

A decorative border of red ladybugs with black spots and antennae, arranged in a rectangular frame around the text.

Jeffreyston Village Green & Play Area

At the beginning of 2019 the Community Council started to look at how the Village Green could become an environmentally friendly area where children and adults could get together and enjoy the space available.

Phase 1 of the project involved an application to the 'Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Scheme' for funds to purchase benches, picnic tables and planters. At the same time wildflower and butterfly packages were received from Keep Wales Tidy under the 'Local Places for Nature' initiative. Volunteers planted wild honeysuckle, roses, clematis and lavender, to name but a few. It is envisaged that these will thrive over the coming years and promote a sustainable healthy eco system.

Following the success of Phase 1 the next stage was to apply to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' for funding to purchase additional play equipment. We received notification that the application for £9959 was successful in March 2020. The subsequent lockdown and pandemic restrictions did delay the process somewhat but in February 2021 the installation was completed.

It has been extremely rewarding to see so many families visit the play area over the past few weeks. The hope is that once restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so, we may be able to get together for a celebration day in the not too distant future.

A very big thank you to those who financially donated to the project, your generosity is very much appreciated. Thanks also to each and everyone of you who supported the applications by writing letters of support, responding to consultations and surveys, to the children at St Oswald's and those who assisted with watering the planters.

Together we made it happen!