

➤ **Notes from meeting 26 Feb 2026**

➤ **Connecting Wichelstowe**

➤ **Reflections on events in previous period**

All agreed that Christmas events went well and a similar approach to joining up and coordinating should be taken next year.

➤ **2026 Events**

Easter Events

- Thurs 2nd April East Wichel - South Swindon Parish Council Event (East Wichel Tiny Forest Day 10-2pm); Claire tagging a walk for the event along the section of the South Swindon Green Trail from East Wichel to the town centre.
- Fri 3rd April Middle Wichel - H&W Family Fun Day with Prospect Hospice; potential link with the Stowe
- Sat 4th April Wroughton - Easter Egg Hunt
- Sun 5th April East Wichel – Stowe event - Jesus story trail with the Wichel Inn

Other Spring Events

- Sunday 15th Mothers Day – Stowe Community Brunch
- 25th March – Spring Pilgrimage with Kingfisher Primary – OG leading a walk around the site looking for signs of Spring and new life.
- 26th March - WPC Community Litter Pick in Wroughton
- Mid-April – Keystone (project ecologists) are developing an event to link in with the National Day of Action for Parks & Green Spaces. In the early stages of planning but likely to be focussed around the boardwalk. Opportunity for others to be involved particularly Travel Planning. Dates to be shared once known.

2026 Events Actions:

- Flyers to be shared H&W; SSPC and Claire for different events. Katie to share via Firstport resident communications.
- EL to share previous offer for support for Kingfisher from Keystone to see if support can be provided for the Spring Pilgrimage.
- EL to progress arrangements for a Wichelstowe litter pick in Spring. Check with McCarthy Stone if they would like to host, and with WPC if they can support with equipment / rubbish disposal. Potential date – May half term.
- All to consider if they can provide any support for the Keystone Green Spaces Event. EL to circulate dates / details as they are firmed up.

➤ **2026 Charity**

- H&W still has Prospect as their charity, Wichel Inn is developing a good link with Prospect. Agreed that Prospect Hospice is the charity for the group

➤ **2027 Events**

- Canalside Sessions – Summer events alongside the canal to celebrate 50th Year of the WBCT. Live music and poetry by Boyesen Bridge.

➤ **Next Meeting – May 2026**