

SHIPDHAM RECREATION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT MAY 2011



Introduction

At a Parish Council meeting some time ago a group of children attended and requested a BMX track for the village. This action highlighted the level of feeling within the village for additional recreational facilities. This resulted in an area of woodland being cleared and made safer to enable the children to create their own track. This also prompted a Parish Councillor to look into the needs for play and recreation facilities within the village and so the *Shipdham Recreation Project* was started.

Based on the 2001 census information:

- 27% of the households within Shipdham have children
- 18% of the population are aged up to 15 years
- 30% are aged 16 – 44 years

Therefore the lack of recreational facilities within Shipdham was affecting a large percentage of the population.

The Recreation Project Group

The group was set up and carried out initial consultation on the positioning of the recreation facilities and the type of recreation equipment the residents wanted. The results of this were that Bullock Park was the preferred position and equipment was needed for younger children, also areas of family activities and the older children requested a skate ramp.

Firstly the group looked at how best to approach the project and decided to split the project into 3 main areas:

- Below 12 years
- Teens
- All others

Phase 1

The photo below shows the old play area within Bullock Park.



As this partly fenced off area already existed, the group decided to use this for the new play area, to help keep costs down.

The findings of this phase were:

- Replacement fencing was required
- The area would need lighting
- Additional security measures were needed
- Safety surfaces were needed for the play area
- Adequate drainage was required
- Planning permission was required
- Sufficient funding needing sourcing and applying for
- Alternative low cost options would be investigated
- Plans would need to be drawn up
- Quotes would be required from different companies for the play equipment

Unfortunately not all of the funding applications were successful and therefore some recycling was carried out to help keep costs to a minimum.

- The old swing frames were refurbished and reused
- A used skate ramp was purchased and reconditioned
- Redundant lamp columns and lights were purchased and refurbished
- Existing fences were retained and repaired where possible
- Voluntary help was utilised for all possible aspects of the project
- Donations of items and equipment were received from residents and organisations locally

This phase was a total success resulting in a fully equipped new play area for the under 12's (to our original specifications) and a skate ramp, basketball hoop and shelter for the teens. The play area and skate ramp have been heavily used since their completion and this is very satisfying to see for all those involved.



Future of the Shipdham Recreation Project

In the future Shipdham is likely to receive other funding for recreation facilities for the village.

Smaller amounts of funding received will most likely be allocated to additional pieces of play equipment to place in the new play area (and space has been left to enable this growth to happen).

The remaining funding from phase 1 is already allocated to provide a concrete skate area around the existing skate ramp and this area has also allowed for future growth if funding is available.

Larger amounts of funding will most likely be used for additional recreational facilities for all ages (such as a trim trail) within the Bullock Park. Some funding for this has already been received and the group will continue work in the future.

This project has also been made into a community project as a result of the voluntary help from the children involved, club members, parents of children and also community spirited residents in helping with all aspects of the project, from fund raising through to installation and delivery.

The enthusiasm and usage of the equipment from the children and parents and grandparents is so pleasing to see and has given the project additional motivation to see the next stages of the project completed as quickly as possible. We hope that the success of phase 1 will encourage even more involvement from the residents in the future to make this even more of a whole community project.

Financial Report

The total funding received for the project is shown below:

Description	Amount
Big Lottery Funding	£10,000
Shipdham Parish Council	£10,000
Youth Club Donation	£130
Watton Rotary Club	£500
Total Funding Received	£20,630
Value of Donations Received	£19,850
Overall Project Total	£40,480

The value of donations is based on market pricing and is shown in the table below:

Description	Donated by	Market Value of Donations
Play equipment to the new value of	Mr & Mrs P Chubbock	4,800
Play equipment - installation	Mr P Chubbock	350
Play equipment - installation	Mr D Hill - Equipment hire	400
Rubber Safety Matting Installation	23 Volunteers from Shipdham	1,840
Rubber Safety Matting Collection	Wenros Transport	300
Fencing - steel fabrication	Ivan Chubbock Garage Services	180
Chain link fencing installation	Slaughter's, Dodd's & Chubbock's	300
Timber Fencing - repairs	Paul Chubbock	150
Skate Ramp to the new value of	Bullock Park Committee	10,000
Skate Ramp Collection	Peter Dodd	200
Picnic tables	The British Legion	350
Commissioning of cameras & lights	Anonymous donation	400
Refurbishment of swings	Ivan Chubbock Garage Services	180
Labour & Mats - safety sign frame	Paul Chubbock	50
Installation of skate ramp	Ivan Chubbock Garage Services	350
Total value of donations		19,850

The details of the remaining funding spent are shown below:

Supplier Name	Description	Amount
Proludic	Play equipment	10,000.00
Proludic	Play equipment	2,197.36
NI Climbing Frames	Play equipment	175.00
TBL Concrete	Play equipment - cement	32.11
TBL Concrete	Play equipment - cement	44.95
TBL Concrete	Play equipment - cement	44.90
George Tufts & Son	Play equipment - installation	43.34
George Tufts & Son	Play equipment - installation	37.99
George Tufts & Son	Play equipment - installation	15.96
P Cross	Play equipment - installation	73.80
PAR Services	Play equipment - installation	720.00
Langdean Rubber	Rubber Safety Matting	3,618.40
Orbital Fasteners	Fencing - joiners	43.46
Steelmasters	Fencing - steel	431.22
UK Drills	Fencing - drill bits	25.42
Homebase	Fencing - paint	30.96
George Tufts & Son	Timber Fencing - timber & screws	73.79
TBL Concrete	Skate Ramp - cement for base	313.73
Argos	Basketball Hoop	19.99
Mansol Ltd	Misc - Nuts, Bolts & Fixings	48.51
Mr Plastic	Skate Ramp - plastic for safety sign	27.17
Fitt signs	Skate Ramp - safety sign	105.75
PAR Services	Skate Ramp - digger hire	399.50
Screwfix	Lighting - Electrical cable	173.87
Wydels Ltd	Lighting - miscellaneous	58.79
Total Spend		19,073.98
Remaining funding for concreting of skate area		1,556.02
Overall Project Spend		20,630.00

Conclusion

This report shows that the project has been a success to date. Phase 1 has been delivered within the scope of funding received and recycling has been utilised wherever necessary to make the best use of available funds.

Shipdham Recreational Project would like to thank all those who have provided funding to enable this project to happen and also thank all those volunteers who assisted with all aspects of the project.

Funding has already been partly received for the future of the project (i.e. trim trail) and this will be used towards obtaining more funding.

The group would like to thank all those involved with this project for their help and support to date.

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