

Subject:	Access to green spaces	
From:	Claire Wilding	
Date:	20/05/22	
For information		
<p>Summary of decisions or actions requested: This is note is for information and to give councillors a chance to express any views or let me know if they would like to take part in any of the discussions.</p>		
<p>Financial implications: None at this stage.</p>		
<p>Communications: I will be discussing with landowners and other interested parties before putting together a final proposal.</p>		

We previously discussed putting together a grant proposal to improve access for pedestrians/wheelchairs/buggies to Ticknell field, Blenheim Farm Nature Reserve and Nine Acres Recreation Ground and also to get a noticeboard for Centenary Wood. I have approached a number of interested parties to discuss these ideas and I can update at the meeting. I will be speaking to OCC, Nine Acres Management Committee and BBOWT. I've already had an initial positive response from Louise Spicer (who co-ordinates volunteer work in the nature reserve).

The pictures below show the suggested changes we are thinking about making. Some of them can be done simply and cheaply, e.g. by removing kissing gates, whereas other are more costly and complicated.

Separately, the Thomas Gifford Trust have confirmed that they do not need listed buildings consent in order to remove one of the posts around the Playing Close to make access easier for those with mobility aids and buggies.



