

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Playing Field – New Play Equipment Needed

The play equipment in the Batcombe Playing Field is in urgent need of replacement. The current wooden equipment is badly rotten and will soon be unsafe to use as can be seen from the photos below:



The Parish Council would like to replace the wooden multi-play piece of equipment with a smaller metal multi-play item and an inclusive roundabout that is accessible to wheelchair users. The Council also wishes to add a nest swing and replace the goal posts. The Council would like to install metal play equipment to avoid the problems with wooden equipment rotting, but this means a higher cost – an initial quote is close to £60,000.

The Parish Council is hoping to obtain a grant for this amount, but this requires a 10% contribution from third parties and so the Council needs to raise £6,000 from fundraising and donations. To date we have raised £2,648 and have a commitment of a further £500 in sponsorship.

We would be grateful for further contributions towards the total we need, however great or small. Whatever you give could be worth nine times its face value as we seek to provide up-to-date play equipment that will last well into the future. (The metal swings in the Playing Field were purchased in the 1950s and do not need to be replaced.)

Cheques should be made payable to Batcombe Parish Council and sent to the Clerk at the above address or payment can be made by bank transfer (please e-mail or call the Clerk for bank details). The Parish Council is planning to place a plaque in the Playing Field with the names of those businesses and individuals willing to sponsor the new play equipment with a three figure sum – but if you prefer to be anonymous please indicate this with your donation.

Rob Sage
Clerk to Batcombe Parish Council