

Merstham Recreation Ground refurbishment

Newsletter 3 - September 2024

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

Work on site started on 13 May and is 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 five to six weeks, the contractor has made significant progress on the construction of the pavilion, and the brickwork and walls are going up.

The play area is progressing well, with most of the kerbs, paving sub-bases and excavation carried out. Some of the play equipment has also begun to be installed, including with swing and trampoline frames.

Work to rebuild of the tennis court and MUGA (Multi Use Game Area) is underway.

The kerbs and sub-bases of the footpaths continue to be installed and the last swale (drainage ditch) has been created.

Work to enhance the ecology on site has started along the water channel, with the introduction of temporary fencing, log piles and two 'hibernaculum' – a habitat structure made of soil and logs to create refuge for amphibians and reptiles.



What is happening next

Over the next month or so, the contractor will:

- continue with the construction of the pavilion walls, brickwork and roof
- install the base course for the footpaths
- plant and seed the swales
- prepare planting beds
- continue to install the new play equipment
- install the fence around the new play area
- construct the MUGA and tennis court
- finalise the foul drainage connection.



New football pitch at Battlebridge Rec update

Following the conversion and extension of the disused bowling green at Battlebridge Recreation Ground into a small football pitch (junior pitch U9-10), the newly seeded grass has germinated well.



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 can view the various editions of the newsletter on our website.

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

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