

Radford Semele Parish Council Environment report – June 2026

Stagecoach meeting

There is still no new date for this meeting.

The Valley flood ditch

No reply as yet from Joe Northorpe regarding the cleaning of the flood ditch and culverts in The Valley/Valley Rd.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan

I have contacted Helen Hancox at WDC regarding the 40+ dead trees and missing hedge on The Cricketers estate to ask whether she is the correct person to request that the trees are replaced this autumn. I have also raised the prospect of the PC replacing the missing hedge (saplings can be requested through either CPRE or WkWT). No reply as yet.

Wildflower meadow on the playing field

The meadow is looking much improved this year due to receiving a severe cut from Duane Wagstaff in March. We requested that the meadow was cut short, along with the rest of the field, after two disappointing wildflower years (asking Duane to leave the corner plot). We then decided to continue with the meadow, and the area is now looking very positive. The grass is greatly reduced and we have had a good variety of wildflowers; the corner plot, however, is just excessive long grass, so it appears that the short cut at the start of spring is crucial to ensuring that the flowers are able to thrive. This is something that we can take forward with our planning for next year.

Oak tree on the playing field

The oak tree in the Lay Gardens corner of the playing field is currently smothered with ivy; I am liaising with Cllr Dempsey on this. Henry Marriott has recommended moving the young birch tree that was planted in the area three years ago as he thinks it is too close to the oak. I have reviewed the area and I think the tree may need to be moved. I will discuss this with FoRGE and we will find a new location for the birch.

The Community Telephone Box

Many thanks to the Scouts for producing an excellent display for June. Canalside is scheduled for July.

FoRGE activities

Footpath Group

Will meet up again on 27th June.

Cllr Josie Sanderson