

Merstham Recreation Ground refurbishment

Newsletter 5 - February 2025

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

Work on site started in May 2024 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
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Progress on site

During the last six weeks, our contractor Blakedown Landscapes has continued to make very good progress with the Rec.

New windows, doors, plumbing and electrics have now been installed in the pavilion.

In the play area, the stone mound is almost finished and all the play equipment has been installed, with only the safety surfacing left to be completed.

The path that links Weldon Way to Albury Road, located to the north of Merstham Football Club, has now been fully resurfaced and re-opened to the public. The path to the south of the Rec has also been completed, and the other paths are almost finished.

24 large trees, 12 fruit trees for the community orchard, and 48 woodland trees have all been delivered to site and are currently being planted.

Works have also begun on the installation of the parkour which will be a great new facility for young people.

We expect all the main works will be completed and the Rec will re-open in mid-March. Because of the particularly wet weather conditions over the last couple of months, we may need to finish the water channel works a little later when it is drier, however this will not impact on the opening and use of the Rec.



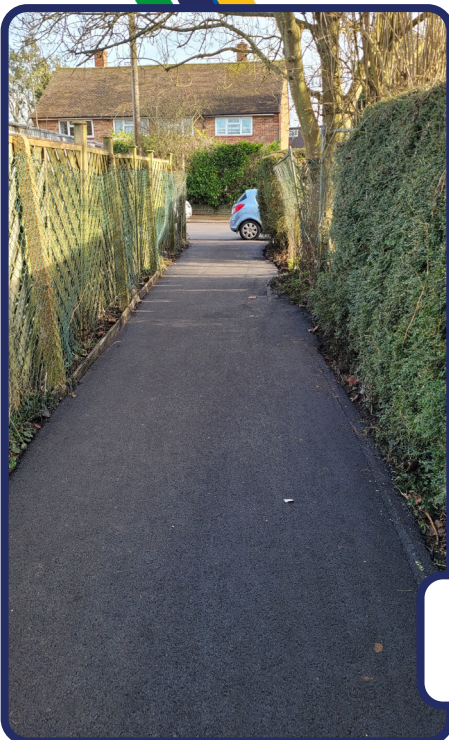
Play equipment installed

Part of the play area, almost complete, ready for the safety surface

Large pine trees have been delivered to site



Tables and chairs, the outdoor gym and table tennis by the pavilion installed



Resurfaced path to Weldon Way



All furniture has been installed across the site

What is happening next



Over the next month, the contractor will be moving to complete the works ready for the planned opening in mid-March. This will include:

- installing solar panels and the green roof to the pavilion
- the surfacing of the footpaths
- the completion of the parkour
- seeding the swales (drainage ditches) and completing the planting beds
- the planting of the new trees and orchard
- line marking and painting of the MUGA and tennis court surfacing
- installing safety surfacing to the play area, outdoor gym and parkour course.

We are excited that our works are nearly finished, and the Rec will soon be open for you to enjoy. Thank you for your patience.

How to keep in touch

We will be issuing a newsletter every five to six weeks to provide regular progress updates on the project. You can see the various editions of the newsletter on our website.

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

- Website: reigate-banstead.gov.uk/Merstham-Rec
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