

SYRESHAM POCKET PARK

The Pocket Park we knew was needing attention and back in 2019 the Parish Council were successful in obtaining grant funding from MHCLG with a proviso that work was completed by March 2020. However, due to Covid MHCLG gave all grant recipients another year to spend the funds and complete their projects.

Once lockdown restrictions were slightly eased five Parish Councillors and Paula Green spent a Saturday morning clearing Fillingford bridge and this has really enhanced this area. Bushes were trimmed to make the park more open.

One old Willow tree fell down and the Council had a survey carried out of all the trees and consequently many have been lopped with any dangerous limbs removed.

A new path has been laid making access so much easier and new benches and picnic tables purchased - thanks to David and Lee for getting these up and ready for use. The Council hopes everyone will enjoy the new facilities.

A Wildlife Trust survey has been carried out and parts of the meadow will now be left to grow naturally to encourage wildflowers, insects and other wildlife.

The Scouts have been making and fixing bird and bat boxes and bug hotels so please look for these on your walks.

A new information board has been ordered and safety checks on the pontoon over the river have been carried out. Plans are at present being drawn up for a small viewing area by the wildlife pond.

The Parish Council would like to encourage all residents and local groups to make use of and enjoy the park. If any local groups would like to hold organised meetings, please contact the Clerk to confirm times and details.

The Council trusts everyone will be able to enjoy the park over the coming months. And if anyone is interested in joining the Friends of the Pocket Park, to help maintain and improve the area, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Dorothy Dunkley