

The Dippy

A vital part of Frome's green infrastructure – managed with biodiversity in mind

The Dippy is an important green space and an essential natural habitat to the south of Frome town centre.

A destination in its own right – with opportunities for informal recreation, conservation and play – and a link to residential areas; the play area at Tower View; and the nearby countryside.

What you'll find here already

Improved footpaths across the site – providing access for all

Woodland spaces for running; hiding; den-building; playing and generally being outdoors

Community stewardship – with opportunities for volunteers to get hands-on and hands-dirty!

Vital woodland habitats - especially to the north-east - for birds, bugs and other wildlife

Access to nearby riverside and countryside walks; and to national cycle route 24

Quiet spots, to just sit and listen to the rustle & bustle of the trees

And nearby: Tower View play area and green

Next steps

- In conjunction with the Wild Trout Trust, looking at options for re-wilding the culvert that runs parallel to the main path
- Continuing woodland management, including seasonal coppicing; and following up on the recommendations to come from the recent tree survey
- Solar-powered lights along the main paths
- A new bin for the Adderwell Road end of the space
- Explore the possibility of diverting National Cycle Route 24 through the Dippy
- Selective planting to the west of the space – with specimen native trees at key points in the landscape

Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Grassland/semi-natural woodland

Play & recreation value: Low to medium

Value for sport: Low

Landscape value: Medium

Habitat value: Medium

Amenity value: Medium

Management Summary

We manage the Dippy for its landscape and habitat value.

Approved at Council Matters: October 2018

Review schedule: Every 18 months

Next scheduled review: April 2020

