



# Killamarsh Conservation Group

"Volunteers making a difference"

## Dear Parent and Resident

Our small group of volunteers is currently undertaking several projects in Killamarsh – you may have read about our work on Killamarsh Voice or Killamarsh Forum. We also featured in a half-page spread in the summer 2019 issue of the Rykneld Homes customer magazine - "Your Rykneld."

We are all volunteers and have chosen to offer some of our free time to making areas of Killamarsh a little brighter and more wildlife friendly and in some places a bit tidier too. Over the last 2 years we have organised several litter picks, constructed and planted three flower beds on Sheepcote Road, undertaken a clearing of overgrown shrubbery in St Giles Churchyard where we also installed nine bird boxes last autumn and with the aid of Rykneld Homes and North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Countryside Services we are looking at creating some wildflower areas around Killamarsh. One of our biggest projects is restoring the vegetable and fruit garden at Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School. We have already introduced flower borders at the front of the school and along the entry path to the Infant School.

Our litter picks have been well attended with residents joining with our members to "clean up" parts of Killamarsh which suffer the scourge of dropped bottles and cans and crisp packets. Using a grant from Rykneld Homes we were able to purchase good quality litter pickers, many of which we have given out through the summer to interested residents who have begun litter picks around their own neighbourhood. Many of those with children have had a great time during the holidays out together clearing their streets from rubbish!

Having said all this, we are currently only a small group and as such these projects are major tasks for a few people to take on. As much as we enjoy getting together to work as a team, we would dearly love and very much welcome more residents of Killamarsh to be able to offer a little time to help out. You can offer just as much time as you could spare – even just a couple of hours on a work party once or twice a month would be much appreciated. There is no membership fee; we raise funds for our projects through coffee mornings (courtesy of the Methodist Chapel on Sheffield Road, about once a month, Thursday morning), where we sell plants and home made cakes and preserves, and by applying for community grants from various funding bodies.

I know your spare time is precious and you probably have many things on your "to do" list, but if you would like to help us in some way, please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number below or by email at [killamarshconservationgroup@gmail.com](mailto:killamarshconservationgroup@gmail.com). You do not have to have "green fingers" or be a gardening expert, our group is more social than horticultural but we all enjoy doing our bit to make Killamarsh a nicer place to live.

Thank you for taking the time to read this; I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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