

Q2 - How can Sawbridgeworth Town Council help the residents get more involved in caring for this local green space?

POSITIVE COMMENTS	NEGATIVE COMMENTS	NEUTRAL COMMENTS
Use as event space	Get rid of pigeons	Create an area that brings the town together
Ask for volunteers	Impose heavy fines on dog owners for not clearing up	Possibly make it dog free
Voluntary management team	Spend the money on cleaning roads and paths in the town	Needs to be suitable for disabled use.
Litter picking	Cut the grass more often	Open it up to let sunlight in
Picnic space	Sensible adults to keep an eye on teenagers during daylight summer evenings when they congregate around green village spaces	Café operating out of a nearby building
Meeting space	The town needs a newsletter for the whole town, there is not adequate information available. The Flyer magazine has limited information.	Donations of suitable sculptures / art features
Tables and chairs that could be stored away by using volunteers	Tidying the verges	Multi purpose throughout the year
Group activities for social contact	Why do residents need to be involve in something that the town council get paid to look after through our council tax. How many more authority services are going to be handed over to volunteers!	Lease to the adjacent nursery for more outdoor space
Wildlife observation groups	It is not worth the effort, it has survived neglected for years	Plant drought tolerant plants rather than water loving examples
Plant maintenance	CCTV to monitor vandalism	Litter avoidance measures

Sensory garden	Often a problem area with people sitting on the bench near the nursery drinking in the daytime.	Litter bins
Gardening group for dementia sufferers		Signs explaining who is responsible for looking after the area / have a launch event so people know how the area is to be used.
Local schools / shops to have planting beds to use and maintain and sponsor		Allow residents to enjoy the space
Community allotment		Requires a small team to be responsible for it
Weekly outing for school children		Ask local company to sponsor the maintenance and upkeep
Mum & Baby club		Keep it tranquil
Team of local retired people to manage the space		Discuss with residents rather than presenting a 'given' plan
Shared edible garden		Posters about engine idling
Advice central meeting point plus a regular Police Meet public area		Make it safe to walk
Story telling sessions		Raise the canopy of the trees to let more light in
Art shows		More bins
Small market selling local products		Spend money on it, you'll definitely create something nice
Make the community aware that help is needed to keep the place special, this would inspire people to help		
Plant Swap		
Make it attractive by including a specific feature to attract people to the space.		
Men in Sheds type group		

Having the ability to be able to vote on what plants are put in and where		
Work with Sustainable Sawbridgeworth and other community groups		

Q3 - How would you like to see this area used?

POSITIVE COMMENTS	NEGATIVE COMMENTS	NEUTRAL COMMENTS
Craft Fairs	Should stay the same but with flower beds	Links with U3A Team
Toddler events	Let it stay as it is, more complicated planting will require more maintenance	Should be an open space for the whole community and not specific organisations
Music events	Nothing it is fine as it is	Having a defined barrier between the road / car park and the area is vital for safety
Quiet place to sit and enjoy	More parking	Don't fix the 'usage' make it a community space
Group meeting place to chat	Leave it as it is (x 5)	Somewhere with a covered area (gazebo / Pavilion / bandstand) Just don't change it too much
Just a nice place to sit and have a snack	No idea!	As long as people use it, it will be beneficial
Calm space	Leave it and let it grow more wild	Maintained by a gardening club
Picnic area	If you are not careful you could create an area for anti-social behaviour and then you will be picking up syringes and broken glass. Just maintain it better and add a few more benches	Keep the maze
Seats for people to read and contemplate		Location is important as next to the Dr's - you don't always get good news at the Dr's!
It should be a place to meander through		There is an amazing lady called Wendy who runs a club at Spellbrook School. She may want to be involved with pupils

Folk Music		Could the maze be made into a proper maze?
Open air events		A small water park would be popular, along the lines of the one in Bishop's Stortford but obviously not as big.
Family concerts		Great overspill / outdoor space for Brownies to use
Teach children how to grown your own veg / plants		
Open for all to use		
Food market		
Sensory play area / garden		
Textured plaques for rubbings for children could be embedded into the landscape		
Benches		
Green space for the adjacent nursery to use		
WiFi Connectivity plus coffee stall to make it a 'home office in the park'		
A place to rest before walking home from the town		
Ball games		
Playground		
Install exercise equipment		
Ability to place charitable stalls to raise funds for local youth organisations		
Scented garden		
Mini Park to chat and eat a sandwich		
Open air cinema in the summer		
Contemplative space		
Picnic parties		

Seasonal Events		
Rewilding Scheme		
Shelter		
Forest School / summer library space		
Encouraging nature		
Bird feeders and bug hotels		
Displays and information boards		
Enclosed dog park		

Q5 - The naming of this open green space is important to give it an identity in the town (e.g. like Fair Green, off Vantorts Road). Some suggestions could be as follows, please indicate a preference or suggest a suitable alternative.

SUGGESTED NAME FOR AREA	RESPONSES INCLUDING 'OTHER'	OTHER' SUGGESTIONS	RESPONSES
Town Green	68	Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Garden	3
Elm Green	178	Queens 70th Platinum Jubilee	2
Town Garden	54	Don't Mind	1
Town Community Garden	58	Care Green	1
Thomas Rivers Garden	14	Seriously!	1
Jubilee Green	77	Greeny McGreenspace	1
Jubilee Garden	133	Bell Green	5
		Bell Garden	3
		Elm Garden	2
		Platinum Garden	4
		NHS Garden	1
		Sawbridgeworth Green	1

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		Sabrina Green	1
		Cutforth Croft	1
		Central Green / Garden	1
		The Community Green	1
		Beech Green	1
		Sawbo Green	1

Q7 - In order to create a high quality green open space we must consider the value to the richness of wildlife and the habitat. What would you like to see included?

POSITIVE COMMENTS	NEGATIVE COMMENTS	NEUTRAL COMMENTS
Squirrel feeding station	Not suitable for wildlife	No bats they are a protected species
Sensory area	Squirrel deterrents	All of those listed to make it interesting to visit
Scented plants	Area not ideal for hedgehogs and bird feeding stations can be problematic.	Who would look after bird feeding stations?
Nest boxes	Avoid attracting birds because of 'poop' problems	There are already squirrels in this area and therefore they need to be considered
Bird water baths (but must be kept clean	The more you have there the more there is to get vandalised	Not hedgehog homes as too close to the road
Owl boxes	I'm not sure that this idea will work, do you know if teenagers use this site at night?	Don't be too formal, let it evolve naturally
A solar fountain	Waste of money, anything low down will get vandalised	Everything needs to be vandal proof
A healthy green requires capacity to host overwintering bugs	Only include things that will work!	Unless properly cared for, bird and bat boxes are a waste of money and time

Educational signage	Some of the suggestions are in Great St Marys and have been subjected to vandalism	Beware lavender as children can be allergic to bees
Hedgerows		No Dogs Allowed
Swift boxes		Liaise with wildlife experts with regards to suitability
Butterfly boxes and butterfly friendly shrubs		Do not have bat boxes
Natural nest sites rather than boxes		
Rabbits / Squirrels & Ducks with a small pond		
Water feature		
Artwork		

Q8 - In order to further create a high quality green open space consideration should be given to which of the following?

POSITIVE COMMENTS	NEGATIVE COMMENTS	NEUTRAL COMMENTS
Something for young children - because of the proximity to the Dr's and the Nursery	No picnic tables as they encourage litter - benches placed under trees will have bird poo on them.	Low lighting to illuminate pathways
Disability access for wheelchairs and mobility vehicles	Honestly - leave it as it is, just chop whatever needs doing and leave it	CCTV
Band stand	Should not be an area where youngsters gather to take drugs	Evening safety must be considered
Water Feature	Discourage food due to littering	Will just be lovely to sit here and consume food and drinks consumed from local cafes
Visuals and Logos?		Get rid of all the trees that make it dark and intimidating. Play equipment for youngsters
Sensory Garden		An adult outdoor gym

Litter bins		No lighting - it causes light pollution for insects
Interpretation boards for sighted and non sighted people and children. Textured planting and sensory smells for partially sighted people.		It is a small space so don't overcrowd it
Open up the space to give it a 'Village Green' feeling rather than an enclosed space		Preserve what is already there
Rewilding		Important not to create secret spaces as individuals will wreck them
CCTV (comes up at least 6 times in comments)		It it were named in connection with the jubilee then some sort of permanent sculpture would be good
Wayfinding and historical information		Low level fencing in part to create a safe area for small children to play, whilst adults near them can sit nearby
Small Water Park		