

Updates from Community Projects and Events Officer
Community Assets and Open Spaces Committee
8 April 2026

Weirfield Path

Works have now been successfully completed by Rock Contractors and as a gesture of goodwill a wider path (2 metres) than specified was installed. We have received great feedback from members of the public regarding accessibility.

Play and Gym Equipment Weirfield

The damaged sky carousel equipment has been removed from Weirfield Play Area by Rock Contractors as a gesture of goodwill. We are now awaiting the grounds team to repair the surface and remove Heras fencing. Rock Contractors also installed a new concrete base for a larger, relocated replacement bench as a gesture of goodwill. The bench has now been installed by our Grounds Team and is near to the play equipment.

The order for the new gym equipment has been placed with Kompan and we are working towards an installation date week commencing 9th May.

Beranburh Play Area

The play equipment and paths have been cleaned by W&WPC Grounds Team.

Glasdon Recycled Composite Plastic Picnic Bench – Maunsell Way

This has been ordered although an 8 week lead time has been quoted. The bench will arrive fully assembled. W&WPC Grounds team will install a concrete sub-base in preparation for delivery.

Memorial Trees

The Mike Hinder Memorial Tree Plant in the Secret Garden Play Area took place on Thursday 9th April at 11am. Lisa and Amanda attend. Mike's son and daughter attended to plant a dwarf apple tree which has been sourced from Southern Forestry. John Hewer has been in touch with former Parish Councillor Chris Manning regarding replacement tree arrangements for John Newman.

Great British Spring Clean

Great British Spring Clean community litterpick on Thursday 26 March was really well attended with 27 volunteers and 33 bin bags of rubbish collected along with various fly tipped items. Thanks to all involved in making the event so successful. Following on from the Community Litterpick, three new volunteers have stepped forward and been issued with their own equipment. They will complete litterpicks throughout the year around Wroughton.

Improved litter bin Church Hill, Wroughton

The wheely bin with padlock has now been installed in the layby at the top of Church Hill and will be regularly emptied by W&WC Grounds team. Allbuild have removed this from their bin emptying contract and our invoicing has been adjusted accordingly.

Active Swindon Walk in Wroughton – The Pony Trail

The Spring Active Trail booklet is now available to collect in the Ellendune Community Centre and features Wroughton, Wanborough and Lydiard. Wroughton's Pony Trail is a 2.2mile pushchair friendly, circular flat walk around Wroughton starting at the Fairwater Stables building and finishing at the Ellendune Community Centre. Participants can collect a pony badge on completion from the Library or Parish Office and enter a prize draw.

Damaged tree branches removed from Willow-Brook Gardens

Scottish and Southern Electric have removed the damaged tree parts and cleared all foliage from around the cables. The area has been tidied and safety fencing removed by W&WPC Grounds Team.

Mobile litterpick station

This is now located near to the shops at Tesco but can move around so do please advise if you have any locations in mind. The Grounds Team have been asked to make another station ready for Spring. There are two fixed litterpick stations in Wichelstowe located by the lake at Barbrook Road and The Orchards.

WYFC Liaison

The Clerk and Community Projects Officer have scheduled a meeting with the new Chair of Wroughton Youth Football club to discuss usage of our pitches and facilities and foster a closer working relationship.

Bra Appeal

The Zabra bras for Africa appeal will run during June with the Ellendune Community Centre acting as one of the collection points.

Alexandra Park Defibrillator

On the request of the CA&OS Committee, the Clerk has contacted Hannick Homes to confirm that we will install a defib unit on the premises of one of our Councillor's properties as we have been in contact with them since May 2025 without any tangible progress. Thanks to Cllr Diane Archer for assisting with allowing the installation of this important community resource. The Defibrillator unit has now been ordered via London Hearts charity at a reduced cost of £1159.20 INCL VAT and P&P. Following this purchase from the allocated budget from CAOS (Minute ref CA05/011 and full council (minute ref FC188) the sum of £284.82 remains.

Future expected costs - F&GP will receive a request for further funding when we have costings for the electrical install work at Cllr Diane Archers and confirmation on whether we are going ahead to install a bleed kit at Alexandra Park and at Wichelstowe (estimated price £281.50 each). We will also install an airtag in the new defibrillator unit which will cost around £35.