

Radford Semele Parish Council Environment report – May 2026

Stagecoach meeting

There is still no new date for this meeting.

The Valley flood ditch

I have contacted Joe Northorpe to chase up the cleaning of the flood ditch and culverts in The Valley/Valley Rd.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan

I have reviewed the number of dead trees on The Cricketers estate and there are currently over 40. After discussion with one of the residents it appears that there was also a hedge planted on the estate, which was situated adjacent to the pathway alongside farmland. It appears that the hedge saplings had no outer protection around them and were subsequently strimmed by the farmer. For Discussion: do we want to apply for funding to replace the trees? Should we wish to replace the hedge, we could contact CPRE to be part of their Hedgerow Heroes campaign.

There is a patch of land at the back of the Cricketers estate that may be a useful site for the Community Orchard (there are 13 dead trees on this patch). I will liaise with Cllr Davidson and FoRGE to work out whether the orchard project is viable.

Wildflower meadow on the playing field

I am investigating the cost of buying plug plants to put on the meadow in the autumn after the idea was suggested by members of FoRGE and Henry M.

Crime Prevention Event

I carried out a ward walk with PCSO Ed King at the end of April. He is planning to book the Community Hall to hold a Crime Prevention session for Radford Semele, Ufton and Harbury to take place in the autumn. Further details to follow.

FoRGE activities

Footpath Group

Will meet up again on 30th May.

Annual village plant sale

Will begin on Saturday 16th May at the Baptist Church between 2.00-4.00pm. The sale will then remain on the green for two weeks.

Cllr Josie Sanderson