

Do you need somewhere smooth underfoot and safe from traffic to WALK

MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, LETTON CHURCH 7.00p.m. Tuesday, 26th September, 2017

You may have read previously about the possibility of developing a small park area in Letton. A meeting has been arranged by the Kinnersley Group Parish Plan Action Committee in line with Objective 6 to consider with residents how best to proceed with this project. The land has begun to be cleared and there are a number of interesting and established trees that enhance the environment. The primary purpose is to provide a safe area for walking away from traffic. Plans necessary for a planning application are being developed and we will need to establish a committee of local volunteers to take the project to the next stage.

PLEASE COME TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS,

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Looking for volunteers

Request from Kinnersley & District Parish Plan Action Plan Committee.

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Objective 6 of the above Parish Plan is to establish a community open space in Kinnersley, Letton and Norton Canon.

We are looking for volunteers for a steering committee to explore this project; is there a local support for such a facility? Could a planning application be successful? Can the grant money be raised?

Land has been identified in Letton, off the A438, of approximately 3/4 acre. Planning permission for housing has twice been refused and the owner is willing to consider its use as small park/ play area to provide facilities **for all ages**. It is alongside a vehicular access entrance to 4 domiciles. The landowner is happy for the land to be used as a multipurpose park to provide facilities for all ages at a "peppercorn" rent and a 30 year renewable lease. It already has an interesting selection of mature greenery which could easily be developed into an established park.

Purpose of the land to provide:- (over time)

- A tarmac path suitable for both walking and cycling with occasional seating for elderly needing to walk in safety
- A ball play area
- Outdoor gym equipment
- A secure play area for younger children with seating
- A parking area
- Sheltered seating

Hereford Community Grants Advisor has advised that it should be possible to pursue grants, local and national, to meet most needs, providing local support for the project has been proven, and the planning application agreed.

The action Plan group has set aside money for initial investigations into the feasibility of such a scheme. We have no doubt about the desirability. There is increasing difficulty in walking on the roads, given the volume, size and speed of the traffic, and scarcity of pavement areas or smooth pathways necessary for those who are challenged with mobility or balance issues. This in turn leads to a deterioration in activity which could be hopefully remedied by the provision of a safe walking area with the provision of seating. This type of opportunity to gently increase the distances covered could do much to improve the health of many of our aging, and not so aging, rural population.

Anyone who is interested in helping explore the possible development and maintenance of such a small park area please contact:-

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