

Abbey Rd update for Communities Committee.

(R Brown. Thurs 22nd Oct)

- The first work session of the Abbey Road Conservation Volunteers is arranged for Sat 24th Oct. Covid19 and Risk Assessments have been written and agreed with John. All volunteers are asked to agree to these before attending. (I will send a short report on how this went before your meeting on 27th)
- There are now 19 people who have volunteered to join the Abbey Road Conservation Volunteers. As of today (Thurs) 10 have signed up for this Saturday.
- A small sub-group of 3 of the volunteers have agreed to be the plant recorders for the site. One of these is a Kew-trained botanist currently working at Wakehurst. Two of them are involved in the wildflower surveys on the Steyning Downland Scheme. So their experience will be invaluable to us in this project.
- Another volunteer has agreed to help me with admin on the day and to oversee work on the pond, as they have a special interest in ponds.
- The Yellow Rattle seed ordered by SPC has been received and will be sown this month (or next) in parts of the meadow area.
- The Biological Data Report for Abbey RD has just been received from the Sussex Biological Records Office by SPC. Its content is being reviewed.
- nothing yet to report from the EA/OART about the Tanyard stream clearing. I will chase in another week, as the work was due to be scheduled for November.
- I was asked by Simon A to review the position of an Elm tree from TFS to be planted at AR. This was my response "There is an Italian Alder quite close to the proposed position, but there are many others on site and could be sacrificed if it impinges on the Elm. It is on the fringe of the meadow area, and again shouldn't cause any problems."