

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter

June 2022

Children's Playground

Since re-opening, the playground has been busy with many children, and some adults, enjoying playing on the new facilities. The pirate ship has proved to be extremely popular, and the new 'assault' course has proved quite challenging. Feedback from children and their parents has been extremely positive. The new facilities have incorporated a considerable number of recycled materials. We have been in contact with the contractor to discuss a formal opening of the playground, more details hopefully next month.

Skatepark

We are aware of the need to provide older children with new facilities and a planning application has been made to construct the new skatepark in Fingerpost Field.

Vandalism

We are dismayed by the recent spate of senseless vandalism within the village with St. Mary's Church, the Scout Hut and Ringmer Library being targeted with windows broken and equipment stolen. Councillors have reported these events to Lewes Police and have met with our local PCSO. It is in all our interests to bring an end to this behaviour. If you have information that may help with enquiries, please contact Lewes Police.

Wildflower Areas

Parish Councils are encouraged to support the National Pollinator Strategy. As a result, the maintenance regime on some of the green spaces managed by the Parish Council changed last year, with those changes now well into their second year. The purpose was to increase the biodiversity to provide a greater variety of pollen and nectar sources for invertebrates. Wildflower Ringmer report that progress is being made with their recent survey finding 40 different wildflower species in flower on the Village Green banks. Work to reduce the grass growth in these areas to promote the wildflowers will continue during the summer.

Neaves Lane Water Treatment Plant

We have been in contact with the CEO of Southern Water requesting a meeting with him to explain the increase in raw sewage being pumped into the neighbouring water course.