

The Old Ford Pond, Colwinston

Vision

To create a community open space area centred around the Old Ford, offering a mix of 'outdoor rooms' that provide spaces for residents to rest, relax, and play. A variety of seating/open spaces should be designed to appeal to a range of users, with each 'lily-pad' having its own feel, character and function. The Old Ford community space will also aim to provide essential habitat for wildlife, including providing enhanced hedgerow buffers, new tree planting, native wetland, marginal plantings, and wildflowers to encourage pollinators, insects, and wildlife. The range of habitats accommodated improve the biodiversity of the space and also offer an opportunity for residents to get close to nature, improving health and wellbeing.



Natural Play Space
Area to include wood chip seating area, tree trunks, logs, boulders and access to the shallow pond end for natural play opportunities.



New trees such as native willows planted to create shade and interest and to provide a canopy over the 'outdoor rooms'.

Provide enhancements to the hedgerow through an understory of lower plantings, and plant wildflowers to create a wildlife and pollinator corridor.

Nature Space
Create an accessible space for all users that provides a mix of wetland plantings and new trees. Close proximity to wildlife corridor and wildflower edge allows users to interact with natural environment.

Refuge/Quiet Space
Create a more peaceful space accessed via the restored bridge for quiet reflection and watching the world go by.

Benches and seating areas provided at all three nature areas, made from woodland offcuts to provide continuity of space

Excavate pond to provide a range of depths for wildlife. Deeper area should be kept furthest from the seating area, and ensure pond profile results in a gentle slope to allow access to children for natural play and exploration. Avoid ditch and drain inflow to minimise polluted water and silt by strategic re-use of excavated soil, but allow outflow with proper elevation design.



Visually connect the 'outdoor rooms' to encourage social interaction and discourage anti-social behaviour.

Ensure each space has an edge to protect users from the roadway and to create a sense of enclosure. Native hedge planting, or a mix of native shrubs and plants, would need to be maintained and kept at an appropriate height to retain inter-visibility.



Clapper Bridge

Gravel track

Drainage from woodland spring, providing water source for pond

Scale: 1:400

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