

Village Amenities Report 2021

Playground

Of course, our biggest achievement to date is the refurbishment of the playground. A large pirate ship was reincarnated as “Jolly Rainbow”. This was as an accolade to NHS for all the marvellous work they have done on behalf of us all during the pandemic and the ship has now been adorned with a rainbow flag. The whole of the playground surface was replaced and play items were either replaced or refurbished. This was achieved by using CIL money. A seesaw destined for landfill was donated to Little Waltham PC.

On Good Friday, as winners of choosing the ship’s name, Thomas and Lucy declared the playground “Open”.



What else have we done?

We have replaced two damaged Silver Birch trees on David Smith Field with two Hornbeams as the trees were close to picnic benches and some people suffer with allergies to Silver Birch.

Our village attendant installed a Notice Board in the bus shelter on Brassie Wood.



We arranged several litter picks, collecting over 50 sacks of rubbish from our streets.

Allotment Site

- *Installed two waist-high raised beds for plot holders with mobility problems.*

- *Installed two large water harvesting tanks on the side of the barn.*
- *Improved car parking facilities.*
- *Arranged for regular allotment plot inspections.*
- *Installed hand sanitiser at entrance of site.*
- *Installed height restriction barriers to deter large vehicles entering the site.*
- *Cut back over-hanging trees.*
- *Provided skips to help plot holders remove hard to dispose of materials.*
- *Installed two new water taps.*

Centenary Woods

- *Regular visits are made to ensure Woods are safe for children to play and litter free.*

What is in the pipeline?

Broomfield in Bloom

- *Residents of Broomfield were asked if they live close to an area where a planter could be installed would they be willing to maintain one? Both CVHS and Essex Youth Build were asked if they would like to join us in our project and build planters for Broomfield. They both agreed. Unfortunately, Covid-19 lock downs put the project “on hold”! CVHS are now unable to help us until at least September 2021 and Essex Youth Build are just ready to commence work again. A meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 26 April to give details of what we want.*

Five residents came forward offering to maintain planters and measurements were taken. Essex Highways have now granted permission for the five planters to go ahead to be made and licences are in the process of being drawn up with their Legal Department.

Three other areas which do not require permission from Essex Highways will also have planters made; to date eight planters are in the pipeline and a few more requests have now come forward.

After a slow start, Essex Highways became extremely helpful and have suggested that we draw up a map of all the areas we would like to place planters over the next five or so years. We would need to attach a schedule for each planter/bulb/wildflower we would like, but at least we would not have to keep sending in application forms.

Felstead Field Bus Shelter

Within the Neighbourhood Plan, Plans have been drawn up which include a bus shelter and the area in front of the hedge may be re-planted with wildflowers etc. Hopefully, funds will be available to get the work off the ground within the next couple of years.

Allotment Site

- *Structures in different areas of the site to be erected where water butts could be placed to save water.*