Wootton Park Report 2026

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The start of last year saw some large projects on the park, from upgrading the pavilion facilities to putting in some new gym equipment. All of which have proved to be a great asset for the park. However, the last few months have taken on a slightly slower pace. So without looking to report the same thing this year, there is a little overlap.

We have installed two new benches in the park this year, one on the west side of the park that is a memorial bench to Alan Blake, a lifetime resident of North Wootton. The other is near the infants play area next to the tree carvings. This is a continuation of our project to place benches all around the park so the less mobile in our community to be able to walk around the park and rest as required.

The football club are going from strength to strength and are now very active in all the age groups from mini kickers up to the adult team. The club has done some improvement work in the park including the quality of the football pitches, even securing 60 tons of topsoil and filling in the sunken drain and reseeding the area.

The wildflower strips on the North and South Wootton Gaps have been reinstated for this summer. We are moving the position of one slightly because the show of flowers was stunted due to a little too much shadowing from the trees nearby.

Windfalls trees in the park over the year have been few and all minor ones. We have had one in the pond and another in North Wootton Gap near the Pyramid.

The ditch has been running very well over the year and this has been noted that even with the wetter weather the park dries out quicker than it used to.

Picnic on the Park did go ahead last year, even after it was cancelled due too bad weather we rescheduled it for 3 weekends later only to have similar weather! Once the heavens opened at 3pm that was the end of that!

In conclusion I think we have had a successful year on the park to ensure that the park is a great amenity for the whole of the Woottons community to cherish and enjoy. I would lastly like to extend my thanks to everyone on this committee for their continued support and encouragement. I look forward to another year in the park and hope that the weather this summer is as good as it was last summer.

Will Border
Chairman