

Subject:	<b>Citizen Science Saturday – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 (Earth Day)</b>
From:	Peter Kenrick
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
For information/discussion/decision/action	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm Town Council support for this event. [timing: immediate].</li> <li>• Grant permission for the use of Mill Field for this event [timing: immediate].</li> <li>• Consider how councillors and the TC as a body, can engage with and participate in this event. [timing: by mid-March 2023]</li> <li>• Engage with event planning and publicity [timing: now and until the event]</li> </ul>	
Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]	
NONE as a requirement but consideration could be given to optional small costs e.g. towards publicity	

A major outreach and education event is being planned for **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 (Earth Day)** under the title of **Citizen Science Saturday**. The event is being organised as part of the Evenlode Smarter Catchment Plan, funded by Thames Water, with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership (ECP) taking the organisational lead. I am the principal local contact with the ECP as member of the Town Council & LNG and also as chair of the Wigwell Friends volunteers and principal contact with the Wychwood Forest Trust (WFT).

Planning for the event is still in progress but some details are included in the attached article submitted for publishing in the Spring 2023 edition of the Charlbury Chronicle.

The event will have two components. The first, aimed at young people and families, will be based at the Scout Hut with practical supervised activities on the Wigwell Nature Reserve. Charlbury Scout and Guide Groups will be involved as well as Charlbury Primary School, the WFT and an environmental artist who has constructed an art installation called WillowDrop in the Wigwell stream as a “sculptural response to natural flood management”.

The second component of the event, aimed at adult members of the community will include talks by invited speakers on topics related to the natural environment and the state of our river. It will also include citizen science demonstrations and training opportunities aimed at greater community involvement. Our wish is to hold this second component of the event on Mill Field and we therefore request the permission of the Town Council to use this space for the event (see above under Summary of decisions or actions). The town clerk and council members responsible for the Mill Field will be consulted throughout the event planning and implementation process and with regard to event publicity.