

Portway Pocket Park

Update - April 2021

Pocket Park activities 2020:

2020 was a very untypical year on the Portway Pocket Park, as it was for many community spaces.

Despite not being able to hold any organised events, the Pocket Park demonstrated how much of a valuable resource this small green space has become for residents.

It has been frequented by villagers and their families, more so than ever, for exercise and somewhere safe for children to play during much of the lockdown months. There have been many new faces and we hope, as restrictions are lifted, we can all meet and join for some planned social events again on the Park.

Throughout the past year the Pocket Park has continued to be maintained by several committed individuals for whom we are indebted to for their contribution. This includes making sure the grass is cut on a weekly basis, so it is always tidy green space to walk and play.

We had a good session clearing up the leaves in the Autumn and built a makeshift leaf bin to turn all the collected leaves into compost for improving the border soil next season.

The layered hedge screening the parking area was trimmed and additional Quickthorn sapling's planted to help thicken the hedge up.

There has been much time spent by individuals weeding and re-planting the borders with perennial plants, ground cover and shrubs, such as Viburnum.

A big thanks to Dave Benbow who built a great new additional picnic bench ready for when we start our BBQ's again.

Our next project is to rebuild the wood storage area for the Fire Pit.

Looking forward to 2021:

No official dates for social events activities have been set yet due to the current situation with COVID-19. We will of course publish upcoming events in the village newsletter and on the Portway Pocket Park Facebook page once restrictions for social gatherings are lifted.

We always welcome any keen or novice gardeners to pop along and do a little weeding or tidying up. If any of us are out there working in the Portway Pocket Park, do please come and say hello, we would love to meet you (socially distanced of course!)

This park is a dog friendly area, something we would like to continue with. So, a big thank you to all the dog owners who have been using the Pocket Park during lock down and respectfully picking up after their pets. It is of course a community park for all to enjoy including children who love to run and tumble around on the grass area.

For further information about the Portway Pocket Park or volunteer help, please contact either; stulowen@hotmail.co.uk, claire_barrett@rocketmail.com or rklambourne@gmail.com

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