

# Hoton Parish Council Playing Field Strategic Plan

**Aim: To provide an open space with facilities that meet the recreational needs of all residents of Hoton**

HORTICULTURAL				
Raised beds, willow arch, orchard, nature area, behind the play area, entrance tubs, grassed areas and other trees				
	Actions	Dates and Milestones	Resources	Partners
<b>Maintenance</b>	Replace raised beds with either like for like or smaller beds			Playing Field Working Party
	Remove dead trees from orchard and two dead apple trees at the entrance to the playing field			Volunteers from within Hoton
	Remove ragwort and brambles from meadow area and reseed			
	Hold a maintenance day for tubs, raised beds, nature area	Anually or bi-annually		
	Increase the frequency of grass cutting			
	Introduce tree safety checks			
<b>Development</b>	Plant eucalyptus trees along the side of the football pitch			

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CHILDREN'S PLAY				
Play area and trim trail				
	Actions	Dates and Milestones	Funding Sources	Partners
<b>Maintenance</b>	Repair the edge of the steps and add felt roofshingles to the toddler multi-purpose unit	2013		
<b>Development</b>	Develop a safe environment for imaginative play to the rear of the children's play area			
	Consider purchasing additional equipment, ideas include: Cantilever swing (approx £7,500) Pyramid Climbing Frame (approx £10,000) Half pipe for skateboarding (£11,450 plus installation) Multi-use imaginative play bund			

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SPORT				
Tennis court including basketball nets, football field and traversing wall				
	Actions	Dates and Milestones	Resources	Partners
<b>Maintenance</b>	Replace missing or damaged hand holds on the traversing wall	Ongoing		
	Replace bricks along the border of the tennis court	2015		
	Consider mowing the football field more closely			
	Re-seed the football field			
<b>Development</b>	Level the football field			
	Replace current goal posts with smaller movable goal posts with nets (£1,800 inc VAT)			
	Purchase cricket net (£3,479 inc VAT for 3m x 3m x 9m caged net)			
	Consider a hardcourt multi-sports area (hockey, basketball and football)			



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OTHER				
Fencing, bollard, benches, bins, noticeboard and signs				
	Actions	Dates and Milestones	Funding Sources	Partners
<b>Maintenance</b>	Remove damaged fence at rear of the play area	2013		
	New fencing on northern and rear borders of the play area	2013		
	Re-secure loose fence posts (5,6,16,34)	2013		
	Remove padlock on the nature area gate and replace	2013		
	Resolve missing bollard key	2013		
	Update signage with up to date information	2013		
<b>Development</b>	Slate birdbath for the centre of the willow arch			
	Feature pagoda with a natural green roof in the style of a Saxon building			
	Information board on the old Saxon village			