



### **Work Party Report (1) - New Victory Hall, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Our group of seven volunteers was led by Lucy Seely (Norfolk Wildlife Trust). We carried out the following tasks:

- 1) Removal and disposal of plastic tree guards from trees at the back of the hall. This was a difficult task which involved crawling under prickly undergrowth. We were not able to remove all the guards because we ran out of time and energy and will continue the job during a future work party.
- 2) Creation of bare patches of soil in a small area behind the hall (marked with stakes and roped off). This area has been seeded with yellow rattle, which is useful plant when creating a wildflower area because it suppress the growth of dominant grasses and gives other plants space to grow. Yellow rattle needs to be sown in autumn/winter because it requires a prolonged period of cold weather to trigger its germination. Other wildflower seed will be sown on this area in the spring.
- 3) Marking out of a larger second area which will be left to grow until mid to late summer to see and record what plants grow in the area.

We attached information notices to a post in each of the two marked off areas. Unfortunately they were damaged by the rain and wind so we have decided to replace them with wooden signs showing the 'NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages' logo.

Our group will have its own insurance from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. We will be able to organise our own work parties from that date. We have arranged a work party on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to plant saplings in the hedge that borders the Parish Council owned car park.