# WILDSIDE LANDSCAPING DESIGN TEAM

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO ACHIEVE?







WE WILL SHARE IDEAS AND LEARN WHAT THE WIDER COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT THE WILDSIDE CENTRE WE WILL CREATE A SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PLAN FOR THE GROUNDS OF THE WILDSIDE CENTRE WE WILL DISCUSS HOW WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN!



## ENTRANCETO WILDSIDE

WHAT DO WE WANT OUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS TO BE?







GRASSY

SCRUB

AREA







SHED SIDE

CENTRE

OF





#### SUGGESTIONS SO FAR FROM ORGANISNG THIS MEETING:

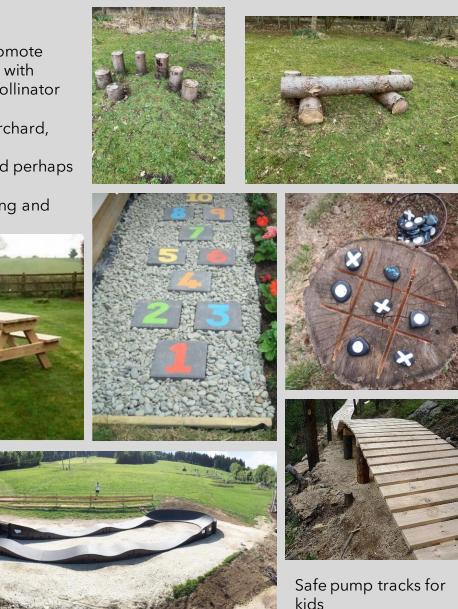
- It would be great if as well as providing picnic/socialising areas the land could be used to promote wildlife friendly gardening and community food production. Things like wildflower meadows with mown paths through them, bat and bird boxes, a small pond, habitat piles, native hedging, pollinator friendly plants and a commitment to use peat free compost/no pesticides/organic plants.
- Also great if fruit trees/strawberries/veg etc could be grown for community use with a wee orchard, and raised beds (peat free and organic)
- A small shed outside stocked with tools that the community could use to maintain ground and perhaps borrow for own use.
- Another idea would be to use local contractors to put in Drystone walls/willow weaving fencing and teach these skills.
- <u>https://www.modularpumptracksuk.com/modular-pump-tracks</u>
- BBQ area
- River walkway





Wheelchair and infant friendly benches (in wood, not plastic)





#### SUGGESTIONS FROM MEETING:

- Lawn area turfed
- Several wooden gazebos for meeting places
- Wheelchair friendly walkways
- Wooden Picnic benches
- Fairy Garden
- Native Planting
- Tractor/Train planters
- Curling Rink
- Secure fencing
- Clear Gorse/broom and open up large space at fence line
- Contract someone for maintenance and upkeep
- Archer Field Website for inspiration
- Bike rails & electric charging points
- Consider future developments of the building
- Could we have toilet access from outside

#### Inspiration

- <u>The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre Forestry and Land Scotland</u>
- Archerfield Walled Garden





#### ACTIONS FROM MEETING 22.03.2021

- Priority 1- Lawn turfed ASAP- Kirsty & Peter
- Priority 2- Ground maintenance- Clear Broom/Gorse area Graham & Tony
- Priority 3- Quotes for benches/picnic benches so the ground can be used this summer- Jillian, Graham & Fiona
- Priority 4- Collate all ideas from previous consultation and this steering group and bring them to a landscape designer to help drive the vision forward.- Tony & Kirsty

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