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Dear Councillor, you are hereby summoned to attend the **Full COUNCIL MEETING** of **Marchwood Parish Council** on Monday **22 September 2025** at **7.30pm** to be held in the **Pine Room Marchwood Village Hall**.

*Tina Dudley*, Clerk to the Parish Council

Date 16 September 2025

### **Agenda**

**1. Apologies for absence**

To receive and consider for acceptance any Member apologies for absence and approve by resolution.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interest that they may have in relation to an item on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that it may be required.

**3. Public Participation**

For the public and press to ask questions on matters relating to items on the agenda.

**4. Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 July 2025 as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.  
(appendix A).

**5. Reports from the Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Councillors**

To note the reports from HCC Councillor, and New Forest District.

**6. Outside Organisation**

To receive verbal reports from Councillors representing the Council on outside organisations.

**7. External Auditor Report and Certificate 2024/2025**

To note the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Conclusion of the Council Audit 2024/2025 report and the actions required (Appendix B).

Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council. These rights are enshrined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, photographing, recording, broadcasting, or transmitting the proceedings of the Council may occur during the meeting.

**8. Youth Provision 12 – 19-year-old**

To consider the future Youth Provision for 12 – 19-year-olds within the village Appendix C).

**9. Cork Field Consultation**

To approve the consultation for improved facilities at Cork Field (Appendix D).

**10. Land at Larkspur and Admiralty Way**

The Clerk to provide a verbal update on the freeholds being transferred to Marchwood Parish Council.

**11. Close of meeting, Date of next meeting Full 15 December 2025.**

All minutes are draft until ratified by the Committee at the next meeting.

### **Marchwood Parish Council**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Pine Room, Village Hall, Marchwood on Monday 28 July 2025 at 7.30pm

**Present:** N Buckett, J Case (Chairman), K Petty, M Proctor, M Saxby,

**In Attendance:** Tina Dudley, Parish Clerk, Angela Woodward, Deputy Clerk and RFO.

#### **Apologies**

**PC/25/023** – Apologies for absence were received from D Hindle, (annual leave), J Leath, (annual leave), P Mballa, (annual leave), and L Shelley (annual leave).

**Resolved** – to accept apologies from Councillors, Hindle, Leath, Mballa and Shelley.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

**PC/25/024** – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

#### **Public Participation**

**PC/25/025** –Residents from the neighbouring community of Trotts Lane and the surrounding area attended the meeting to speak against the planning application 25/10429.

Issues were raised that there was not an identifiable need and purpose for the development. There was a site close by 'Bury Brickfield' that was enabled to accommodate the travelling community therefore, the proposed development was not a requirement but part of a long ongoing situation with the landowner.

The site was not put forward as part of the NFDC call for 'Gypsy/Traveller sites.

It was believed that over the years environmental damage had been caused by the burning of plastic and burying of oil drums and other materials potentially causing environmental damage; it was suggested that test sampling of the soil should be carried out.

The site lay outside of the settlement boundary of Marchwood therefore, within the countryside. If approved the development would have a severe detrimental impact on the ancient woodland, local wildlife and the conservation and biodiversity of the site and surrounding countryside.

There were no drainage or sewage facilities on site and no waste management/storage or collection outlined in the application.

Further concerns were raised with regard to traffic on Trotts Lane, as it was a narrower lane, it was believed that a vehicle towing a trailer/caravan would have difficulty gaining access to the site.

The proposed need and use of the proposed 'day room' was questioned, it was thought that it would eventually become a permanent dwelling.

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Residents raised concerns that they felt unable to speak out and raise concerns regarding the site, over many years they had experienced intimidation from the landowner(s).

They further requested that personal details be omitted from comments submitted to the planning authority via the online portal to enable the community to speak out without fear of reprisal.

### **Minutes**

**PC/25/026 – Resolved** – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **Planning Application 25/10429**

Change of use of land to a travellers caravan site; erection of x2no. day rooms and placement of x2no mobile homes and x2no not touring caravans.

### **PC/25/027 -**

Members considered the application and reiterated the concerns of local residents.

### **Resolved – to object to the planning application 25/10429 – PAR 4**

**Comments** – The development was considered to be inappropriate in the area of the countryside and if approved would result in damage to the local environment especially the ancient woodland, wildlife and biodiversity.

The site lay outside of the defined settlement boundary and within the countryside, if approved the development would have a detrimental impact on the rural character and appearance of the area.

Trotts Lane was not suitable for the towing of caravans.

Rather than conserve and enhance the countryside and natural environment the development would have a detrimental effect on wildlife, conservation and neighbour amenity.

In addition, it was further considered that the requirement of Planning Policy DM2 conservation, biodiversity and geodiversity would not be met by the applicants BNG report in terms of off-site biodiversity gain.

Planning Policy DM20, Residential development in the countryside states development will only be permitted where:

- A limited extension to an existing dwelling or the replacement of an existing dwelling except where it is the result of a temporary permission and/or is an unauthorised use and/or it has been abandoned.
- Affordable housing to meet a local need, in accordance with the Core Strategy Policy CS22 if agricultural worker forestry workers dwelling.

In respect of this application none of the above has been met by the applicant.

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Policy STR3 – the application does not conserve or enhance the countryside and natural environment; to the contrary it will harm the natural environment.

Policy HOU5 – the applicant has not illustrated or identified a need for the development for local people or that of the travelling community, there is an alternative site nearby Bury Brickfield.

The site currently contributes to the rural character and appearance of the area.

There were no drainage or sewage facilities on site and no waste management/storage or collection outlined in the application.

Voting - Unanimous

### **Planning Application 25/10639**

**PC/25/028** – Members considered the application Land off East Road, Marchwood Industrial Park for the demolition existing buildings and re-development of the site to install a battery storage system.

#### **Resolved – to support the application. PAR 3**

Subject to the requirements of all statutory consultees being met not limited to but including Environment Protection, Health and Safety Executive and the requirement of the Fire Service.

The site was identified as 'Brownfield' therefore already used for industrial purposes.

It was noted that a 4metre high wall was planned with another boundary having trees planted both to protect neighbouring properties from noise.

It was noted that the proposed application would result in less heavy goods vehicles on the site compared to the existing operators.

Voting 4 For – 1 Abstention

### **Community Infrastructure Levy Funding**

#### **PC/25/029 –**

**Resolved** – to approve the CIL applications for a Pump Track at Cork Field and new fencing around the 3G/Tennis Court, resurfacing to the Tennis Court to enable football, tennis, basketball.

Each application would be supported by a 10% contribution by the Parish Council.

### **Acquisition of Land RNAD Admiralty Way**

#### **PC/25/030 –**

**Resolved** – to acknowledge the strip of land (Right of Way path 501) to the west of Admiralty Way and small piece of land to the east of the site will form part of the Freehold transfer of land along with land already being leased by MPC.

Legal reference files F11. Title Plan HP771465

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**Close of meeting and Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting Annual Council 22 September 2025.

## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

We acknowledge as the members of:

MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL OF AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Agreed |     | 'Yes' means that this authority:                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes    | No* |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| 1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.                                                                                                                                                  | ✓      |     | <i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
| 2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.                                                                                                                                  | ✓      |     | <i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| 3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances. | ✓      |     | <i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| 4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.                                                                                                                               | ✓      |     | <i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
| 5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.                                                                            | ✓      |     | <i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                  |
| 6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.                                                                                                                                                          | ✓      |     | <i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i> |                                                                                                                                  |
| 7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓      |     | <i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |
| 8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.                                  | ✓      |     | <i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>                                           |                                                                                                                                  |
| 9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.                         | Yes    | No  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

19/05/2025 MM/YYYY

and recorded as minute reference:

PC/25/013 REFERENCE

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

Clerk

*J. Rose*  
*Ms Dudley*

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## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for

MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

|                                                             | Year ending           |                       | Notes and guidance                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                             | 31 March<br>2024<br>£ | 31 March<br>2025<br>£ |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1. Balances brought forward                                 | 203,119               | 196,106               | Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.                                                              |
| 2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies                          | 287,057               | 329,463               | Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.                                                                                 |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts                                 | 23,948                | 54,316                | Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.                                                                   |
| 4. (-) Staff costs                                          | 196,859               | 205,531               | Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments. |
| 5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments                     | 0                     | 0                     | Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).                                                                                      |
| 6. (-) All other payments                                   | 121,159               | 148,511               | Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).                                                                      |
| 7. (=) Balances carried forward                             | 196,106               | 225,843               | Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).                                                                                                                       |
| 8. Total value of cash and short term investments           | 200,651               | 224,369               | The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>                                              |
| 9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets | 993,007               | 971,399               | The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.                                                                      |
| 10. Total borrowings                                        | 0                     | 0                     | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).                                                                                                        |

| For Local Councils Only                                    | Yes | No | N/A |                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable) | ✓   |    |     | The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. |
| 11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable) | ✓   |    |     | The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.                                |

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2025 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

**Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval**

*Angie Woodward* SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

12/05/2025 YYY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

19/05/2025 DMM/YYY

as recorded in minute reference:

PC/25/015 MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

*J. H. H. H.* SIGNATURE REQUIRED



## Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2024/25

In respect of

Marchwood Parish Council

### 1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/> .

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

### 2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2024/25

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

### 3 External auditor certificate 2024/25

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

External Auditor Name

ENTER NAME OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR  
BDO LLP - Southampton

External Auditor Signature

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Date

15 August 2025/

# Marchwood Youth Provision for 12-19 year olds

CORK FIELD, MARCHWOOD  
MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Marchwood Youth Provision for 12–19-year-olds**

Local government at all levels faces an enormous challenge in providing youth services. Due to reductions in funding from central government and an increase in demand for child protection services, councils have had to divert increasingly scarce resources away from services that deliver early help and prevention, such as youth services, and into services for children at immediate risk of harm.

Youth unemployment has been an escalating problem in the UK since 2005, with the most recent rises directly attributable to health issues or other responsibilities such as education or caring.

Evidence suggests many of the problems young people experienced during COVID-19 still prevail. Anxiety levels remain high, young people have seen the sharpest increase in unemployment during COVID, while a year of disrupted learning has widened the attainment gap.

In the last 4 years, youth employment has become more complex than ever, with the impact of the pandemic, disruption to education and rising cost of living.

In the Youth Voice Census 2024, young people stated their most significant barriers to employment are a lack of work experience, local jobs, and mental health and anxiety.

According to the latest ONS labour market overview, the current unemployment rate for all ages in the UK is 4.7%.

The current youth unemployment rate for 16-24-year-olds is 14.2%.

Of the 987,000 16-to 24-year-olds not in full-time education or employment (NEET) in May 2025, 595,000 are economically inactive, and 392,000 are unemployed.

We face a unique opportunity to provide services and opportunities for all our parishioners, young and old.

## **Recreational Provision for Young People in Marchwood**

Young people need to be at the heart of those efforts. They have sacrificed a great deal - and those sacrifices have had a profound impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

The 2024 Youth Voice Census continues to give us a powerful and vital insight into the feelings and challenges of young people. The results are clear – the anxiety that those in education face is at crisis level. The high-pressure environment, with exams at the forefront of their education, is contributing to this.

This report shines a crucial light on the complex challenges young people must navigate in a world that feels increasingly divided and uncertain.

Marchwood Parish Council should be looking at the provision of all available spaces in their area, not just spaces they own, to secure access to safe, supportive and welcoming environments for our young people.

There are fewer spaces, places, and opportunities for young people to develop themselves. Across the board, opportunities are limited for young people. This is not only seen in fewer young people being able to access sports, libraries and parks with appropriate offerings in their local area, but also in the access to physical and mental health support they may require too.

We see more instances of young people having to travel further to access amenities and enrichment opportunities.

Currently, the Council operates and manages four playparks, approximately 85 acres of open space and a skatepark.

Marchwood is fortunate enough to have two recreational grounds:

- **Llyod Recreation Ground**

The Lloyd Recreation Ground is very much the village's sporting hub, hosting a wide range of sports and play activities for the community.

It has proved very popular with the residents, young and old, and is proving to be an asset to the community.

The grounds have a Sports Pavilion, five under-12s play areas, a basketball hoop, a 5-a-side / tennis court and a football pitch.

The parish council's ground maintenance staff is also situated here.

- **Cork Field Recreation Ground**

A largely underdeveloped recreational facility that currently hosts the village skatepark.

The area is popular with dog walkers with a small area retained for biodiversity.

## Collaborative and Partnership Building

Marchwood Parish Council cannot resolve these problems alone, but by working with other people and organisations, we can start the process.

*“Since arriving in Marchwood and Eling Parish, it has been clear that there is an issue of drug use.*

*It is also well known that there is an ongoing battle with drugs being supplied to young people.*

*Due to the large area and spread-out geography of the waterside region, police can’t always get to sites where drug use is happening quickly.*

*The Parish Council in Marchwood are acutely aware of the issues and the hot spots of drug use and anti-social behaviour.*

*There are several factors:*

- *One is that this is an area close to the city, but also conveniently tucked away.*
- *The Parish doesn’t have a secondary school but does have good access to the motorway and city links, like the railway and a reasonable bus connection, and it is not immune to county line issues.*
- *The traditional youth group model is not as effective as it used to be, particularly when the weather is warm.*

*The question has to be asked: **What can we do to change the view of young people in the village, and how do we show young people that they are key to a thriving Parish?**”*

*Rev’d Lauren Cheshire*

## The Strategy for Change

### 1. Youth Autonomy

A youth trend that has been observed is that youth tend not to access youth clubs unless they feel a degree of ownership over the space.

Alongside this, often adults expect young people to lead in respect rather than extending it first and leading by example.

With this in mind, we hope to develop a patch of land in Marchwood which will be created for young people in partnership with Marchwood Parish Council, local Churches, and local businesses.



## **2. Consideration and Risks**

There are always risks with a new project. We hope to mitigate much of this, but there will no doubt be times when challenges will need to be faced and overcome.

### **Proposed New Youth Offering for Marchwood**

The Cork Field Recreation Ground is the ideal location for our proposed enhanced youth offering. It already hosts the skatepark, and once had a thriving BMX circuit, which sadly has fallen into neglect and disrepair.

Cork Field is not envisaged to be a replication of the Lloyd Recreation Ground, this amenity will remain our central recreational hub for sports and host to the many outdoor activities wanted and enjoyed by our parishioners.

Therefore, Cork Field will have a renewed lease of life as a place where young and old can coexist in recreational pursuits, be it walking the dog or young people having somewhere to call their own.

We do not know what future developers have in mind when housing is eventually built along Bury Road towards Totton. Still, Marchwood Parish Council will press for the community amenities and green open spaces we enjoy and cherish.

Cork Field will be the central recreational ground for our swelling community.

Participating in outdoor recreation is crucial as it can:

- help young people to develop new skills and confidence
- help young people to improve their physical and mental wellbeing
- improve the life chances of young people,
- Engaging people in social and physical activity in the outdoors while they're young may also generate a lasting interest or commitment into adult life.

Rev'd Lauren Cheshire was correct when she said, "The traditional youth group model is not as effective as it used to be, particularly when the weather is warm."

Research undertaken by Scotland's Nature Agency found that today's teenagers have a very healthy appetite for the outdoors. They enjoy taking part in a variety of activities and are keen to try new ones.

### **Establishing Next Steps**

Marchwood Parish Council needs to be alert to the needs of our young people and ensure our offering spans the entire youth age range.

The British idiom, *Curate's Egg* best sums up our current youth provision.

Our provision has both positive and negative aspects. It is generally regarded by many as not satisfactory despite having some redeeming features.

We have five under-12s play areas and, apart from a poorly attended youth club, there is no evidence of provision for the 12–19-year-olds.

Therefore, our vision is to establish a new designated meeting place for young people.

### **Be Bold and Innovative**

The old and dilapidated BMX track is beyond salvage, so we need to seize the chance to show that the Marchwood Parish Council is for everybody.

What bolder statement to commit ourselves to providing a Pump Track.

For newcomers in the village eager to connect with others, pump tracks are the place to be. These spots are buzzing with activity, drawing crowds due to their popularity. They offer an easy avenue to meet people and bond over shared experiences while engaging in sports.

Although activities like biking, skating, and rollerblading are typically seen as solo pursuits, they foster strong communities. Pump tracks, in particular, have earned a reputation for their cool factor, attracting like-minded individuals looking to join in on the action.

Many pump tracks also have local clubs involved, whether it's for training kids or organising events, providing another opportunity to become part of a supportive community.

Pump tracks are becoming more and more popular! You can tell because whenever a new one opens up, people of all ages rush to check it out.

Pump track riding is becoming super popular as a sport. But what's so alluring about pump tracks that makes everyone, kids and grown-ups, want to ride them?

Hopefully, enough of us still remember that feeling when you're just totally in your element. Well, pump track riders know it well. Pump tracks aren't just about getting fit – although that's a big part of it. They're all about that rush of excitement and the sense of freedom you get when you're tearing it up on the track.

And do not forget about the mental benefits of pump track riding. It's not just about the physical workout – although that's a big part of the appeal. Spending time outdoors, surrounded by nature, has a way of melting away stress and lifting your spirits. It's like hitting the reset button for your mind. And the best part? Pump track riding can help sharpen your focus and improve your cognitive function. So, not only do you get to enjoy the thrill of riding, but you also come away feeling refreshed and mentally sharp. It's a win-win situation that keeps riders coming back for more!

When we find something we love, we can't get enough of it. That's precisely what happens with pump tracks. Once you give it a try, you're hooked! There's something about the mix of fresh air, hanging out with friends, and zipping around that's just irresistible.

Kids and teens are all about pump tracks, too! They're a fantastic way to tear them away from screens and get them moving. A study on the pump track in Cologne found that a staggering 60% of the users were children.

*"At the pump track, everyone comes together, no matter their age! From little kids with their parents or grandparents to teenagers and young adults, everyone thoroughly enjoys making it a true community hub. The little ones learn how to ride and gain confidence, while the more experienced riders practice their skills. And parents? Well, they have a great time too, watching their kids zoom around the track. Pump tracks have this cool urban design that attracts people, especially if there's some green space around too. So, it's not just about riding – it's about hanging out and having fun together!"*

*Alliance Sports Experts*

## **Tackling Anti-social Behaviour**

Anti-social behaviour is defined in legislation as acting in a manner that either causes or is likely to cause "harassment, alarm and/or distress". We will follow this exact definition; therefore, anti-social behaviour in this case can include anything from chronic noise nuisance to vandalism and anti-social vehicle use.

Individuals with mental health difficulties are more likely to be victims and/or perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

As Shelter Cymru states in their report:

*"Seeing ASB as a symptom of broader support needs is integral in the pursuit of a trauma-informed approach. Anti-social behaviour may be the result of a person's coping mechanism or stress response and point to a wider issue related to unmet support needs."*

The common and recurring theme throughout this report highlights a need to relieve the boredom, frustration, anxiety and stress often exhibited by many of our young people.

In short, for many, there is little to do when they are not attending school. Many young people have little or no money to venture further afield to participate in other activities in our neighbouring towns and cities.

## **Underpinning Safeguard**

There is a compelling argument for a pump track, but there has to be a solid foundation.

Our current targeted Youth Service Provision has not, in recent years, delivered what councillors envisaged, and this has also been witnessed by many parishioners who have seen first-hand the visible aspect of our current provision.

Therefore, consideration should be given to an alternative provision.

Marchwood Parish Council does not, and never has, accepted that we have a monopoly of wisdom in such matters, so there is no alternative but to seek out and work collaboratively with partners.

Unfortunately, the traditional Youth Service is no longer adequately resourced to be an effective partner. Still, in recent years, other organisations, particularly faith organisations, have stepped up to fill that void.

It is with that understanding that officers and councillors have reached out to explore alternative arrangements.

Therefore, in recent weeks, Marchwood and Eling Parish of St. John's and St. Mary's churches, Waterside Church Youth Program and ourselves have opened a dialogue to form a partnership to provide a more inclusive provision that supports the Council's vision to broaden our youth offerings.

The working name for this project is ***The Patch Work Youth Project***.

#### The Key Criteria

- Partnership with at least one Church, Local Council, Local Police, and schools where there is one in the Parish.
- Local Youth Lead oversight and steering group linking partners.
- To consider a Youth Council to help lead future provisions.
- Volunteer team of 'Youth Team'

#### Establishing Next Steps

Our initial outline proposal consists of the following strands:

- Lead Youth Worker funded by Marchwood Parish Council but employed through Marchwood and Eling Parish Church. Partly funded from funds currently allocated to The Handy Trust Service Level Agreement.
- We don't want our young people exposed to the elements, so one viable and enthusiastically appreciated shelter is using old shipping containers. Young people don't require purpose-built brick buildings; they want a space that feels like theirs.
- CIL Application for the provision of a Pump Track in Cork Field – councillors previously discussed this matter at a full council meeting.
- Undertake a Survey to confirm the need to provide additional outdoor activities for older children
- Further enhancements to Cork Field
  - Repairs to the skate park

- Solar powered lighting
- Footpath enhancements

### **Financial Considerations**

A good starting point is the purchase and siting of a container; the cost will be an estimated £7,500.00.

Lighting will be an essential part of the success of these plans to enable year-round usage.

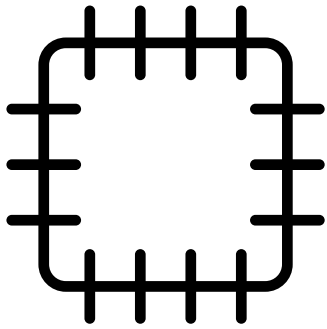
A quote has been obtained to install Solar lighting, around the track, lighting the skatepark and of course the container.

### **Appendices:**

**Ci** – Patchwork Project Proposal

**Cii** - Solar Lighting

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# THE PATCH WORK YOUTH PROJECT

July 2025

**Prepared For**

Marchwood Parish  
Counccil

**Presented By**

Rev'd Lauren  
Cheshire

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[www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/patchwork](http://www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/patchwork)

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# THE NEED

## the story so far

Since arriving in Marchwood and Eling Parish it has been clear that there is an issue of drug use. It is also well known that there is also an ongoing battle with drugs being supplied to young people.

Due to the large area and spread out geography of the waterside region, police can't always get to sites where drug use is happening quickly.

The Parish Council in Marchwood are acutely aware of the issues and the hot spots of drug use and anti social behaviour.

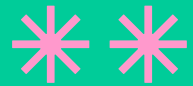
There are several factors, one is that this is an area close to the city but also tucked away. The Parish doesn't have a school but does have good access to the motorway and city links, like railway this is not immune to county line issues. The traditional youth group model is not as effective as it used to be, particularly when the weather is warm.

The question has been asked, what can we do to change the view of young people in the village and how do we show young people that they are key to the thriving of the Parish?





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# THE PROPOSED PROJECT

## Youth Autonomy

A youth trend that has been observed is that youth tend not to access youth clubs unless they feel some sort of ownership over the space. Alongside this often adults expects young people to lead in respect rather than extending it first and leading by example. With this in mind we hope to develop a patch of land in Marchwood which will be developed for young people in partnership with Marchwood Parish Council, local Churches and local businesses.

## Considerations and Risks

There are always risks with a new project. We hope to mitigate much of this but there will no doubt be times were challenges will need to be faced and overcome. The hope is that over time we may be able to open new patches and each patch will need to meet these criteria:

- 1) Partnership with at least one Church, Local Council, Local Police and schools where there is one in the Parish.
- 2) Local Youth Lead oversight and steering group linking partners.
- 3) Youth Coucil to help lead with Youth Lead
- 4) Security cameras.
- 5) Volunteer team of 'Youth Team'.

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# MEET THE PARTNERS



**Marchwood and  
Eling Parish**



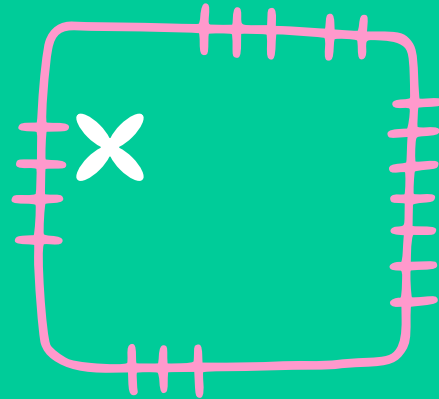
**Waterside  
Church Youth  
Program**



**Marchwood  
Parish Council**

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# NEXT STEPS



## Establishing Next Steps

- Parish Council to research the funding of a Youth Leader to oversee the project via Marchwood and Eling Parish
- Marchwood and Eling Parish to submit the proposal and explore the role description for a Youth Lead overseeing this project and interlinking that with Church Life.
- Creating regular planning meetings for this and other local projects in the pipeline.
- Create a timeline of work re funding, contracts, site work and recruiting.
- Develop appropriate governance is in place.

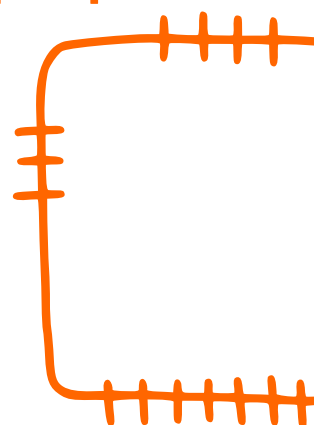


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# BUDGET ESTIMATE

Required Budget \*



| Items                                                                                               | Amount                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Youth Lead funded by Marchwood Parish Council - employed through Marchwood and Eling Parish Church. | £26,000 - £28,000                                                      |
| Security cameras                                                                                    | £2000                                                                  |
| Storage/Shelter - old shipping containers                                                           | Exploring free containers from local shipping yard                     |
| Seating and improvements to skate park already on site                                              | Exploring donation via Men's Shed for seating.<br>£2000 for skate park |
| Signage                                                                                             | £300                                                                   |
| Costs relating to annual youth workshops                                                            | £2000 per year                                                         |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                                                       | <b>£32,300 - £34,300</b>                                               |

\* Subject to possible additional funding opportunities

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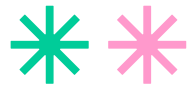
# POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

Our aim with this project would be:

- To empower young people and show them that we believe they are worth creating spaces for.
- To help stop antisocial behaviour and also to create a space for young people to hang out together away from homes and places designated for children and families.
- To create safer spaces for young people to be which also provide ways to engage with their community.



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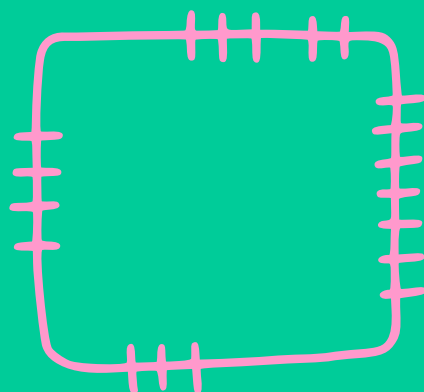
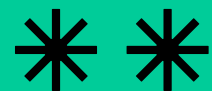


# SUMMARY OF VISION

**Creating safe spaces for  
young people to steward  
and enjoy**



**THANK  
YOU.**



### **QUOTATION**

Marchwood Parish Council  
Marchwood Village Hall  
Village Centre  
Southampton  
Hants  
SO40 4SX

JOB REFERENCE: - Land off of Normandy Way / Lloyd Recreation Park

Drawing Ref:- NA- Site survey

1. Solar Lighting

To supply and fit HELIOS LRC60W-S2 lanterns on 5 metre galvanised columns to skate park area. Units to be fitted as per attached layout marked in red.

Price per unit £1470.00

Unit quantity 6

**Total Price £8820.00 + VAT**

2. Solar Lighting

To supply and fit HELIOS LRC60W-S2 lanterns on 4 metre columns to walking path area. Units to be fitted as per attached layout marked in red.

Price per unit £1470.00

Unit quantity 14

**Total Price £20'580.00 + VAT**

3. Solar Lighting

To supply and fit additional HELIOS LRC60W-S2 lanterns on 4 metre columns to walking path area. Units to be fitted as per attached layout marked in yellow.

Price per unit £1470.00

Unit quantity 9

**Total Price £13'230.00 + VAT**

The above price includes installation of columns, fitting of solar lanterns and final testing.









# Public Consultation

**CORK FIELD, MARCHWOOD**  
**MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**



Marchwood is a developing and thriving village situated between Totton and Hythe on the western shore of Southampton Water.

We are very fortunate to have two recreation grounds:

## **Lloyd Recreation Ground**

The Lloyd Recreation Ground is the village's primary sporting hub, hosting a diverse range of sports and play activities for the community.

It has proved very popular with the residents, young and old, and continues to be an asset to the community.

The grounds feature a Sports Pavilion, an under-12s play area, a basketball hoop, a 5-a-side/tennis court, and a football pitch.

In recent months, we have installed solar panels with battery storage and a heat pump to heat the Pavilion, providing additional opportunities for residents.

The parish council's ground maintenance staff is also based here.

## **Cork Field Recreation Ground**

Currently, this is a largely underdeveloped recreational area that hosts the village skatepark and is a popular walking area, particularly for dog walkers.

Unfortunately, the BMX Track, once enjoyed by our younger residents, has been neglected, and it isn't financially possible to repair and make it safe.

Cork Field is also rich in biodiversity, particularly in the area adjacent to Normandy Road.

Marchwood Parish Council is proud to maintain and develop our green open spaces for all our residents, irrespective of age, gender, or physical capability.

New Forest District Council's (NFDC) Local Plan for The Waterside, and in particular, Marchwood, will see housing development along Bury Road and Marchwood Road. The first stage is the provision of 150 new homes at Cork Farm.

In years to come, **Cork Field** will be at the geographical centre of our village and will be a unique asset that needs to be carefully developed for everyone to enjoy.

We seek your views, comments, and suggestions as we plan and develop **Cork Field** to create a genuinely inclusive recreational facility that will be sustainable for many years to come.

## **Key Considerations**

### **Youth Provision**

Currently, we have four play areas for children under 12, but there is **no** provision for our older children.

The consequences of a lack of appropriate youth facilities and opportunities are clear to all who stroll around Marchwood.

It is also well known that there is an ongoing battle with drugs supplied to young people.

Due to the large area and spread-out geography of the **waterside region**, police can't always get to sites where drug use is happening quickly.

The Parish Council in Marchwood are acutely aware of the issues and the hot spots of drug use and anti-social behaviour.

The traditional youth group model is no longer as effective as it once was, particularly during warm weather.

### **Green Open Space**



Enhancing the green open spaces to ensure they are a safe environment in which to enjoy a stroll, admire the view across the River Test, or appreciate the flora and fauna.

Many residents in the area have expressed interest in improving the circular path so that they can enjoy it more often throughout the year.

Enhanced landscaping and the provision of picnic tables and park seating enable the enjoyment of the green open space and fresh air, which contribute to our overall well-being.

**Cork Field** must have universal appeal to all age groups and remain inclusive to ensure that all our residents truly utilise Cork Field, with proportionate scope, design, and cost.

## **Our Vision**

**Cork Field Development** will not replicate the Lloyd Recreation Ground provision, as our Lloyd site will remain our central recreational hub for sports and will continue to host the many outdoor activities and events that our parishioners want and enjoy.

Therefore, **Cork Field** will have a renewed lease of life as a place where young and old can coexist in recreational pursuits, whether walking the dog, relaxing and enjoying the fresh air, or young people having somewhere to call their own - their *home from home*.

To help focus the mind and assist in your considerations, here are a few viable proposals:

### **Safe Environment**

Installation of ***eco-friendly lighting*** – strategically installed around the site.

***Enhanced and defined paths*** – that are maintained for all-year use.

Improved ***land management*** – to promote wildlife diversity and natural screening.

### **Youth Provision**

A dedicated and defined area for ***improved and enhanced youth activities.***

A youth trend that has been observed is that our young people tend not to access *youth clubs* unless they feel a degree of ownership over the space.

The provision of age-related park equipment is an area for improvement, as Marchwood has four under-12 play parks but lacks facilities for older children.

A ***dedicated Youth Worker*** - Marchwood Parish Council cannot resolve these problems alone, but by working with other people and organisations, we can start the process.

## **Community Projects**

Converting the BMX Track to a ***K9 Activity Course***.

A dog activity course is great fun for you and your four-legged friend. Work together with your dog to overcome the obstacles on the course, which will challenge both small and large dogs.



To

build and maintain a ***Pump Track***

A pump track is a continuous circuit of rollers and banked turns, or berms, designed to be ridden on a bike, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblades without pedalling.

Riders generate and maintain speed by "pumping" their body up and down to push against the track's features, a skill that develops balance and bike handling abilities.





Pump tracks are made from firm surfaces like dirt, asphalt, or concrete and are popular for people of all ages and skill levels.

Pump track riding is gaining significant popularity as a sport. Pump tracks can serve as community focal points, hosting events and providing a safe place for people to gather.

What makes pump tracks alluring is the adventure and excitement they offer, which fosters community engagement among kids and grown-ups alike.

Maintain and safeguard our ***designated natural habitat*** location.

## **We would love to hear from you.**

We don't have a monopoly on wisdom, so your views are essential and help shape the provision, ensuring we get it right.

We are keen to hear from the young people within the village who form an integral part of our plans for Cork Field.

**Marchwood Parish Council** believes it is essential to begin planning for the future, ensuring that everyone can enjoy the many green open spaces that define the Marchwood area.

As we welcome new residents to our expanding village, we aim to offer everyone something that will be a lasting legacy for all generations to enjoy.

We believe that our vision will enable us to all appreciate our open spaces and contribute to our personal well-being.

**Please let us know your views by completing the following pages:**

**Question:** *What can we do to change the perception of young people in the village, and how do we show young people that they are key to a thriving Parish?*

**Question:** *Would you be willing to pay a modest increase in your Marchwood Council Tax to improve youth provision within the village?*

YES/NO

**Question:** *What facilities would you like to see the Council provide at Cork Field?*

***Youth:***

***Dog walkers:***

***Biodiversity:***

***Other:***

**Thank you for participating and sharing your thoughts in the consultation process**

## **NEXT STEPS**

Please return this Consultation Questionnaire to the Parish Office situated in the Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood, or complete an online version of this questionnaire: <https://marchwoodparish.gov.uk>.

**The closing date is Friday, 30 January 2026**

**Optional:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**