

The Old Showfield in more detail

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We manage the Old Showfield for its play, recreation and amenity value.



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- The previous plan for the Showfield was approved a year ago, in February 2018

Since then...

- The planned second phase of footpath improvements has happened; and we now have a smooth & even route all the way around the Showfield
- We've been working with the committee that will bring parkrun to the Showfield; and FTC has met the setup costs for this already
- There's been some new surfacing in the play area; and we've added some steps and ropes so people can get back to the top of the slide more easily
- Following the People's Budget vote in March 2018, we've planted a community orchard for the town
- We've found a local volunteer to help us to look after the two community noticeboards on site
- We've planted lots more trees along the main paths – and in time these will create beautiful and important avenues
- Plus all of the day to day work, of course: grass cutting; emptying bins; play checks etc.
- All in, that's over £50,000 invested for the future of the Showfield

Next steps

What A brief description	When Expected timeframe	Budget Including status
Supporting the parkrun committee to get parkrun started at the Showfield	Spring to summer 2019	£0*
Succession planting donated Oak saplings dating back to the Selwood Forest	Autumn 2019 or spring 2020	£0
Lines of fruit trees dotted along the paths leading to the new orchard	Spring 2020	£300
Investment in the play area using S106 funds from Trinity Park	By summer 2020	£25,000**
Some new places to sit down; initially 2, 3 or 4 new benches	By summer 2019	£800

Notes

- *Noting that the setup costs mentioned above have already been paid
- **The timeframe and the sum for investing in the play area were discussed and agreed by the Council Matters committee in October 2018; but they may be subject to change; and they will be subject to approvals from Mendip District Council

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The next steps for Packsaddle are parkrun; more tree planting; and looking at new play opportunities

With the new play opportunities being funded by the S106 agreement from the Trinity Park development.