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- South Derbyshire CVS
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**We would also like to thank our local partners,**

Findern Methodist Chapel, Findern Village Hall, our landowners and Derbyshire Library Service.



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**A Findern Parish Council working party.**

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**Pictured here at our Daffodil Walk in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.**



**The pupils from Derby Moor School at our presentation ceremony to celebrate their work on our wildlife sites.**

**ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:**

- Cardales Meadow has been seeded with hay rattle and plans drawn up for our wetland project planned for the site.
- Further wildflower planting in wetland sites, Stanhope Wood and in Stanhope Hole Conservation Area.
- The construction of insect hotels, mammal homes and a mammal cairn.
- Participation in OPAL hedge survey and British Waterways Towpath Wildlife Survey. Also further development of our own wildlife database which is shared with other professional organisations and voluntary groups. We also conducted a towpath user survey.

- Organisation of parish walks in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council as part of The National Forest Walking Festival. We also raised funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care through our Daffodil Walk.
- Attendance at Volunteer Celebration Events hosted by South Derbyshire CVS . We also helped to plan this year's National Forest Walking Festival and SD Environmental Forum.
- Promoting our activities and education and awareness raising through websites including our own brand new website, new promotional banner, coverage in local press and newsletters including our own parish newsletter, exhibitions and posters.
- Regular workshops to maintain our sites including the removal of invasive species, seat painting, and litterpick events.
- Attendance at ongoing training events organised by South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and information sharing with other groups including The Friends of Mickleover Meadows and Sinfin Moor. Attendance at Toyota Eco Day.
- Wider community consultation and influence including liaison meetings with Mercia Marina, Sustrans, Hilton Dog Walkers Club and Findern PTA.
- Assisting members of the community with the planting of commemorative trees and installation of a commemorative bench.
- Increased youth work including two events on Findern Green during half term holidays, hedge planting with Findern Brownies and Derby Moor School's Pupil Enrichment Programme.
- Volunteering Award from South Derbyshire District Council.
- Organisation of family orientated events on Findern Green and at Mercia Marina.

- The reopening of Crow Park Way bridleway following a substantial programme of work.