



**BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL
PRESS STATEMENT
FRANKLINS RECREATION GROUND
PUBLIC WORKS LOAN UPDATE**



Biggleswade Town Council is pleased to announce that the transformation work carried out at the flagship Franklins Recreation Ground play and leisure space are complete.

Biggleswade Town Council extends its thanks to the external contractors and the Public Realm Team for all their hard work in turning this vital outdoor space into a welcoming and fit-for-purpose space for all ages and physical abilities to enjoy. The new wood and steel play equipment will serve the children of Biggleswade for many years to come and with over 1400 plants and trees installed by the Public Realm Team giving the area a fresh look, we hope to see this area play host to a larger number of visitors this year than ever before.

Cllr Mark Foster, Mayor for Biggleswade says *"I am delighted that we will opening the long awaited, much-anticipated, new improved Franklins Recreation Ground. The Town Council has a long-term plan to invest in improvements in its play areas, with Franklins being the first. We looked very carefully at the type and variety of equipment, with some inclusive pieces, to enhance the area and improve landscaping and access. This is now a very different play area, and I do hope it is enjoyed and appreciated for many years to come. My young children and grandchildren are definitely very keen to try it out!"*

Cllr Michael North, Chairman of the Public Lands & Open Spaces Committee says *"We are delighted with the result of the major project started at the beginning of the year providing a huge enhancement on the play area facilities for our residents. The final touches of the landscaping carried out by our Town Council Public Realm team have really added value to the appearance and attractiveness of the site".*

Franklins Recreation Ground is the first of a series of Play Areas that are being redeveloped as part of the wider Play Areas and Green Spaces Project. As of May 2023, Franklins Recreation Ground and Buttercup Mead redevelopments have been completed and announcements for future plans will be forthcoming in the near future.



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