

## **QUINTON MEADOWS UPDATE JUNE 2023**

Quinton Business Park (which forms part of Quinton Meadows) changed hands at the end of May. Threadneedle sold the business park to PCPVI Limited and QMCC has been in touch with the managing agent for the new owner requesting an early site meeting and inviting him to our next quarterly meeting in September.

QMCC had a good relationship with Threadneedle and their managing agent. Threadneedle provided funding of £2,000 in 2022, which was used to supply and install metal benches at various points around the nature reserve. Threadneedle provided a further £2,000 in 2023 and these funds are currently held by Birmingham City Council. Discussions are ongoing between the park ranger service and a landscaping contractor for this funding to be used to improve drainage at three locations on the access track within the nature reserve. These locations currently become very waterlogged and muddy after periods of rainfall making access difficult. The aim is for the drainage improvements to make the access track fully accessible all year round.

Note that this is now an ideal time to visit the nature reserve as the wildflower meadows are in full flower and very colourful. The wild orchids located in the area adjacent to the swales (just south of the business park) are currently coming into flower and there is only a short window of opportunity to view these before the flowers die.

I urge everyone to take a walk through the nature reserve and enjoy the site of the meadows in full flower.