

Radford Semele Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Annual Report on Playing Field and Play Equipment

Playground Equipment

The playground continues to be popular with parents and children and the play equipment is very well used. It is hoped that the outdoor gym will attract more users in the future for them to enjoy the benefits of good health and wellbeing.

Regular inspections of the equipment are carried out on a monthly basis. The annual safety inspection of the whole of the playing field site was undertaken by Wicksteed in February last year. Only minor maintenance works were recommended and these have been carried out. Also, the inspector recommended that safety warning signs be attached to some of the play equipment as well as erecting information boards to be viewed on entering the playing field. This work has now been completed.

The Playing Field Works

The playing field is owned and maintained by the Parish Council, including the children's play areas.

The grass is cut by contractors on a regular basis during the growing season and we work to ensure the field is safe to access and use. Litter on the playing field is also collected on a weekly basis.

The trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the grounds are regularly inspected and they are pruned when necessary to keep the growth in check.

In the summer the Parish Council was approached by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust about a project funded by Severn Trent Water that would enhance the nature and wildlife of the playing field. A scheme was developed to create wildflower meadows with the planting of new hedgerows of hawthorn, blackthorn and hazel as well as supplementing existing hedgerows around the field. The work was undertaken in November and wildflower seeds have been sown over an area of around 1100 square metres, bordering the Hatherell Road properties.

Also in November tree surgeons carried out works to thin out and shape the canopy of trees outside the village shop and in the verge on approach to the Social Club and Community Centre.

The Community Hall Car Park.

In the summer the Parish Council and the Community Hall Committee developed the project to re-surface the car park, the use of which was considered to be a potential safety risk due to the large number of potholes. This included both specifying and supervising the works.

Cllr. Brian Follett
Chairman of the Playing Field Committee
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