

## Warden of the Green Report 2024/25

Very wet spring and early summer in 2024 meant that the grass on the village green could not be cut for until mid-summer as the ground was too boggy. It cause several comments to be made but once the ground water level dropped Will Gray was soon on top of the grass cutting.

Invaluable assistance and contribution from Gil Robinson and Iain Botterill that the Christmas lights provided a good show once again.

At the EYRC Parish Open Door Meet and greet event in Drifffield I spoke with John Hannah, ERYC Highways manager. I advised him of the run off from the road into the pond and in particular the silt accumulation. He said he was not averse to making a contribution towards clearing of the pond when it needs to be done. He also suggested contacting Hugh Roberts, Chair of Howden Town Council, who is a font of knowledge in all things village pond.

About 40 metres of the knee rail fencing adjacent to Butt Lane, opposite the bus shelter, and the litter bin on the green at that location were damaged when a car veered off the road. Costs of repairs have been identified and contractors commissioned to undertake repair works.

Hot off the press - The fencing should be replaced last week in May or second week in June.

Two fallen elder trees in boundary with horse paddocks were dealt with.

On 7 April met Hugh Roberts to discuss leaking pond. He gave some useful advice, wants to know how we get on and is happy to provide further assistance as required.

To discourage Canada geese from making the village green a family home the green has been monitored daily from early spring and any potential nesting sites were dismantled. The boat beside the bridge seemed a popular nesting location but regular replacement of sticks from the adjacent dogwood bush has hopefully foiled any nesting this year.

As mentioned in Chairs report I would like to focus on smartening up the village green area in the coming 12 months.