

The Village Green



As part of the Druids Heath regeneration, how would you like to see the Village Green enhanced?

The story of the Village Green is interwoven with that of the Druids Heath community who legally claimed it as their 'village green' in the late 1990s and whom have continued to leave their footprints and memories, bedded into the paths they have created.

This board sets out **ideas on how to enhance the Village Green**, suggesting attributes such as formalised paths, benches and play. Alongside this, habitat assessments are taking place that will feed into the ideas about what we can and can't do and how to improve biodiversity.

Let us know the ideas you like / don't like using the sticky notes provided, and suggest anything else we could add.



Hierarchy of paths

- Main cycleway through the centre of the park
- Formal walking paths linking up to surrounding residential areas
- Informal wood chip, no dig construction and mown grass paths to offer alternative routes
- A nature trail route with wooden animal sculptures providing a child focussed path throughout the Village Green



Opportunities for Pond Dipping

- Wooden platforms
- Small bridges over the Chinn Brook

Community Orchard

- Extension of Fruit & Nut Village orchard
- Mixture of fruit trees (apple, pear, etc) and nut trees with the potential for these to be managed by a community group
- Improve access to food growing within the area



Small Wild Play Area

- Natural incidental/wild play area alongside footpath
- Natural material play equipment
- Positioned on grass surface
- Benches around perimeter



Designated picnic areas & benches

- Wooden seating
- Benches alongside path network
- Designated picnic areas



Lowland Meadow

- Habitat enhancement within the existing neutral grassland
- Enhancement to lowland meadow habitat
- Informal mown paths run through the area



Wetland area

- Habitat enhancements focusing on wetland habitats
- SUDs feature
- Extension to the Village Green
- Wooden boardwalk crossing over the Brook and additional stream



Squirrel Park

- Play spaces within the Village Green
- Native planting within and bordering the area
- Benches around perimeter
- Informal woodchip pathways

