



WOTTON COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

Developing a multi Sport and Leisure environment for Wotton and the surrounding area

Welcome to the WCSF Newsletter

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Safe Access Path and Parking

The Path is the key to unlocking all that Wotton Parc will have to offer. Once there is safe pedestrian and small wheeled access, and increased level parking, the park will be open to all and have something for everyone.

We now have £80,500 towards the path, which includes over £10,500 from Sponsor a Yard of Path. We have received offers of help from 5 local companies and will soon go out to tender.



The Lease for the strip of land in the adjacent field to connect our path to both the OK Path and our New Road site is about to be signed.

Thanks to Barnwood Trust, our car park fund now stands at £22,500 to provide 5 disabled bays, and up to 20 other parking spaces – our target on that one is £45,000.



Jill continues to run the Sponsor a Yard of Path scheme and if this is something you have been meaning to do, but haven't quite got around to yet, then it is not too late. Please contact Jill on 01453-842195 or at jill@mtebb.freereserve.co.uk.

£150 for a yard of path - £100 for 2 feet - £50 for 1 foot.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far – every donation helps us to get just that little bit closer to our goal.

We continue to plant our trees - 13th December at 10 am.

Save the date for our next tree planting session. You have been marvellous in the past with turning up and getting stuck in, and we would love you to join us again - or for the first time, if you have not been involved before.

We have so far planted 4,000 trees of all varieties around the site, most of which are doing well in spite of the rabbits and occasional passing deer. Some are now small trees rather than saplings, and many have produced flowers, berries and some autumn colour.



This time we have 300 trees to plant, plus 6 black poplars as a memorial to the fallen of the First World War. We usually plant 300 in just under 2 hours, and we would be grateful if you could join us for any part of that time. Please bring along a hot drink if it would help you dig - but we will make sure there is a plentiful supply of chocolate biscuits to munch on at regular intervals.

We look forward to seeing you there - please bring your own spades, stout footwear and wet weather gear, just in case.

Speed limit on New Road



Following a meeting between Gloucestershire Highways, Wotton Town Council, the Police, Stroud District Council, Kingswood Parish Council and WCSF, an application has been made to reduce the speed limit along New Road from 50mph to 40mph, together with the stretch between Charfield and the Bradley Green turnoff. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we hear.

Huge thanks to Wotton Fire Service

Wotton Fire Station and helpers spent the whole of Saturday 5th September washing an amazing 75 cars and raised £600 towards our path.

.... and to Wotton Round Table

A huge thanks to Wotton Round Table who have generously donated £2,000 towards the path following the fantastic Bonfire and Firework event at New Road.

.... and to Heaven of the South Bike Road Race

who have not only given £2,000 towards the path, but also £1,000 to begin our fund for the children's play area.

.... and to Kingswood Parish Council who have donated £500

.... and to the Masons who have also donated £500

.....and the Baptist Youth Club

Wotton Baptist Youth Club "On a beautiful Saturday morning, 26th September 2015, we started our



adventure travelling over 30 miles on our bikes from Alveston to Gloucester Docks on Route 41. We started the journey with 7 young people (1 who was just along for the ride and didn't finish due to other commitments) and 4 adults. Along the way we came through many lovely little villages and loads of blackberry hedgerows offering refreshing fruit. The sun shone but was not too hot and only a gentle

breeze, perfect cycling conditions! We stopped at Berkeley for our picnic lunch and watched part of a football match and then got on the towpath along the canal, gorgeous! Ice pops were offered along the route and a stop at Frampton provided cold drinks and lots of cake. Then onto the last leg of the journey to Gloucester Docks. Although the young people and adults had different cycling capabilities, the group really gelled and encouraged one another. We had the normal chain problems and punctures but we were determined that nothing would hinder us. Most of us were tired and some a little sore but a brilliant day was had by all and the sense of achievement was amazing. The young people worked hard to get the sponsorship and money raised should be in the region of £700."

Thank you to everyone who is doing so much to make this happen.



Once the path and car park are in place

We will be able to really forge ahead with our other plans:

2 BMX Tracks – next to Skate Park – one for beginners and one for more experienced riders

2.5k jogging and fitness trail – walking, jogging, memory walks, nature trails – all around and across the park – hopefully Park Run, too

Children's play area – a wooden play area for all ages and abilities, including a large sand pit

Sensory Garden – raised beds of various heights with smooth access to whole garden – plants for touch, smell, colour, memories and working parties

Consultation

We have had many meetings over the last 3 years to ensure the sports pitches and Skate Park were what was wanted. We continue to meet with groups and individuals interested in the other plans we have for the park.

What about you – what do you think? Want to get involved?

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