

# 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

- We're awaiting the outcome of a funding bid for a project to re-wild the culvert that runs parallel to the main path. If this bid is successful, we'll be working with various partners, including the Friends of the River Frome, to deliver this project
- Continuing woodland management, including seasonal coppicing
- Explore the possibility of diverting National Cycle Route 24 through the Dippy
- Early discussions about the possibility of tree planting to the west of the space as part of the Wild about Trees project
- There's also the potential for tree planting to be an important part of the culvert project, if that happens

## 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.

## Get Involved

We work with the Friends of the River Frome; Sustrans and the Friends of the Mount, Marston & Keyford in looking after the Dippy  
There's also a small group who scythe parts of the Dippy in the summer, too

Approved at Council Matters: Nov 2020  
Review schedule: Every 18 months  
Next scheduled review: Winter 2022

