

Greening Edgefield

The Parish Council has an opportunity to create a new community green space on land beside Canon Marcon Way. We are thinking of an imaginative and sustainable natural play space and community social space that incorporates wildflower areas and natural regeneration of trees and scrub alongside a designated nature reserve.

The land, originally bought by NNDC covers about 3.2 acres or 1.3 hectares and has historic significance in the Parish. It was part of Snips Farm and links to the work of Canon W.H.Marcon who was the rector for a long period (from 1876 to the 1930's) and who established the social housing on Holt Road. The rest incorporates Rectory Road and Canon Marcon Way.

NNDC have identified a need for more green space, local to our community and support the development of natural play in a wilder setting.

From NNDC Local Plan.

'It is expected that the design of play would take a landscape design approach (designed to fit its surroundings and enhance the local environment), incorporating play into the overall landscape master plan for new development, and could include natural play eg. grassy mounds, planting, logs and boulders can all help to make a more attractive and playable setting and planting can also help attract birds and other wildlife to literally bring the play space alive.'

This is exactly what we envisage with open access for all, both innovative play space and semi-natural habitat for us all to enjoy.

There would be opportunities to hold events, outdoor meetings and perhaps to create and link walks to other areas of the parish. We have few footpaths and very little green space within walking distance of home - lets see if we can make it happen.

We would appreciate any feedback, before we take this any further. Please email the clerk: edgefieldpc@yahoo.com or telephone 07894 061571.

PLEASE CONSIDER:

Would you like to see more accessible green space in our village?
Do you think this is an appropriate use of this underused space?
How far do you normally travel for exercise?
Would you use this space for recreation, nature watching, children's play?
Would you be interested in being part of a working group 'Greening Edgefield' to move the project forward? (This would be to create a plan of action and apply for grant funding etc).

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