

Halton Senior Co-housing Project



Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Working Parties

Dora and Judith did a fine job of clearing the paths. How fast they become overgrown. It is safe for pedestrians once again.



Hedgehog Concerns

Several members spent the morning dragging branches to make a pile under the trees. We would much rather have the hedgehogs hibernating and traveling under the protected trees rather than where the diggers will start work. The Ecological Report submitted with the planning application also states that we must remove the rabbits before we start building. The plan is to trap and remove them to a field and woodland area which used to have rabbits but no longer does. Residents would like to see them back.



Landscape Workshop

Kate guided the Landscape Service Team looking at options for plants that will grow in the shade and on hillsides, and how the elevations will affect our development. There will be more workshops to come, giving everyone a chance to discuss ideas. Evening Primrose was found growing on site.



Some nice stones for making a rockery.



Wild flowers.

Process Work

We held individual and group sessions with Milan and Leah exploring how process work can resolve conflicts. We know there are bound to be more conflicts ahead. It is always good to be prepared. Our draft Conflict Resolution Policy and Consensus Agreement Policy have been adopted.

Q&A Café

Our latest Question and Answer Café on Zoom attracted two people from Portugal. One is interested in setting up cohousing there while the other is considering moving to Halton. Several others joined, gathering information, as they would like to develop senior cohousing in other parts of England. So pleased

that we can play a small part in encouraging others to be ambitious.

Update on Planning Application

We are currently in the statutory consultation period. The council has advised us that there are delays due to coronavirus. We must be patient and expand our timeline just a little. It is hoped that we will hear the good news by November.