

EPPING TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WHICH HAS LED TO POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Epping Town Council engage with our community on an ongoing basis in order to deliver positive outcomes.

Epping Town Council have recently refurbished many of the facilities at the Jack Silley Pavilion at Stonards Hill recreation ground. Responding to requests from the community, Council used a portion of the S106 money issued from the District Council to provide a much needed café at the Pavilion, which will serve all the community groups who use the ground.

Epping Town Council were allocated a position in the Tesco Bags of Help blue token scheme to elicit support for an outdoor table tennis table. Our request received enormous community support and we were allocated £2000 for this equipment which was provided in June 2019.

Stonards Hill recreation ground is used by a wide range of users, many of who like exercise. We have been approached by several groups who want to use the ground for exercise classes. We invited local group Essex Boot Camp to help us obtain funding for a 'Big Rig' outdoor exercise suite, offering sixteen different exercise points in one unit. We were successful with our funding application and the Big Rig was installed in July 2019 and is attracting much use and attention.

One of our playgrounds at Lower Swaines recreation ground is in need of refurbishment and will require considerable financing. In order to be able to obtain funding which is not available to Town and Parish Councils, we have engaged local parents and helped them establish a Playground Association as a charity, to help obtain the vital funding for this ground. The charity is being set up at the current time and we will be working with the Association on Funding Applications.

Epping's Monday Market is vital to the character of Epping as a historic market town. We have engaged with our market traders to see how we can support them in times of reduced footfall due to changing economic conditions. The traders have requested increased advertising and promotion of the market, plus events. We are currently arranging coach trips into the market and have just started running monthly events in the market, the most recent being childrens' storytelling, crafts and face painting. Council have allocated an advertising budget so this promotion, advertising and events can continue. We have allocated two traders at either ends of the Monday market, to act as spokespersons for the traders as a whole. We liaise with them regularly, taking their views into consideration and making any improvements we can to support them.