

## **Children's play areas set to be upgraded**

At a recent meeting of Wareham Town Council, Members agreed to support a Recreational Grounds Facilities Project by investing in the town's children's play areas.

The Town Council is looking to replace the four outdated council owned play areas at Hauses Field, the Recreation Ground, Drax Avenue and Carey Hall. As part of this exciting project, the Council is also having designs drawn up for a new wheeled park. Unfortunately, in July the Council had no option but to remove the skate ramps from Hauses Field due to safety concerns.

Since the first lockdown in 2020, the play areas have been a lifeline for many families, especially for those with no direct access to a safe outdoor space. The Council recognises the importance of providing these facilities for the local residents and the physical and mental health benefits outdoor activities can have.

As with most small towns, there are limited amenities for children and youths. The Town Council wants to provide some new, exciting and inclusive facilities and are keen to get ideas on what apparatus children would like included at the different sites.

This project will require significant investment and therefore the Town Council will be undertaking a full public consultation.