

Godstone Parish Council

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A NEW GODSTONE PLAYGROUND

What are we working on and how can you help?

The Parish council are currently working on a project to try and secure funding from the Surrey County Council 'Your Fund', for a new playground on Godstone Green, where the current playground is.

We are not asking for financial support, but we do need help to demonstrate that there is support for the project from the local community.

What the local Community can do to help?

To help demonstrate that there is support for a new playground we would be very grateful if people would:

1. Write letters of support to the Parish council (contact details above).
2. Visit the Your Surrey website, following this link, [Follow The Discussion – Your Fund Surrey - Ideas Map – Commonplace](#), and like the idea (the link is also on our website).
3. Spread the word about the project and encourage other to show support.
4. Let us know if you are able to support in a way we might not have thought of!

The History?

The original playground constructed in the 1970's and refurbished in 2011 as a gift from the local parishioners, today remains an extremely well-used playground and an important meeting place on Godstone Green for families.

Godstone Parish Council is responsible for the playground and has regular safety inspections carried out. These inspections highlight that the lifespan of the equipment is limited and some pieces which were beyond repair have had to be decommissioned and removed.

What is the future?

Councillors, extremely mindful of the importance to plan for the future of the playground have put together a summary of some of the matters they would like to address as part of the future vision for the Playground:

- Address the current equipment's limited life span.
- When installing new equipment, offer an improved range of equipment for younger children.
- Change the ground surface to improve the access for pushchairs and wheelchairs to be used in the area.
- When installing new equipment, install equipment which is more inclusive and offer facilities for disabled children or those with sensory impairment.
- Provide a better environment for all visitors, both parents and children, with disabilities and mobility issues.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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