyone's ideas. All the residents living around The Green were kept in touch and invited to comment as plans developed.

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**1 SEATING AREA**

Replace the uneven concrete flags with an informal, accessible all-weather surface (self-binding gravel) and add extra benches and raised planters for herbs and edibles. Proposed signboard for information to introduce the species growing, the ecology, ideas, who is involved etc.

**2 PICNIC AREA**

An open area of mown grass for picnicking and children's play. Defined by planting including native shrubs, roses, fruit bushes and perennials.

**3 MIXED NATIVE HEDGES**

Proposed hedges (proposed height 1 metre) to:  
Prevent access on to the grass by cars;  
Provide enclosure and shelter  
Create new habitat: a mixed native species e.g. hawthorn, blackthorn., holly, dog rose, guelder rose, hazel, field maple.

**4 WET MEADOW**

Lay a perforated liner below the soil to encourage damp loving meadow flowers e.g. meadow sweet, purple loosestrife. Define the edge with a dwarf woven willow hurdle. Add willow and dog wood for more interest and sheltered seating spaces. Space for willow hurdle seat, informal log and stone piles for new habitats.

**5 EXTENSION TO THE ROAD**

Existing grass reinforcement to protect the grass edges from car tyres.

**6 EXISTING MEADOWS**

Continue to develop existing meadows

**7 MOWN GRASS PATHS**

Mown grass paths along desire lines and connecting to existing footpaths. Main paths shown at 1.8m wide. Smaller mown paths through damp meadow, orchard etc.

**8 ORCHARD**

Develop orchard area and add more fruit trees

**9 EXTRA TREE AND SHRUBS**

Add pairs of trees to mark entry points - smaller species like crab apples or mountain ash. Other smaller trees, large shrubs could include hazel, elder and guelder rose.



CRAVEN CRESCENT GREEN PLAN

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# Craven Crescent Green



Following last year's discussion about developing the Green as a more attractive nature friendly space for people young and old we have employed a professional garden designer to put all our collective ideas together.

The plan has been strongly supported by Incommunities. Wharfedale Naturalists Society has provided funding and this has been matched by Incommunities.

So we're ready to make a start by planting the new hedge on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Help would be very welcome! Tea and biscuits will be provided.



But before we start, please let us know if you would like to see any changes to the plan. Contact: phone 0330 175 9540 or email: [gemma.drayton@incommunities.co.uk](mailto:gemma.drayton@incommunities.co.uk).

*Gemma (Incommunities)  
Friends of Craven Crescent Green  
Jan and Rick (Addingham Environment Group)*



March 2023 Hedge planting team

Planting the hedge on a damp March 2023 day.

Our D of E volunteers lend a hand with the digging!

The species mix including hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, dog wood, field maple, holly and honeysuckle has been chosen to provide a wildlife friendly feast of nectar, nuts and berries.

A grant from Wharfedale Naturalists helped buy the plants.





Post & rope protection for the newly planted hedge.



Taking the turf off to start making the wet meadow. The prep is now finished a perforated liner is in with the soil replaced on top. More rain needed before we plant up with wetland plants.



A colourful show of cowslips we planted in November, together with dandelions, provide early sustenance for bumblebees in Spring 2023



The Incommunities team enjoy mowing the grass paths and picnic area, following the layout in the Craven Crescent master plan in late May.



Finishing the planting up of the wet meadow in September 2023



Seeding & plug planting to create more wildflower meadow in November 2023.

Seed and plug plants kindly provided by The Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Meadows Project





After the award of a generous Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust community grant, the seating area and planter for herbs, is built in late February 2024.





Tree & hedge planting in March 2023 - a grant from Wharfedale Naturalists paid for the plants.





Spring 2024 - apple blossom, dandelions and cowslips providing early food sources for pollinating insects.





First cut of the season the Incommunities mowing team cut the margins, grass paths & picnic area in late May 2024, and continue cutting these through the growing season.





The hay meadow in June 2024



The wet meadow in June 2024



Our young helper Louis, cutting the ribbon to 'officially' open The Green as part of Climate Action Addingham's Wildlife Week at the end of June 2024



After the autumn cut of the wildflower meadow, October 2024



Autumn tidy of the wet meadow, October 2024



Over the summer of 2024, we've worked with two talented local residents - wildflower illustrator, Judy Kennedy and graphic designer, Henry Makin to create an interpretation panel for The Green.

Contractor, Kevin Grosvenor, who also built the seating area and put in the crush proof matting, is seen here installing the lectern on 6 November 2024.