

PRESS RELEASE

KINGSBRIDGE RECREATION PARK – Pavilion in the Park Consultation

We are asking Kingsbridge and its local village to access the Pavilion in the Park Kingsbridge Consultation.

This consultation has been funded by a grant from the Community Fund (part of National Lottery) and will run from 25th January 2021 through to the 28th February 2021).

Kingsbridge Recreation Park (formerly known as Kingsbridge Memorial Park) is a wonderful space that was originally funded by public subscription as a memorial to soldiers from the Kingsbridge area that gave their lives to their country during the First World War.

Over the years the park has evolved and today it boasts a playground, gym equipment, open spaces where you can relax or kick a ball, a bowls and a tennis club, and a cafe.

To keep the park evolving and providing for the community, a group has been formed to push forward a plan to build a community hub. This project has been named **The Pavilion in the Park**.

The group involved are: Kingsbridge Park Community Tennis (KPCT), Kingsbridge Bowls Club, South Hams Area Wellbeing (SHAW) and Kingsbridge in Bloom, along with Kingsbridge Town Council and South Hams District Council.

Both the tennis and bowls club are in need of a modern clubhouse with up to date, disabled friendly, changing facilities and toilets, SHAW require a relaxed, quiet place to see their patients and Kingsbridge in Bloom a meeting room where they can plan their wonderful displays seen throughout the town. But it is not just for the above mentioned clubs, it would be for any community project that needed a venue and could also be hired out for a variety of events.

The White House, at the entrance to the park, sits on a flood plain and in past years has suffered severe flooding. At present it is both the Bowls Club clubhouse and a storage facility for SHDC.

Being in desperate need of substantial refurbishment it is no longer fit for purpose.

Do we raise it to the ground and try to get planning to rebuild in the same floodplain location or look at other possible locations in the park.

You can find more about this, plans drawn up by local Kingsbridge architect, Dan Lethbridge and a place to give your views on our website.

The Pavilion would be designed so that it would be an aesthetically pleasing asset, in keeping with the park and available to be used by everyone throughout the year. An opportunity to provide Kingsbridge with it's very own community hub. It would also provide much needed toilet facilities: at present the only toilets in the park are at Cafe Decks, which is not open all year round, and recently have been exclusively for Café Deck's customers.

We would like people to look at these drawings and give us their views. Which drawing would work best for your park and why. What should be included in the pavilion? Perhaps an outdoor seating area beneath the trees or an indoor winter cafe. Rooms to teach craftwork or a large room for family gatherings.

If this is something you would like to support please give us your feedback. **We want to know what you think** so that we can make this your pavilion and begin to work on accessing funding.

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