

## Priory Park, Ware – Regeneration and Upgrade of children’s facilities

- I, Gavin Vollans (Ware resident), became involved in this project around September 2020. I am deeply motivated to help and support Ware Town Council in upgrading and regenerating Priory Park so that it truly befits its surroundings and attracts more families in using it and highlight Ware as a destination of choice.
- Crowd Funding page set up 8<sup>th</sup> February 201 to help generate community involvement and promoting this much needed cause - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/priory-park-ware> . £1,620 has been raised so far.
- Survey prepared at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z6NM8SL> which asks some key questions about the park. Details of survey responses can be shared with you at the meeting.
- A Facebook group has been set up to try and gain traction for community involvement, to promote the cause, and to refer group members to the funding page and survey above. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/247859566819451/permalink/247863566819051/> The page currently has 225 members.
- Van Hage have donated £100 voucher which is being offered as a prize draw for all donations of £10 or more on the funding page.
- In addition, Van Hage have said they are considering further support in terms of donating items – plants, benches etc.
- Grant Funding is being explored both in terms of applying in my own name (as community fundraiser) but also, where eligibility issues arise, in the name of Ware Council. Understanding of the charity that holds the Park would be appreciated.
- Recently, I have submitted an Expression of Interest Form in respect of Section 106 funding.
- If greater certainty and clarity can be provided by the Council for this project, this will help promote the cause amongst the community, helping raise its profile and will hopefully lead to greater community funding and local business support.