

Claverdon Recreation Area Portfolio Update – May 2024

I recently took over the portfolio of the Recreation Area on behalf of the Parish Council. This area is a fantastic asset to the village and community and one that certainly deserves looking after so that it can continue to be enjoyed for years to come.

Consisting of a large open space and pavilion the area is used for sporting activities, dog walking, has a children's playground and a King's Coronation Garden. Not only are cricket and football played on the fields but the pavilion is also used to host various group meetings.

We are mindful however that the recreation area, including the field and pavilion, needs to be accessible and available for use to the wider net of Claverdon residents and community. Before we can however officially look at using these facilities further than we currently do, certain things need to be put in place.

Current works include:

- heating and hand dryers are being installed at the pavilion this month
- the defibrillator from The Crown to be situated outside the pavilion
- cleaner required for a couple of hours a week
- some outdoor lighting for the winter months
- various building and maintenance tweaks to carry out
- online calendar for bookings and events
- Health & Safety policies in place
- alongside also having a policy around the future use and maintenance of the facilities moving forward.

I have produced a working document highlighting all the areas that need attention at any one time and this will be continually updated and form the basis of this portfolio.

With this in mind we are currently putting together a small management team to look after the ongoing running and maintenance of the area. We are still looking for a couple more people to join us on this team and so if anyone wishes to consider joining us, we would love to hear from you.

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