

What the Friends of Castle Meadows have achieved;

- Created a copse in an area of fenced scrub, mainly composed of brambles and nettles.
- Planted a bank of 100 native trees to commemorate those who died in conflicts 1918-2018.
- Contributed to the erection of a large stone monument, engraved to commemorate those who died in conflicts 1918-2018
- Designed and contributed to the construction of the Eisteddfod monument on the Meadows.
- Created a woodland glade in the copse, using native flower and grass seed.
- Planting in excess of 2000 spring flowering bulbs.
- Hedging the copse, as part of the Welsh Long Forest project.
- Working with the Brownies and Rainbows to create a Spring flowering area and a small spinney.
- Working with Scouts to create a wood chip path in the upper part of the Copse.
- Numbering the Horse Chestnuts in order to monitor tree health (Opal Tree Health Survey, even though the project is now closed the recording regime is still valid)
- Contributing to the cost of a pipe linking the Cibi to the "Big Pond" to ensure the pond is no longer ephemeral.
- Contributing to the installation of a dam in the pond to regulate water flow into the Usk
- Installing pre planted coir rolls of native marginals to stabilise the pond banks and increase biodiversity within the pond environment
- Contributing to the cost of draining a reen and planting native hedge species to connect two copses

- Completing training with Riverfly to monitor the health of the Gavenny and Cibi.
- Contributing to the installation of the dipping platform at the pond.
- Paying for the replacement wooden bridge over the reen, when the last one was destroyed by the floods ● Installing bat and bird boxes.
- Working regularly with the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs and Church groups on environmental issues.
- Establishing Young Friends groups which work with local schools.
- Organising an annual programme of walks and talks on the Meadows.
- Working to monitor and where appropriate the removal of NNIS
- Planting over 100 native woodland appropriate trees in the Copse to improve biodiversity.
- Sourcing and planting Black Poplars on the Meadows(one of Britain's rarest trees).
- Working with a local school to create a woodland hedge tunnel to connect two more copses and involving them in the creation of the bilingual interpretation panel.
- Planting a Willow arch to allow invertebrates/small mammals to move safely across a path.
- Participating in the Welsh Government initiative "My tree, Our forest" and giving away around 1400 native trees to Welsh residents.