Compton Bishop Parish Council

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RE: Parish Maintenance Group

Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to you with a plea from and the full approval of Compton Bishop Parish Council.

With the storms of the last few days, it is easy to forget that Spring will soon be upon us. It is therefore imperative that, within the next few weeks, we make firm arrangements for maintaining and improving our Parish. As you know, the maintenance of the Parish relies entirely on volunteers from the community with the Parish Council presently funding expenditure on materials. We desperately need firm commitment from many more volunteers of all ages, especially during the growing season between April and October.

The following is a brief summary of the work to be done.

Grass cutting, strimming and hedge trimming at various locations throughout the Parish. Teams would be required to take 'ownership' of a specific area and cut, strim or trim it regularly (sometimes once a week, sometimes every two or three weeks, depending on rate of growth)

Maintenance of Parish Furniture such as bus shelters, notice boards, seats, telephone boxes. This work entails physical maintenance of the fabric to regular cleaning, sweeping out etc.

Planting and Maintenance of Planters and boxes throughout the Parish. This includes planting for summer and winter flowering, regular watering and weeding.

Planting of Bulbs in verges throughout the Parish

Specific Projects.

- 1. Maintenance of the Springfield Close, Cross, Village Wildlife Area under the direction of Sarah Ayling. Generally, once a month.
- 2. Construction of steps down the river at Bow Bridge, Cross.
- 3. Clearing out of and reconstruction of the Bus Shelter at the corner of the Webbington Road and Barton Lane, Webbington.
- 4. Clearing out and some reconstruction work pertaining to ditches throughout Compton Bishop.

Your time and talents will be much appreciated by the whole of the community, even if it is only ½ an hour a week or an hour a month, it all helps. A long term shortage of volunteers will result in the Parish Council paying for contractors which will increase Council Tax payments, which we would like to prevent.

Please respond through 'The Link' at comptonnewslink@gmail.com, to The Parish Clerk 07856 846621, or to any Councillor on the Parish website www.comptonbishopparish.org.uk