



PHASE 2 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for FLETTON FIELD

Introduction

This Phase 2 implementation plan for Fletton Field is based on the phased development described in the Fletton Field Association Business Plan dated March 2022 and supersedes the Phase 1 implementation plan.

The OTC/FFA working party will review successive revisions and update this plan, at working party meetings as a working document for implementation in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between OTC and FFA. Revisions made to the previous version will be highlighted.

In January 2024 OTC applied for S106 funding from the Herne Lodge and land at Ashton Road development (12/01614/FUL) for the purchase of Fletton Field and provision of facilities. This and other potential sources of funding will need to be realised.

The timescale for implementation of this plan will be agreed by the OTC/FFA working party.

Phase 2 implementation plan

The FFA Business Plan anticipated the following features for the second phase:

- A series of **raised beds** that can be managed from a sitting position to enable the elderly or disabled to take part in gardening activities, including a mixture of vegetable growing and flower borders, and involving Blooming Oundle. (Who will build, maintain and pay for them?)
- A **sensory garden** in memory of those lost due to the covid pandemic, including surface features to touch and feel texture, scented plants and a variety of wind chimes to stimulate the senses. (It might be feasible, and not very expensive, to plant herbs, such as rosemary, camomile and thyme, and a variety of indigenous bulbs along some of the pathways, with potential support from Blooming Oundle.)
- A winding **all weather path** to enable access for anyone with limited mobility. (Likely to be prohibitively expensive; FFA will enquire about the costs of the pathways at Barnwell Country Path.)
- An **exercise circuit** with instructions and appropriate equipment to encourage health and well-being. (FFA will endeavour to find out more about this.)
- A **gate from Abbott House** to enable direct access to the field for the residents. (Responsibility of Abbot House management.)

A structure or a designated **performance area** for theatrical or musical events was also envisaged for a third phase.

An **information board** is being designed

Actions carried forward from phase 1:

- Design and construction of the entrance feature at the principal entrance from Glapthorn Road.
- Contributions from the Oundle Business Association and FFA for the bench seats and picnic table, with associated plaques.
- The proposal to install two cycle racks, to be funded by a donor.
- Invitations to local schools to undertake projects to support wildlife and increase biodiversity (bug hotels, hedgehog homes and bird boxes would be welcome).
- An area will be mown to suit tai chi and/or yoga groups.
- A suitable area could be provided for scouts, guides, cubs and brownies if required.
- Sponsorship to create a willow sculpture (previously offered but could be a significant maintenance issue).



Phase 1 actions completed:

- NNC has indicated that it will not empty the dog poo bin; FFA volunteers will continue to provide this service for the time being.
- Litter bins will not be installed; visitors will be asked to take their litter home.
- OTC has provided a shed for FFA to store its materials and equipment.
- Three bench seats and one picnic table have been ordered by OTC.
- Undergrowth around the edges of the field, which provides habitat for wildlife, will be retained except for locations where shrub or tree planting takes place.
- Existing wildflower areas will be retained and enhanced by appropriate seeding and/or bulb planting.
- Local school children have submitted drawings for an entrance feature to be constructed at the principal entrance from Glaphorn Road.
- Blooming Oundle has been invited to provide planters at each entrance point, similar to the planters around the town, but does not have enough volunteers to do so.
- Appropriate signage has been designed and installed at both entrances to the field.
- A removeable barrier has been provided at the north entrance to the field to restrict access to authorised vehicles.