

Environmental Group (Vince Buckman/Ian Richards/Fiona Freeman)
Progress to date

Ian Richards and myself had a very informative meeting in early Summer with Mr Barrington of Great Bealings. We were shown and discussed the method, planning and reasons why of the Great Bealings Development Plan.

With this in mind I contacted Suffolk Wildlife Trust for them to give an environmental report on the parish of Bredfield. This was to include agricultural land, gardens, meadows, woodland, hedgerows etc. A quote was received in the sum of £1120.00. This was forwarded to Nick Young. Clarification of the amount of work was sought from Suffolk Wildlife Trust - the study would take four to five days to complete. Access to as much land as possible would need to be sought from the various landowner and a study of maps and aerial photography would be carried out. This would provide the best information for the report. April/May would be the optimum months for the study to be carried out due to new growth and the recognition of various plants, species etc. The environmental report would be in a format that can be used and understood by local Government in future planning of the village. It would draw a benchmark to work upon and to identify priorities for improving the natural environment of the village through the education, publications and small working groups.

Ian Richards sought other costings from various companies to do a similar report as follows:

AHDB - Standard Consultancy fee £400 per day plus expenses.
Ecopt - Standard Consultancy fee £500 per day plus expenses
ADAS - up to approximately £1500 per day for consultancy work
General agricultural consultancy - up to £150/hour (£1200/day).

The above costs do not include VAT.

Fiona Freeman would liaise with other groups within the village Development Plan on environmental aspects and its implications for the report.

The aim of the group is to benchmark the present natural environment of Bredfield and to use this as a basis for planning improvement.