



## **Gerrards Cross Town Council**

### **Climate Change / Environment Update October 2020 to February 2021**

- **We completed the NALC Climate Change Survey (deadline 29.1.21) <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/1583-nalc-calls-on-local-councils-to-complete-a-new-survey-on-climate-change>**
- **As a conclusion to this survey we created GXTC Climate Change Statement - as a positive affirmation of those practices we already have in place and those we aspire to - this has received Full Council approval (copy included)**
- **Committee agreement to research and gain approval for Wheelchair accessible playground equipment - Funding Grant Application to follow**
- **Trees - to gain more knowledge and understanding of; TPO's, Planting Trees 'right tree in right place', Street Trees, tree diseases, etc - we engaged with South Bucks Area Tree Officer by compiling a list of questions. We have received a prompt and full reply covering all our questions. Creating a useful guide to refer to.**
- **Our Commons Committee agreed 4 years ago to cease the use of pesticides on our Commons and the Camp. More recently we turned our attention to pesticides used by TfB in town centre locations, pavements etc - we wrote to TfB asking about the use of Glyphosate in these areas and what alternatives are being considered. We have received a full and clear response which whilst not what we wanted to hear ie 'TfB to stop use of Glyphosate'- it certainly explained that this chemical is used carefully and sparingly and alternatives are being researched. We can certainly monitor this moving forward.**
- **We asked Bucks Council about their Electric Vehicle Charging Point Strategy and have been informed, again promptly, that this is being drafted with roll-out to car parks to follow. We were then invited to give our location preferences for their consideration.**
- **Committee agreement to create 3 trial wildflower beds - to attract pollinators but also for resident's visual value - Grant Application to follow.**

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