



Adastra Park Project Update November 2018

Since the consultation event in May much work has been going on behind the scenes to progress improvements to the park, using the Park Masterplan as our guide.

Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance had the greatest support from the consultation responses and it is this that is currently being implemented and is ongoing. At the consultation we asked for volunteers to work on the Garden and as a result we now have a keen pool of dedicated people who have been tidying up borders, pruning trees and cutting hedges and grass to prepare the area for the next stage of the work which will involve planting borders and improving the pathways. The fact that members of the community are involved and taking ownership is excellent. We hope those of you who use and appreciate the Garden are noticing the improvements already.

Rain Garden (South Field)

As well as providing a way of mitigating heavy rainfall the Rain Garden will also incorporate natural play value.

Work is due to commence in November and local company 'Garden Sage' has kindly offered to donate plants and design the planting scheme. Thereafter the area will be maintained by HKD (Hassocks, Keymer and Ditchling) Transition. We are very pleased to be working in partnership with HKD Transition who is overseeing the project and we appreciate this generous contribution from Garden Sage.

Wheelpark/Skatepark

At the meeting of the Grounds and Environment Committee on the 25th October 2018, Members authorised funds for procuring a project manager to oversee the delivery of the wheelpark. The project manager will also support any appropriate community consultation on the design elements of the wheelpark. Once the project manager is appointed the Council will go out to tender to secure the most suitable contractor to deliver the facility.

We are aiming for completion of the new facility by the summer of 2019.

Older Children's/Teen Play area

Once the wheelpark contractor starts to submit designs we will have a clearer idea of the footprint, or space the wheelpark will take up. The next phase of developing the area around the wheelpark/skatepark can then be addressed. In all conversations with potential suppliers and project managers, this area around the wheelpark has been discussed and additional ideas sought. Our aim with this area is to see it developed by the summer of next year or the spring of 2020.

We will provide another update, when tangible changes have taken place or are imminent in not just the above, but in other areas of the park.