

# SITES OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

## Draft Plan for the Management of Newnham Green

Ref Proposal by Marion Stainton and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre 2005

With reference to the *Villager* article (April 2020): 'Newnham Green is designated a SINC (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation). The Parish Council is looking to achieve a maintenance programme which is compatible with its SINC and its Village Green status, with mown paths and an area for games.'

The Parish Council has a written contract with the Malmesbury Charitable Trust to 'mow and maintain Newnham Green'. The draft Plan outlined below is based on the Management Proposal drawn up by Marion Stainton in 2005 in association with Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). While a scaled-back version of the earlier best-practice but labour-intensive proposal, this Plan is hopefully a step in the right direction and can be monitored and modified accordingly. New wildlife areas can be introduced a section at a time if this is found to be working successfully. It should gradually result in less diesel and man/machine hours being needed for mowing and strimming

### POND UPDATE

**Pete West, North-East Hants Officer & Safeguarding Lead Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG)**

Survey Saturday 27th June

'We didn't survey the whole pond, just one quarter to avoid impacting too much on the Crassula.'

'The newt larvae are progressing well and some of the GCN larvae were a good size. I think we will have about another three to four weeks for pond surveys and then most larvae and tadpoles will have left the ponds.'

'I will start to plan in some terrestrial searches and may place some discrete refugia (something for newts to hide under) around the Green – permission and locations to be discussed beforehand.'

'The next aim is to map the terrestrial use, which is almost definitely going to include hedgerows and gardens, so I will be requesting and hoping for neighbour feedback.'

