

Radford Semele Annual Parish Meeting 2024 - Playing Field Annual Report

Playground Equipment

The playground continues to be popular with parents and children and the play equipment is very well used. The outdoor gym has attracted more users to enjoy the benefits of good health and wellbeing. It is maintained annually to sustain its usability.

A safety inspection of the whole of the playing field site was undertaken by RoSPA in September 2023. Only minor maintenance works were recommended and these are the process of being carried out. They shall include repair to wet pour surfacing and refurbishment of swings etc.

The Playing Field

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.

The trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the grounds are regularly inspected and they are pruned when necessary, by our new resident contractor to keep the growth in check.

The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust wildflower meadow project, funded by Severn Trent Water, continues to enhance the nature and wildlife at the northern end of the playing field. The 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.

New Bollards

In the summer of 2023, a large group of travellers illegally accessed and remained on the playing field for 48 hours. The Parish Council worked with partner agencies and police to have them quit the area. Ten bollards have been installed to prevent future access to the field.

New Bins

With a change in law that allows dog waste to be placed in regular litter bins, we have invested in new large waste bins and re-positioned others to give coverage across the playing field. You may shortly notice that the dog waste only bins have been removed so please place all litter in the black bins. Litter on the playing field is collected on a weekly basis.

Cllr. Jack Dempsey
Chairman of the Playing Field Committee
May 2024