

Brewery Field Nature Reserve.

Please note that this document represents our ideas for an area of green space on Brewery Field, which could be the entire field, or only a part of it, should the Village Hall be sited on the field instead of the Rec.

Your parish council is pursuing the idea of Brewery Field as a nature reserve to encourage wildlife and natural habitats.

Green spaces are of great benefit to the community and are encouraged and supported by South Cambridgeshire. As a result, we expect to qualify for a number of grants to help us fulfil our objective.

It will be a space to enjoy walking and recreation, and also a place where the children of the local school and surrounding villages can discover more about wildlife in its natural habitat and learn about the natural environment.

We will use the circular walk as a basis for a track for dog walkers and health enthusiasts, with interconnecting pathways across the field.

We imagine the space to include a pond with decking for pond dipping. Ponds encourage many forms of wildlife, including hedgehogs, birds, frogs, newts, insects and water plants.

There will be patches of wild flower meadow to attract butterflies and bees.

We hope to plant fruit trees, bearing fruit specific to Cambridgeshire. Apples can be collected by the village to make Duxford Cider – a true Brewery field!

Picnic benches and tables will provide somewhere for families to enjoy snacks and a break in the fresh air.

Mounds of earth recycled from the pond will be used to create viewing platforms from which to enjoy the airshow days, whilst also housing nocturnal animals in the underground burrows.

Free standing, camouflage gym equipment will be dotted around the track between the trees so you can jog the track and intermittently work out.

Other ideas for activities on the field include a boules pitch and table tennis as we move forward with the project – all suggestions are welcome!

We are currently working with an expert from South Cambs who has helped to create 7 spaces such as this. We already have 12 villagers who have expressed an interest in volunteering their time to create and maintain the field and encourage more residents to join us in making this project a reality.

The above concept is subject to village support, a robust five-year plan for the maintenance of the park, planning permission, highways approval linked to the village hall location (see separate Paper), safety checks and adequate fund raising.

We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact clerk@duxfordvillage.com.