



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Summer of Play 2021 SCOPE

1. Introduction

To facilitate the data collection for the Public Spaces Review; engage the community and encourage within parish community play after a year of national restrictions associated with COVID19 pandemic, to provide a “summer of play” to the Parish of Goring.

2. Main Principles

- To provide a summer of informal outdoor play activities for local children on their doorstep.
- To create an opportunity for consultation to help us understand how play should be provided in the future.
- To show that Goring is a welcoming place for children and that we want to improve facilities for them.
- To test ideas and review locations for future play provision.
- To raise awareness of the public open spaces in the village.
- Encourage families to stay within the area for play, rather than travelling outside the area.

3. Budget

- £2500 to employ a Summer of Play Coordinator for a fixed term to manage the project.
- £7500 for equipment; activities & consumables.
- Total £10,000, already set aside in an Earmarked Reserve (EMR)

4. Scale of the Project & Types of Activities

- To employ a Summer of Play Coordinator / organisation to scope all the activities and bring to the council for approval.
- The activities will mainly be small scale, close to children’s homes and should draw in a range of children with different interests. These can be self-managed activities, such as art competitions or activity packs to use at home.
- Small group events at sites around the village. This could be den building, crafts, outdoor games, or provision of inexpensive play equipment (such as hoops, skipping ropes, bubble machines or chinks).
- A few larger events, such as piloting activities around the village, but our aim is to provide fun activities over the whole summer.
- Further ideas can be found in Appendix A to this Scope.

5. Data Collection

Asked in the open space as well as online, linked to pop up activities on that site. Provide tea, coffee, hot chocolate or cold drink as exchange for answering questions.

- Character for each site
- Priorities for each site
- Which areas they do use and why



- Which areas they don't use and why
- What's missing
- What isn't needed
- What gets in the way (barriers to use)
- Where do they go outside the village, and why. Is that a good example?

6. Recommendations on How to Proceed

The following recommendations have been received from the Landscape Architect, engaged as part of the Public Spaces Review work, on how to make the best use of the Summer of Play

- Funded marketing plan to make sure that hard to reach groups know about the events, and feel that the events are for them. Paid Facebook adverts, posters, flyers through doors, social media accounts. Care taken to present all events as open to all, including choice of images and who is represented in them
- Use existing websites and community groups to run and to promote events. People trust sources they regularly use, such as websites or social media posts.
- Paid playworkers - pay rates they are well under £10 per hour (£8.70 seems an average) appointed via SODC or OCC if possible, as they will be able to cover the safeguarding aspects, HR, health and safety, and insurance.
- Free events but booking for some if numbers need to be limited. Ensure that there is a phone number as well as online booking
- Branding and style – small budget for high quality graphics and marketing materials, that make the events seem appealing but not off-putting. Consider variety of approaches to attract a diverse audience
- Advocates – find members of the community to give quotes, promote or even just be aware of the scheme. A project champion is a great idea if you can think of an individual who would fulfil this role.
- Partnership – find existing organisation, groups and networks to work with rather than start from scratch. Consider purchase of equipment or other support to the groups (under £250) to encourage groups to get involved.
- COVID-19 safety – working with a larger organisation, such as SODC, will help with compliance and guidance. One of the hardest issues is first aid, so there are practical steps to address.

7. Review

This Terms of Reference document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 04th May 2021, it shall be reviewed periodically.

Signed:

K Bulmer, Chairman

Dated:



Appendix A – Draft List of Activities

Rectory Gardens

Quiet, reflective, sheltered – (it would be good to consult on these)

- Outdoor yoga, meditation and tai chi, with indoor option as back up
- Painting and drawing, either as a group or lesson
- Brass band or other outdoor concerts
- Chess games – provide sets for loan
- Branded & Personalised Deck Chairs | Helloprint summer of play branded deck chairs (also around village as promotion)
- Art installations – has precedent from Schools Mosaic project Gallery 2018 - THE GAP FESTIVAL

Sheepcot Recreation Ground

Active, physical, open

- Summer playschemes – whole or half day of activities where children are in the care of those running event (this may be too complex)
- Taster sessions for activities – climbing wall, archery
- Team sports
- Informal – encourage imagination and burn off energy
- Bring an adult
- Links to the wider countryside
- Pop up skate park? (or in station car park)

Bourdillon Field

Child focused, secluded, structured play

- Build confidence by visiting park near to home
- Links to school
- One off play activities and games, encourage children to think of area as theirs – play-leader led, shorter time as no onsite facilities
- Forest school type and short craft activities
- Storytelling – a really good storyteller is amazing for adults and children. The Gap Festival looks like they ran sessions so may have good contacts
- Child scale

Gardiner Recreation Ground

Informal, community, inclusive, outward facing

- Open and inviting
- Link to the High Street
- Centre of the community
- Bowls taster sessions
- Nature discovery walks (also at other sites)
- Painting and drawing, either as a group or lesson
- Views out



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Ferry Lane

Nature, informal, riverside

- Wild play – logs and landform
- Nature activities
- Links to the wider countryside

Station Car Park

- Pop up activities – bike, skate, parkour and scooter skills
- Alternative location for temporary skate park

No Set Location

- Urban sketching walks and groups
- Walking tours – nature, history, health
- Games for loan in pubs and cafes – chess, chequers, backgammon
- Competitions – drawing, stories, window displays, play ideas
- Toy library or loans box for groups
- Chalk play– using chalks to create games on the pavement
- Chalk drawing competition - Chalkfest 2020 @Home – CITY ARTS NEWBURY