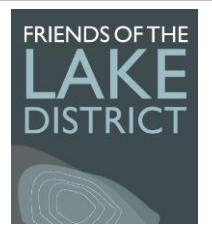


Landscape & habitat improvements to Lazonby Parish Council land at Scaur Close



To: Lazonby Parish Council
From: Geoff Wilson
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Re: Scaur Close Green

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Report to 1 September 2021 parish council meeting.

Harvest time at Scaur Close Green



How time flies:

It was May 2015 when proposals to do a landscape improvement project on parish council owned land in Scaur Close was first put to the parish council, and early 2016 when the first works commenced on rebuilding the stone wall and felling some trees.

Six years on ...in contrast to last year there was plenty of rain this year in the Spring and the grass grew well on Scaur Close Green, but to my relatively untrained eye the display of wild flowers and grasses this year wasn't as good as last year.

However, July was sufficiently free of rain for the grass to be cut, dried and gathered-up late in the month after all the flower seed had dropped.

The photo above shows how it was when the grass had been cut, turned, raked and rowed-up in readiness for bagging and disposal. As the grass was being raked a comment in passing to a neighbour that it would be good to have someone with a small baler to pick up the grass resulted in the next-best thing. He arranged for his brother to take the grass away on his trailer. Whether he fed it to stock, burned it or buried it ... I didn't ask.

In autumn the grass will be cut back again to let light in to the germinating seeds which are next years crop of grass and flowers, and the area will possibly be scarified to encourage germination of the meadow seeds.

The various trees on the green are growing well, but there is no fruit on the apple tree s this year. They possibly caught a late frost.

The area of bird and bee friendly shrubs and herbs at the top of the site continues to thrive, As usual the weed becomes compost in the two on-site bins.

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