



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee
Wednesday 20 May 2026**

Agenda Item 6 – Updates for Noting and for Information Only

Purpose of the Report

Members are required to:

- **NOTE** updates to various community assets and open spaces projects currently being carried out across the parish

Alexandra Park Defibrillator and Bleed Kit

A new defibrillator has been installed at Alexandra Park. It is fitted to the side of 47 Whittingham Drive, which is Cllr Diane Archer's house. Diane kindly let the parish council install the unit on her property to ensure one is available for the residents of Alexandra Park. Local electrician Paul Bailey, of Wroughton Electrical, kindly installed the unit free of charge.

The device is visible and accessible from the public footpath. A Heartsafe bleed kit is also located next to the defibrillator. Both of these devices will be registered online and with the ambulance service. A big thank you goes to charity London Hearts for awarding grant funding towards the cost of the defibrillator. The parish council has shared this news on social media and sent press releases to the Swindon Advertiser, Swindon Link, Swindon 24 and London Hearts.

Wichelstowe Joint Venture Team

The Joint Venture Team have advised that they have a tentative date of the start of June for the new Estate management office to be open. They are looking to install a defibrillator they have purchased and the bleed kit purchased by the parish council. In terms of monitoring and checks, it is likely that these will be undertaken by staff in the office.

Weir Field Gym equipment update

A calisthenics unit (for body resistance exercise, monkey bars, chin ups, triceps dips and climbing) and a resistance cardio cross trainer have been purchased for the Weir Field. Work should now be in progress with expected completion including safety inspection in time for opening at half term. Thanks to the Wroughton Club for giving permission for a parking space to be used for a disposal skip.

The Community Projects Officer has been in touch with Wroughton Youth Football Club regarding some of their players attending a launch, with photos to go online. Manufacturers Kompan have indicated that they may be able to supply some logo water bottles or boot bags for this event.

Warm and Welcome Space Inclusion Toolkit

Wroughton Library has been recognized as best practice in a national toolkit for Warm and Welcome Spaces. This document can be accessed via this link: [Inclusion Toolkit](#) (see Page 17) or via www.warmandwelcome.uk/dashboard

- Having a quieter area within your space.
- Specific quiet times.
- Simple measures like soft furnishings, rugs, and acoustic panels.

Case Study: Wroughton Library, Swindon

The library team took advice from the Roxi Foundation, a local neurodivergent charity. Based on their guidance, they introduced a coloured tissue paper window display to reduce glare, a "safe space" teepee, a sensory fish tube, bird-song music, a puppet theatre, and a toy oven for imaginative play. Several volunteers are neurodivergent, and one volunteer in her twenties has grown hugely in confidence - her mum says the library is the only place she feels able to come to on her own.



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