

QUARRY HILL COMMON IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



A community project for
the whole parish to
improve a currently
unused area

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PHASE ONE

- Consultation with the community with regard to any proposed improvements to the area
- Hold a parish ballot for all households to be given the opportunity to vote on whether, in principal, they would agree to The Common being changed from a wasteland to a communal area
- Elect a committee to oversee and manage the running of the project
- Encourage all households to be involved in the improvements and to bring new ideas and assistance to the project
- Complete the DEFRA application form for the change of use from a Common Land currently registered as “wasteland”. Consult with Environment Agency and Secretary of State as required.
- To seek funding for the project
- To collate all ideas into a development strategy
- Hold open meetings at all stages of the development to ensure the community are kept informed
- Improvements to be made in gradual manageable stages



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PHASE TWO

- Initially to dig out a small area opening up the north side of The Common making a flatter more accessible area for recreational purposes.
- Clear the entrance pathway making this more accessible to the community. Removal of concrete base from north side, or cover with earth if possible.
- Filling in the large holes and previously excavated areas with earth from the entrance & south side
- Clear the alcove area to the right of the entrance pathway, to make a secluded seating area
- Make rustic and wooden structures from unused wood on The Common. i.e.: small tree platform for children to play on, rustic seating, etc
- Construct an area for communal composting, on the west side of The Common for all to use, with access gained from the main road
- Secure and make good all boundaries to The Common, in particular to reinstate the boundary on the south side.
- Extend flat area to south side making a larger play/recreational area
- Villagers/children's safety a priority. Ensure all areas are free of dangerous and hazardous materials



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PHASE THREE

- Cultivate/extend the grassed area to the south side of The Common for recreational use
- Plant a meadow-style area to the central area of The Common
- Removal of all debris and agricultural waste to the south side of The Common. Reinststate the boundary to the south side.
- Explore additional funding opportunities for further improvements to The Common if required
- Possible planting of fruit trees
- Ensure any original plants/flowers that were moved during the improvement stages are reinstated. (bulbs, small plants, etc). Majority of original flora is brambles, nettles, gorse and, therefore, can be disposed of/composted.

PHASE FOUR

- Enjoy our new communal area
- Relax and appreciate the benefit of having a communal area and enjoy the newly improved Quarry Hill Common
- Ensure the area is maintained and that the wild brambles, nettles & gorse are kept under control. Ensure the small maintenance jobs needed on the Common are completed - grass cutting, pruning, etc are completed as necessary.

Common Project information

I first had the idea of opening up the common when I went brambling in my first year in the village 2002. It took till 3005 to recruit the help of some mums loving the idea of a space for the kids to play explore and learn

With some fundraising and help form local businesses – Mac Plant, RF contractors and hippo bags plus RDC, NYCC, we were able to buy equipment and clear tonnes of rubbish from the area. Cutting paths to create pathways and play areas.

A boost from the national lottery enabled us to purchases benches tables wildlife boxes and sports equipment.

A survey of the area was carried out by the former ranger for Foxglove Covert highlighting the wide range of flora and wildlife we have in the village. He did us walk round where we learnt the benefit of Elderberries and lots more.

It will be sad to see the project close but hopefully current and future residents will keep up the path etc so everyone can enjoy a very special and rare place on our doorstep

Enclosed maps and photos of the area you may like for the website also some local history information again maybe for website ?

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