

Spodden Valley Wildplay



Signage
new 'Resident Only' signs to be installed to garages and access road at rear of Grove Terrace. Exact wording and positioning to be agreed with Residents

Garden plants and non native species
non native plants and stands of Japanese Knotweed to be removed/treated as per guidance from Ecologists and the Environment Agency
Interpretation Panel
Existing faded panel to be replaced with new, up to date panel

NOTES ON CONSTRUCTION
- Construction to be monitored by Ecologists.
- Material for base of surfaced areas to be permeable clean stone (not limestone) with no fines
- holes for posts to be hand dug and lined with non porous membrane to contain concrete

Informal cut through path
existing section of damaged wall off Market Street to be repaired and suitable woodland shrubs planted along the boundary to prevent unauthorised access onto the site and minimise nuisance for residents.
Ecologist and residents to determine species of shrubs

Paths
existing paths (north of site from bridleyway bridge) to be resurfaced to original width and potholes filled in (where required). Paths will not be widened. Path width to be approx. 600-800mm. Path surface to have falls to throw water. Assess potential for grips/waterbars with Ecologists to prevent erosion of paths

Former tip (PROVISIONAL)
area of 'botling' and excavation in former tip area to be covered with topsoil and suitable shade tolerant wildflower seed mix. Advice sought from Ecologist
Approx. area 50m²

Imaginative Timber Space B
timber items such as trim trail and creative animals positioned alongside existing path just north of original bridge. Area to be surfaced with bark mulch and grass mats. New timber boundary installed along river edge with native hedgerow species creating buffer
Approx. area 175m²

Imaginative Timber Space A
play diggers, activity tables and benches to be installed with pea gravel surface in verge between path and tree line. One diseased ash tree to be removed.
Approx. area 70m²

Planting
planting plan to be drawn up with advice from ecologists for improving the meadow and woodland. Wildflower plugs and native whips to be planted during community and school planting days

Non Native Species
large area of laurels to be removed and taken from site as advised by Ecologists. Area to then replanted with native understorey species including hawthorn and holly
Approx. area 175m²

Bridleway path works
existing BRIDLEWAY paths to be made good to a width of 1200mm and resurfaced with stone to dust. Hollows to be filled to prevent puddling to deter site users from creating desirelines through the ecologically sensitive meadow areas. Existing ditches and piped drains beneath path to be repaired to ensure good working order

Woodland path
existing sloping path beneath the trees to be retained with overhanging/fallen trees cut away from path

Tree works
minor tree works to be undertaken around the entire site. This includes:
• removal of self seeded ash saplings from the meadow area
• pruning and crown lifting of trees along the bridleway and paths to give 3m clearance for height and 1.5m from the path edges
• removal of 6 no trees from around the site with a girth of approx. 30cm.
• Removal of approx. 15 poplar and willow trees from Area B
Arisings will be retained on site to create habitat piles

Japanese Knotweed
areas of Japanese Knotweed around the site to be treated for 3 years according to best practice guidelines set out by the Environment Agency for sensitive sites
Approx. total area 700m²

Dipping Platform
existing recycled plastic dipping platform to be repaired and rebuilt and pond to be sensitively dredged allowing it to be used again by groups for education
Advice taken from Ecologists with regards to best practice for dredging. New hibernaculum to be created

Balsam
tackle Himalayan Balsam along Spodden Valley (as far as possible) through community 'balsam bashing days' and through strimming by contractors for 2 years. Propose the areas away from the River be tackled first to prevent further spread around wider site

Raspberry canes
areas of spreading non-native raspberry canes to be removed/treated, following guidance from Ecologists.
Approx. total area 300m²

Entrances from Market Street
To be marked with oak directional fingerposts from Market Street

Notes
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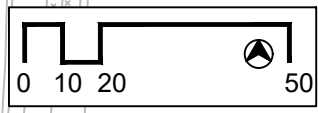
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05.02.20	v1 - amendments following site meeting		
28.03.20	v2 - amendments following additional mtg		
27.05.20	v3 - removal of earth mounds		
16.07.20	v4 - altering paths; moving timber units		

key

- public rights of way
- bridleways
- Valley of Stone Greenway
- existing paths to be surfaced with stone
- existing woodland path
- Laurels to be removed
- Local Nature Reserve
- Biological Heritage Site boundary
- Fingerpost and nature trail markers
- location of potential artwork/sculpture
- grass mat play surfacing
- stone seats
- Japanese Knotweed to be treated
- extent of woodland cover
- timber play bark surfacing

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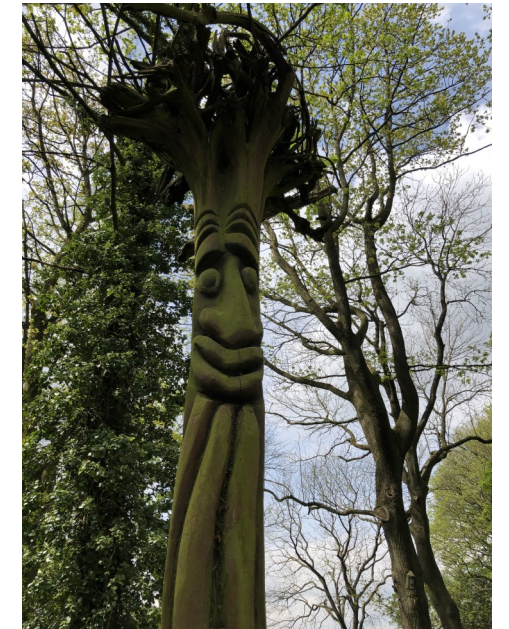
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Timber and steel items for informal activity

Artwork, seats and signage created by the community and local artists



play and recreation in the spodden valley v2

surfacing consisting of pea gravel, bark mulch and grass matting

