

Subject:	Ticknell Playpark/Skate Park, Welcome Back Fund	
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For information and action		
<p><b>Summary of decisions or actions requested:</b>  This note is mainly for information. I suggest that we monitor antisocial behaviour at the skate park for the next month and then make a decision about whether we need to pay someone to do regular glass clearance.</p> <p>Successful bids to the Welcome Back Fund have brought in roughly £8,000 investment in smartening up the town and producing a new map. I suggest the Clerk writes a note of thanks to Emma Phillips at WODC who has given us a lot of help to access the funding. Some outstanding issues with benches at the cemetery and Nine Acres which I would like to pass to the clerk and lead councillors for the cemetery to sort out.</p>		
<p><b>Financial implications:</b> The Welcome Back Fund did not cover the printing of the map, so we will need to pay for this once we have a new map case. I would suggest we get two or three copies so that we can put a map at the train station and possibly the Corner House or library.</p>		
<p><b>Communications:</b> We can publicise some of the Welcome Back Fund work on social media and at the APM. We should let local organisations know the new map is available for use on leaflets etc.</p>		

### **Ticknell Play Park and Skate Park**

We had a successful spruce up day on 20 March when a small but dedicated band of volunteers picked litter round the skate park and pulled up nettles in the play park. Many thanks to all who helped. We plan to attack the play park nettles again on 3 April, and then sow wildflower seed in the bare patch.

Monthly inspections have been taking place. There has been some anti-social behaviour in the skate park (drinking, smashing bottles, substance abuse). We are approaching the police for advice on how to deal with this. We might need to pay someone to clear up broken glass if this continues, as obviously it's dangerous for skate park users, and I can't commit to regularly checking and clearing glass on a very frequent basis. I suggest we monitor the situation for the next month and I'll report back to the next Town Council. No progress has been made on the suggestion to extend the skate park.

### **Welcome Back Fund**

The work paid for by the Welcome Back is mostly complete, altogether the town has benefited from about £8K of funding.

Bench refurbishment is complete, with 41 benches painted, stained or repaired. I hope you will agree they are looking really good. The cemetery looks really smart with all the benches in matching colours/stains.

Nine new picnic benches are now in place, eight at Nine Acres and one at Ticknell play park. We are very pleased with the quality.

Noticeboards at Enstone Road crossroads and Sturt Road have been repaired and refurbished and should be back in place on 27 March.

A new town map has been designed, I'm hoping we will also receive a new map case but awaiting confirmation. This will be displayed at the back of the Rose and Crown. I suggest we get two or three copies of the map printed so that we can display it at the train station and possibly also the library or Corner House if there is room. We should also offer the map to local organisations to use on leaflets etc (e.g. for Art Week or Street Fair).

There are issues with three benches that need dealing with:

- **Nine Acres** - long bench near play park is in dangerous condition, wood needs replacing ASAP. The clerk and NAMC are getting quotes.
- **Cemetery** - WD Campbell memorial bench is in poor condition with back slats missing. Contractor thought it was worth repairing due to quality of the bench, but could not be done as part of this latest round of work. There is also a soft wood bench at the far Wigwell end of the cemetery which is rotten and needs to be disposed of.

Please can I pass these issues to the clerk and lead councillors for the cemetery to resolve.