

Radford Semele Parish Council Environment report – January 2026

Maintenance of the ditch in The Valley & Valley Road

In December a contractor cut back the hedge in The Valley to a manageable size, and also removed a large amount of debris from the ditch. I have emailed WCC to request that they visit the site for an inspection prior to raising the maintenance request to clear the ditch and culverts.

For discussion: WCC Flood Management has also offered us a Teams meeting to discuss how we can improve our flood defences in The Valley area.

Wildflower meadow & hedge on the playing field

The hedge on the playing field has been trimmed back and is looking very healthy. We need to replace several dead saplings.

I have been in touch with Olivia from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to discuss our options regarding the lack of wildflowers on the meadow. She has offered to resow the meadow for us (and provide the seed), but she suggested that we first need to rotavate the ground, which should enable a more successful outcome (for discussion).

Elm trees on the playing field

FoRGE would like to donate two elm trees for the playing field to replace the trees that were lost to ash dieback. Suggested locations are: the Community Hall car park nature area, next to the willow; and next to the table tennis hut (near the silver birches).

Telephone Box

The telephone box rota is establishing itself nicely, with a lovely Christmas story display during December (finishing after the Epiphany on 6th January), curated by St. Nicholas Church. During the remainder of January, FoRGE is promoting a seed and pot swap in preparation for spring planting. The village Art Club will curate during February, and we may celebrate World Book Day in March with a book swap. Scouts has agreed to curate during June.

Town & Parish Council Reference Group meeting

Taking place on Tuesday 20th January online. Subjects under discussion: Waste management and Rights of Way.

FoRGE activities

Footpath Group

Took a break during November and December; they will meet up again on 24th January. The group is still hoping to find a permanent storage solution for their equipment now that they have moved everything from the Community Hall changing room.

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