

Rivington Green 3 Year Plan

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Over the last few years Rivington Parish Council have managed to establish a positive cash flow and healthy balance via strong financial management and the attraction of some extra funding. As a result this three year plan has now been developed to help improve the village green.

The three year plan will support:

- 1 The visual amenity of the green
- 2 Encourage biodiversity of the green
- 3 Support improved awareness and knowledge of the village

Below is a “Google maps” image of Rivington Green taken from google in Jan 19



Fig 1: Village Green taken from Google Maps Jan 19



Fig 2: Main Village Green from roadside taken from “Google maps” Jan 19



Fig 3: Smaller Village Green from the roadside taken from “Google maps” Jan 19

The Proposals

1 The visual amenity of the green

Small Village Green

It is proposed to continue the repairs to the small village green wall along the roadside which have suffered continual neglect for a number of years. It is envisaged the wall which is

Unrestricted

approximately 18 inches high will need to be re-laid in a mortar bed to varying depths and with the achievement of a level wall surface. Grading of the lawn to the level wall surface will then be made.

The village planters will be painted to ensure they remain in a good condition.

No other visual amenity works are planned for the small village green. The owners of Fisher House could be approached about repairing the wall behind the village information board which has missing coping stones. Note, this isn't the responsibility of the Parish Council to repair the wall. – Note May 19. This wall has now been repaired and the coping stones have been re-laid

The potential for a information board similar to below could be located on the small green. Rivington Heritage Trust via Groundworks have indicated potential to re-use some obsolete ones from the Terraced Gardens might be an option. Some small repairs maybe need. See section 3 of this plan.



Large Village Green

The large Village Green will require more extensive work over a number of years which could include:

- Relaying the coping stones to the retaining wall along the length of the roadway
- Grading and levelling various areas of the lawn which will improve it generally under foot and for future village fairs
- Flagpole repair which is seeing a gradual deterioration with paint flaking along its continuous length
- Improvements around the village stocks with potential cleaning and improving underfoot by means of potential general grading, retained stone area or paved section in sympathetic flagstone
- "Barrel" planters have been assessed and need replacing. Due to the size of the lawn it is anticipated to purchase six new ones and plant with a variety of low maintenance plants
- A gravel path connecting the far corner of the village green towards the tea room and connecting to the road which finishes at the Unitarian Church entrance. A previous flagstone path here has been lost over the years. Discussion with the Unitarian Chapel have been undertaken and it has been agreed to extend the road one car length, tarmac

the immediate road in front on the chapel, extend the footpath in tarmac with potential cobble edging. Install soakaway to improve the drainage

- Repair of the wall on Sheep House Lane nearest the Village tea room
- Install benches on the village green to replace the wooden sleeper type which are deteriorating and rotting. Type to be agreed
- Around the flagpole consider the potential for a round pathed circle with seating at one end where it may “cut” into the lawn to achieve a level surface. This could make this area a nice focal point for the green
- Consider planters hanging off the village flagpole

2 - Encourage biodiversity of the green

Encouraging bio-diversity is an important aspect of rural life and the Parish Council would like to support this via some small measures on its village green. Current proposals include:

- On the larger village lawn a three feet section along the whole length of the grassed area along the roadway would not be cut and instead some wild flowers will be sown. This will encourage more fauna and flora such as bees, butterflies and other native species in the area
- A “bug hotel” via pallets and bamboo could be created on the smaller village green in the opposite corner to the post box. This has been considered and discounted at this present time, May 19.
- Information boards could be created to support this and enable visitors to understand what the Parish council is doing



Fig 4: Pallet bug hotel and wild flower meadows

3 - Support improved awareness and knowledge of the village

A lectern style information board is proposed to be placed on one of the village greens to aid with increasing people's awareness and knowledge of the village over the centuries. This information board would contain a “QR code” for more information which could take visitors to the Parish Council Website which has other links and information on Rivington.

In discussions with Groundworks who are working with Rivington Heritage Trust a number of existing lecterns in the Terraced Gardens are being replace and these or one could potentially be donated to Rivington Parish Council for this purpose. Some small repair works maybe required plus the creation of the information board which the Anglican Rivington Church has offered to help with creating.



Fig: 5 Outdoor information lectern

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