

Update to Full Council

23 June 2025

Cycle Rack replacement – outside Ellendune Community Centre

To replace the rusty planters with bike loops outside the Ellendune Community Centre in memory of Jean Clapton we will be installing a single black ‘Sheffield Toast Rack’ style cycle stand which will be suitable for securing two bikes. Fortunately, the WPC Grounds team already have a brand new cycle stand being stored at their site so the total cost for this project will be no more than £30 for postcrete/tarmac materials. The anticipated completion date for this work is during the summer months of 2025.

The Community Projects Officer is in touch with Gordon Clapton, who is a retired Coldstream Guard, active member of the local Royal British Legion group and widower of Jean Clapton. A small ribbon cutting ceremony will take place to dedicate the new cycle storage to her with Gordon in attendance. A plaque in Jean’s memory is already in place on the adjacent wall of the Ellendune Community Centre.

Example of ‘Sheffield Toast rack’ – cycle storage



Memorial Planter for Councillor Brian Ford

As requested at Full Council in June (Minute ref FC172) a three tier self watering planter has been ordered which is the same as the one installed in the Ellendune Community Centre car park. The delivery time for this is 6 weeks. The planter will be located on the hardstanding next to the Ellendune Community Centre commemorative bench on the grass between the ECC and Ridgway View Surgery. A gold and black circular commemorative plaque will be displayed on the planter. Wording for this has been agreed by the Chair and Clerk. Summer blooms will be planted and small opening ceremony will take place with Brian’s family and Councillors invited.

The Deputy Clerk has also been in touch with Swindon Borough Council regarding road name suggestions a the Hill's Site in Brian's memory.

Existing self watering planter in ECC Car Park, installed in 2024

