

Improving Watermans Park

Background

Based on the consultation results from 2021 we have made changes (in green) based on this future plan. Orange ideas are being looked at now and blue ideas are future plans.

What we have achieved so far

- ❖ Entrance planting and flower meadows
- ❖ Moved railings to give more pavement room
- ❖ Planted bulbs for spring flowering
- ❖ Create a fenced wildlife pond area
- ❖ Kept areas of long grassland to attract wildlife
- ❖ Had community tree planting sessions

Medium term goals from 2022

- ❖ New Entrance Sign
- ❖ Planting larger trees around the entrance on Dorset Road and by the river
- ❖ Make the bridge over the river
- ❖ Make a wide shared path to the bridge over the by-pass
- ❖ A community art project to decorate the building



- ❖ Mosaic portrait of Joe and Joan Waterman by local artist



Long term goals

- Making more detailed designs for play
- Look for funding to progress the plan ideas

Adventurous play area idea

- Design with children new play to provide for all abilities, use the existing rock climbing, extended zip wire and basket swing
- Make a sound barrier bank to add height for equipment to launch off



Longer areas of grass and new trees

Bringing more wildlife interest into the park

- Community wildlife garden and pond.

Younger play area

- Move play to a new place next to kiosk terrace with trees for shade



Revitalising the entrance with:

- Set back fencing in flower meadows and sensory planting.



Tree Grove idea

- Make a landmark entrance to walk through to park activities and circular routes or to picnic under trees



New Edward Road entrance idea

- Create new route through if we can agree 12m route with Hotel Owners



Woodland extension area ideas

- Clear bramble and lift some tree branches to open views and improve bio-diversity
- Leave trees for climbing
- Make a river platform and information board to be safely close to the water without damaging banks
- Plants for wildlife and to screen by-pass
- Create a nature trail with information panels



Watermans Way

- New 3m wide shared route brings life into the park, crossing to the extended park wildlife area, the by-pass bridge or to Mudeford via Watery Lane
- Part of the new park footpath network for circular route options when wet underfoot



Watery Lane

- Connect the park to Somerford Road



Ideas for being active

- Fitness zone
- New mini's wheel park for learners or a pump track
- Multi Use Games Area for informal football, basket ball, tennis lessons etc on old wheel park

