

Environmental Report to TABS AGM 2025

The main thrust is looking at how best to manage and improve what the parish has already got. The message here is to do the minimum necessary for safety and keeping public paths clear. So, let the wild flowers grow round trees and at the back of wide verges, for example. Management means understanding what is actually required and the correct time of year to do it. For example, all our Public Footpaths through the parish have different care needs, even the same footpath at different points. Our hedges need cutting at different times – in August if vision splays are compromised or in March to allow berries to develop for winter feed for birds.

TABS continues to try and look after the Manor Field Pond. It was frustrating that wet conditions prevented the annual clear-out with the digger and now there isn't enough water! Efforts continue to build up the plants in the surrounding meadow, marsh and woodland habitat.

The bushes on the Telford Way Green are steadily getting more established and generally looking good. Please could locals water them if we get a dry spell(!).

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