

Dear Residents

19th March 2019

Although the weather over the summer of 2018 was superb for sunbathers, the resulting drought was not so good for the young nursery plants. For this reason, there was a nationwide shortage of quality plant stock available, and we took the view that it would be better to delay the planting rather than risk planting sub-optimal stock, which would require more management in the long term to keep it in a good condition.

We have therefore focussed instead on building some of the harder elements of the landscape, to improve the accessibility and enjoyment of the meadows. As you will have no doubt seen, we have installed two new timber bridge crossings over the wetland swales, and two of the three planned play areas have been built by Kettering-based play equipment company Wicksteed Playscapes. The bases of the footpaths have been laid through most of the public open space, and once fully settled these will be finished with tarmac later in the year.

You will see a change to the management of the grass in some areas this year; this is to allow the development of natural meadows for the benefit of wildlife. This will encourage many more birds to Little Stanion as they forage for insects and seeds.

We will be looking to continue improvements to the public open spaces around Little Stanion throughout the year, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience, and apologise for any disruption in the meantime.

Yours faithfully

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Ian Dudley
Little Stanion Landscape Architect

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Rodney Moore
Little Stanion Project Director