

LCWO Kingfisher Corner plan of action

Based on recommendations from Ben Carpenter, BioScan following an ecological survey of the site, October 2018; and developed in partnership with Carl Whitehead, Oxford City Council Volunteer Co-ordinator; Julian Cooper, Landscape and Countryside Supervisor Oxford Direct Services; Councillor Susanna Pressel

Proposed timing	Area	Action	Responsible party
Winter 2018-2019	A	Cut scrub to ground level using strimmers, hand tools; Grub out larger roots; Add waste to grass pile behind bowls club	Oxford City Council (OCC)
	B	Remove scrub in Area B1 Add waste to grass pile behind bowls club	OCC
	Back of B, along Bulstake	Plant mixed hedge along Bulstake Stream behind bench with view to removing chain fence	OCC
	G	Identify trees for bat and bird boxes (3 of each) Build and mount boxes	Oxford City Council to provide bat and bird boxes [agreed 30.1.19] OCC to bring kits to April 27 th to build/put up or take home OCC to bring pre-made bird boxes plus bug boxes to April 27 th Mounting as part of spring relaunch April 27 th 2019
	I	Fix fence to prevent public access Add otter sign	OCC tbc
Spring 2019	A	Scarify with rake & sow wild flower mix (30 March / 1 April)	LCWO
Week April 20 th	Whole site	Site check in preparation for picnic	LCWO & OCC
EVENT April 27th	Kingfisher Corner relaunch – planting, bird and bat boxes, balsam bash		
	J	Sow 20 snowdrops	LCWO
	F	Handpulling of Himalayan Balsam stems (April – Oct); stems left to dry over fence or sturdy branch Check weekly for any stems	LCWO
Summer 2019	F	Handpulling of Himalayan Balsam stems (April – Oct); stems left to dry over fence or sturdy branch Check weekly for any stems	LCWO
Early June	Whole site	Site check in preparation for picnic	LCWO & OCC
EVENT June 15th	Teddy Bear’s picnic – kids’ activities, balsam bash		
Autumn 2019	C	Mow grass (2 nd of twice annual mowing) Add waste to grass pile behind bowls club	OCC
	N	Annual cut of sward in remainder of site using strimmer or mower	OCC

	M	Sycamore saplings/whips should be cut to ground level (early autumn) Place in area B to decompose naturally	OCC
	J	Sow 20 crocus bulbs; sow cowslip seeds tbc	LCWO
	C	Sow yellow rattle seeds over area tbc	LCWO
	F	Handpulling of Himalayan Balsam stems (April – Oct); stems left to dry over fence or sturdy branch Check weekly for any stems	LCWO
Winter 2019-2020	K	Plant 3-4 plum trees within vicinity of apple trees TBC	[To be discussed at next meeting]
2020 (Year 2)	C	Sow Wildflower seed mixture if yellow rattle taken well – otherwise do next year	LCWO
	H	Clear and plant herbs tbc - rosemary, lavender, marjoram, thyme, basil & sage	tbc
	J	Assess need for additional planting	OCC w LCWO
Winter 2020	K	Replace any loses	OCC w LCWO
	Gap between B&F	Plant hazel copse	OCC
2021 (Year 3)	C	Sow Wildflower seed mixture if yellow rattle taken well, if didn't do last year	LCWO
	J	Assess need for additional planting	OCC w LCWO
	K	Replace any loses	OCC w LCWO

Annual management			
Winter	B	Remove scrub & add waste to grass pile behind bowls club NB ROTATION y1 2018/19 B1, y3 B2, yr7 B3, yr11 B1 Assess scrub annually to assess rotation/need for cut back	OCC
	G	Check & clear bird boxes of nesting materials between Sept and February	Tbc
	K	Replace any loses	OCC
Spring – early	A	Cut using mower, strimmer or scythe (now OR late autumn)	OCC
	C & D	Annual cut in spring or autumn Add waste to grass pile behind bowls club	OCC
	F	Monthly+ check for any Himalayan Balsam stems 2020, 2021 (April – Oct)	LCWO
Summer	F	Monthly+ check for any Himalayan Balsam stems 2020, 2021 (April – Oct)	LCWO
Autumn - early	F	Monthly+ check for any Himalayan Balsam stems 2020, 2021 (April – Oct)	LCWO
	M	Sycamore saplings/whips should be cut to ground level Place in area B to decompose naturally	Tbc
Autumn	N	Annual cut of sward in remainder of site using strimmer or mower	OCC
Autumn – late	A	Cut using mower, strimmer or scythe if NOT done this spring	OCC
	C & D	Annual cut if not done this year in spring Add waste to grass pile behind bowls club	OCC

	G	Check & clear bird boxes of nesting materials between Sept and February	Tbc
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Additional notes, as agreed by LCWO and OCC:

- Area can get bigger – to stretch from kickabout in arch, with mown bay for the bench; looking forward, will stretch down to car park