

Outline Plan for the future use of the Recreation Field, Pound Hill, Landrake, Saltash, Cornwall.

Current situation

Landrake is a rural parish in the area of South East Cornwall. It has been bisected by the A38. The Sir Robert Geffery School is on the south of the A38, which has more dwellings than north of the A38. Unlike many other villages there are very few footpaths and the main accessible routes for exercise for parishioners, dogs and horses are the lanes. The lanes were not built for so many cars and large trucks. Speeding on some lanes is a concern and it is dangerous to be on the lanes when enormous farming lorries, tractors and trailers and thundering through. With the increase of farming on a large scale the occurrence of this has increased.

We have tried to identify a green space that the Parish Council could rent or buy to enable a space for recreation and dog-walking etc. but this has not been possible. No landowners have available land to date.

The recreation field (football field) is on the north side of the village. It is no longer being used for regular football games although the school has used it from time to time.

The Parish Council would like to submit the following plan for approval from the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers:-

The field currently has football posts in one part of the area and this leaves a large area that could be developed to benefit the children and young people of the Parish. There is no seating, picnic or activity area. Discussions have taken place with a group of young people and they offered some suggestions as to what they would like. These plans are based on their suggestions.

- Seating and picnic areas. This area could possibly be used as an outdoor classroom for the school. They could be made of stone or recycled material.
- Earth ramp for use by scooters and bikes.
- Small Orchard – Pear, apple and plums
- Eatable forest-raised beds for herbs and soft fruit that could be used to enhance children's learning.
- Information boards to identify trees and plants within the field and landmarks viewed from the field
- Areas for dogs to run. A short circular walk could be created via the Pillaton and Blunts Lane if the two access gates were made available to walkers and an enclosed fenced section connected the gates.
- Activity areas – Trim Trails/outdoor gym equipment/ pull up bars and scrambler net
- Wild flower area

Clearly, there would be costs involved and it will be an investment for the future, for the children and parishioners of Landrake with St. Erney. We would like to extend the current lease arrangements to ensure there is security footing for this investment.