

Merstham Recreation Ground refurbishment

Newsletter 2 - August 2024

Welcome to the second edition of the Merstham Rec refurbishment newsletter. Read on for an update on our open space project in Merstham.

The works started on 13 May and are expected to be complete in February 2025 and will provide:

- a new pavilion with a café kiosk, toilets and changing rooms, with solar panels and a green roof
- a new play area with equipment for children of all ages and abilities
- a parkour course for over 12s
- an outdoor gym
- an improved network of footpaths with better accessibility for wheelchairs and buggies
- a picnic area and community orchard
- new trees, landscaping and swales (ditches) to improve drainage.

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Progress on site

During the last four to five weeks, you may have seen that the contractor has installed kerbs and edges to the play area and the new paths. The contractor has also started to lay the bases to seal some of the excavated paths.

Excavation works have also continued on the various swales (drainage ditches) across the site. For the pavilion, excavation and pouring of concrete to form the foundations have been completed. The contractor has also started the installation of the damp proof course and foul drainage.



What is happening next

During the next five to six weeks, the contractor will:

- install the service entrances to the pavilion
- install pavilion drainage
- install 'beam and block' floor to the pavilion
- commence construction of the pavilion walls
- continue with the installation of the site wide drainage
- continue with the footpath construction
- continue to construct the swales.



New football pitch at Battlebridge Rec update

The conversion and extension of the disused bowling green at Battlebridge Recreation Ground into a small football pitch (junior pitch for under 9-10s) has been completed, with the seeding of the grass. Grass establishment will continue over the summer in readiness for the next football season.



How to keep in touch

We will be issuing a newsletter every 5 to 6 weeks to provide regular progress updates on the project. You will be able to read this and future editions of the newsletter on our website.

You can also keep in touch with us in a variety of ways:

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