

NEWS FROM THE TENNIS COURT

Lacock Parish Council has set up a working group to look at how the Playing field facilities can be improved to meet the needs of our community.

The first job was to make repairs and improvements to the tennis court area. The current court has been in place since 2004. The area behind the court had become overgrown and untidy. Volunteer trees had grown restricting light and airflow to the court and causing moss and leaf mould damage to the sides and surface.

In March, a group of Parish councillors and volunteers set to work to make a start on clearing the area. Already the light and airflow has been improved. A new fence will be erected and the area levelled. Alongside this, The National Trust are undertaking a hazel planting scheme to thicken the hedge beside the trail which has started to establish.

The entrance gate will be moved to the far end of the court so that it is outside the fenced playground area. The surface will be cleaned, sides repaired and lines reinstated. The aim is to provide an updated multi use sports court.

Initial ideas to fully utilise the court have been received from young people in the village (via letters to the parish council and questionnaires distributed by the School and Wise Owls). Ideas include football, netball, tennis, basketball, perhaps a skate board ramp and an area for outdoor fitness/exercise classes. The school and Wise Owls are keen to use the court, especially on wet days.

We would be delighted to hear your ideas, not only for the court itself, but for the grassed area that will be behind the court. You can send them to

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Thank you