



# PROJECT UNITY 2026



A Community Engagement project by  matthew ringland creative  
Supported by Great & Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

## CELEBRATING THE UNITY, COMMUNITY AND LONGEVITY OF OUR PARISH FROM 2026 AND BEYOND.

Great & Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council are delighted to announce that a new Community Garden will be coming to your village in 2026.

Our Parish has been around for a very long time but despite its rich history it's always changing. A new public garden is currently under construction as part of the new Arabella Park development. It will be open to everyone, all year round and will feature many trees and shrubs with raised beds, bench seating and environmentally friendly solar powered lights so the garden can be enjoyed safely, well into the evening. As part of the project we have engaged the creative services of local designer Matthew Ringland to design some eye catching features to complement this new contemporary garden. There will be two sculptural features to form its centre piece.

**THE UNITY TREE** stands in the main pathway and is designed to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on the 6th of May 2023. This will also feature a display of the pebbles that were painted by residents of the village on the day of the Coronation. Taking the theme of a bee hive as inspiration, it will be a symbol, not only of community coherence but also reflect the passion held by our King for bees and the important role they play in our food security and ultimately the survival of our species. This will be unveiled in Spring 2026. We are keeping it under wraps for now so it will be a surprise. The second feature is **THE HIVE PERGOLA**. This modern 'hive inspired' design will straddle the curved path and feature panels on one side to provide shade. In time, plants will be encouraged to climb this pergola and provide more shade and floral perfume for you to enjoy while relaxing in the garden.



## FANCY GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY?

There are three fun projects we are running to give you an opportunity to get involved in the new garden project



**PROJECT UNITY:** Launching February 2026. Bunting fit for a King or Queen Bee. You can pick up a free 'BUNT' flag, details and locations to be confirmed early next year. Get your creative juices flowing during those cold Winter evenings, let your imagination go wild and create the best bunting ever. Return them to us and we'll sew them together to form the UNITY BUNTING that we'll use to decorate the new garden on opening day and for village events for years to come. To express your interest now, reserve your 'bunt' and to find out more, contact Matthew at [matthew@matthewringland.co.uk](mailto:matthew@matthewringland.co.uk)



**PROJECT COMMUNITY:** We want this to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone, old and new in the village but it will take ongoing effort to keep it looking at its best all year round. So we'll be looking for volunteers no matter what gardening experience you may have to get your hands dirty to help make the garden flourish year after year. If you'd be interested in adding your name to the list of volunteers please contact Harvey Alison by email at [halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk)



**PROJECT LONGEVITY:** What are your dreams for our Village's future, 25 years from now? We are inviting School children in our area to write, draw or paint their aspirations for the future. Their ideas will be stored digitally but also physically within a Time Capsule in the 'Golden heart' of the UNITY TREE. In the year 2051 the Time Capsule will be reopened when perhaps the Children of today will stand alongside their children of tomorrow and together see who's dreams came true and hopefully repeat the process for generations to come into the future.

### YOU'RE A TOUGH CROWD! STILL NOT ENOUGH?

From Autumn through Winter and into Spring next year we'll have other fun activities to keep you entertained and remind you of warmer Summer days to come. From October look out for the 'UNITY BEE Buzzles' in each months Parish Newsletter and discover how much you really know about our Parish and it's history. Seek out for the Golden Bees on the GOLD BEE TREASURE HUNT and whoever finds the most may win a sweet golden reward. Let's create a buzz around our Parish in 2026.

**With UNITY the bees will welcome you to your new Garden.**