

Management & Improvement Plan

The Dippy

The Dippy is an important and valuable space to the south of Frome town centre: a destination in its own right – with opportunities for informal recreation, conservation and play; but also and equally a popular & well-used link to residential areas and other parts of the town.

This plan summarises the ambitions & aims for the management and improvement of the site.

Ambition

To create a vibrant, community-led space that encourages use & enjoyment; managed with biodiversity in mind.

Aims

- ✓ Improving the site footpaths, especially the main footpath that runs east to west
- ✓ Improving access to the site, focusing on the eastern, western and southern areas
- ✓ Fostering robust community involvement & stewardship
- ✓ To support and work with the MCA & the Dippy Greenspaces Group
- ✓ To reduce litter, dog fouling & fly-tipping – and other anti-social behaviour
- ✓ To manage grazing (and fly-grazing)
- ✓ To create a variety of managed habitats and areas that encourage biodiversity
- ✓ To make more of the watercourse that runs east to west
- ✓ To increase use of traditional management and maintenance methods, like scything
- ✓ To create patchworks of grassland and wildflowers by hand-cutting
- ✓ Appropriate woodland management of NE area
- ✓ Planting – trees; bulbs; shrubs & wildflowers – to improve the site
- ✓ Providing opportunities for a range of activities, such as guided walks & den-making
- ✓ Improved signage on site – better information & interpretation
- ✓ Regular wildlife surveys – to monitor the effects and success of the changing areas
- ✓ Ranger-led sessions for volunteers to learn and share skills

Notes

- This plan should be read in conjunction with the mapped plans at Appendix A
- This plan is informed by the plan produced by the Dippy Greenspaces Group

