



AUGUST 2010 BRIEFING

The Children's Play Area

Following all the rumours that have been circulating, we are extremely pleased to report that the Council has now confirmed that they will replace the funding previously promised by the now cancelled national Playbuild scheme. The money will pay for new equipment and the enlargement of the play area. Our special thanks go to the parents in the area who continue to work so diligently to secure the funding to improve the playground.

Multi-use games area

As a result of further pressure from the committee, the last legal hurdle preventing the complete renewal of the floodlit hard court games area in the south west corner has been overcome. We are awaiting sight of final designs before a planning application is submitted in the autumn.

Anti-social behaviour

The installation by the Council of three portaloos have proven to be well used and we have thanked the Council for installing them. Unfortunately, there are still those who urinate publicly and this continues to be a problem. The Parks Constabulary have been trying to stop this abuse and would appreciate your assistance in helping to eradicate such behaviour in the park. If you see somebody acting in this way please telephone the Constabulary on 020 8753 5999 to report the incident. They will ask you to identify the person so the appropriate action can be taken. We are asking the sports booking department to remind all teams that they should make use of the portaloos.

Playing fields

The hot weather in May and June affected and delayed the grass recovery of the north field and it was not possible to re-open it for cricket until mid-July. It has now been agreed that the south field needs similar remedial treatment and this is scheduled to start in September. It will need around 8/10 weeks before this area has healed and the grass can be used again, during which time it will be fenced off. This means that there will be no team football on the south field until the middle of November at the earliest. The Council has confirmed that, unlike last season, football pitches will not be marked out or goal posts installed on the north field and organised football will not be permitted. The north field will, however, be available for informal play and football practice throughout the season.

The northwest corner

The Friends committee has been asked by the council to consider some revised proposals in respect of the north west corner of the park. We are in the process of assessing the proposals and obtaining more details of them. The committee are also informally gathering some additional information from a number of Friends members and general park users. No conclusions have yet been reached and we can assure you that there has therefore been no change in our current proposals for the use of the northwest corner.