



# ORCHARD PARK PLAYING FIELD NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

## New Goal Posts

Here's some exciting news for the Orchard Park Playing Field. There will soon be a set of Goal Posts, so at long last villagers will be able to play and compete in games of football at the playing field!

However, we need volunteers to make this a success.

Please get involved!

## Orchard Park Playing Field Needs You

The Orchard Park Playing Field is a fantastic feature of the parish. It's where you can find slides, swings, climbing frames and much more for children of every age; a boules court for adults; and benches and picnic tables to be enjoyed by villagers of all ages.

And now the villages of Teddington and Alstone will at last have a local pitch on which to play football.

The Gloucestershire County Council Community Fund recently granted funds to Teddington & Alstone Parish Council to purchase goal posts for Orchard Park Playing Field.

This is only the first stage.

The village needs volunteers to decide the type and size of the goal posts. For instance, should they be for 5-a-side or 7-a-side football? We also need to measure the pitch and decide where the goal posts should be positioned.

I'd like to put together a team of volunteers to choose the new goal posts and then help install them.

And we also need to think about the future...

## Friends of OPPF

Not all villages are so lucky to have such a wonderful facility as the Orchard Park Playing Field, but such a precious resource needs constant care and attention.

The village needs volunteers to arrange future events in the Playing Field and maybe join with other villages for football or boules.

Volunteers are also needed, for instance, to monitor and maintain the play equipment; trim the boundary hedge and shrubs; keep an eye on Health & Safety issues; organise a new Teddington & Alstone boules team; and stage fund-raising events to buy new playground equipment and an all-weather shelter (useful on wet days).

There must be many other ideas for how we can make the Orchard Park Playing Field even better in the future.

If you want to be involved in any way in the upkeep and care of the Orchard Park Playing Field or you have some great ideas of how to improve the facilities, please call 07976 892401 or email [graham.spry@gmail.com](mailto:graham.spry@gmail.com)

## Teddington & Alstone Parish Council

My name is Graham Spry and I was recently elected as one of your Parish Councillors. I've lived in Teddington since 1993 and felt it was about time I made a positive contribution to village life.

I've volunteered to represent the Orchard Park Playing Field at the Parish Council. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues regarding the playing field.

For up to date information about events related to the Orchard Park Playing Field please go to the Parish Council website ([www.teddington-and-alstone-parish-council.org.uk](http://www.teddington-and-alstone-parish-council.org.uk)).

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I look forward to working with you.

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