

VE Day Tree Planting – Belmont Green

Update to Community Assets and Open Spaces

January 2026

Wroughton and Wichelstowe Parish Council were awarded a total sum of £21,831.90 by Swindon Borough Council's Great Western Community Project to cover planting and maintenance cost for the commemorative scheme at Belmont Green which was launched on Armistice Day 2025.

The remaining sum of £8,757.20 after the contractor fees have been deduced will be used by WWPC to:

- Hire of a turf cutter to prepare an area for wildflower planting.
- Buy wildflower seeds and bulbs for planting by WWPC Grounds Team this spring.
- Maintain the tree stock to the levels required by the grant funding contract including the replacement of saplings, staking, protection, mulching, pruning, weeding and ongoing maintenance by our Grounds Team
- Fund training on pruning for the Grounds Team and any volunteers.

We received some great coverage from BBC Radio Wiltshire about the planting scheme and it's connections to Wroughton's military history.

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