

Ponciau Banks Park Refurbishment Works



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During the next few months, Wrexham County Borough Council in partnership with Rhosllanerchrugog Community Council, the Friends of Ponciau Banks, The Heritage Lottery Fund and Y Stiwt will be embarking on a refurbishment program of Ponciau banks to restore the park to its former splendour.

These refurbishment works are to be supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Following consultation with local residents and existing park users, the improvements will include new pathways with improved lighting, new park furniture, improvements to leisure and amenity facilities such as the Tennis Courts, Bowling Green, Children's Play Area, Bandstand area and parking. The improvements will make the park more accessible for people of all ages and abilities. A diverse events programme will be held in the park making use of the new facilities, when they are completed.

During the next 9 months, there will be times when we need to close off areas of the park for the necessary construction and landscaping works. This will cause some disruption to normal access routes through the park but this will be kept to a minimum where possible.

Mine Shaft Capping

There are several existing mine shafts in the southern region of the park, which will require capping to prevent possible subsidence or collapse. This will take place during the next four months. It

will be necessary for several trees and shrubs to be removed for the work to proceed. Disruption will be kept to a minimum wherever possible but it will be necessary to close this area of the park.

Other Tree Works

As part of the park refurbishment, it will be necessary for the Council to carry out additional tree works in other areas of the park. Some of the trees in the central avenue will need to be removed to promote the future healthy growth of other specimens. These works will not detract from the effect of the avenue.

Also, it will be necessary for some of the Silver Birch and Willow trees along School Lane to be felled and replaced over a five year period to create a new well-spaced avenue of trees.

A few other trees elsewhere in the park are to be removed because they have structural defects or to improve the important historical vistas in the park.

Replacement trees are to be planted as part of the improvement works, the species and position of these has been carefully considered so that they have a positive effect on the landscape of the park.

We hope that disruption and closure of access to parts of the park will be kept to a minimum during the refurbishment.

If you require further information or wish to join the Friends of Ponciau Banks, please contact the Ponciau Parks Development Officer, Katie Birks, 07753771827, Katie.birks@wrexham.gov.uk.

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