



**Shirenewton
Community Council**

The following has been issued by the Shirenewton Community Council in relation to the Shirenewton Recreation Field Improvement Project 2022

Frequently asked Questions

Q. Where is the money coming from?

A. The National Lottery Community Woodland Fund.

Q. Can the money be used for a different project?

A. The money is tied to the tree and orchard planting, along with the Bog Garden and path which is designed to join those areas together and make a safe place to use all year round.

Q. Could we put the path on the Blethyn Road field?

A. Unfortunately not. Shirenewton Community Council does not own the field and is therefore not on our asset register.

Q. What is the surface of the path?

A. Compacted hardcore. Shirenewton Community Council will be responsible for its maintenance.

Q. What is the width of the path?

A. 2 metres, which is the minimum standard for this type of public path as it enables two wheelchair users to pass.

Q. How many trees will there be?

A. The funding requires around 60 new trees, including the orchard area.

Types are yet to be settled, varieties with low maintenance and low height being preferred. We would like to retain the open view; the playgroup site is staying where it is.

Q. Where will the trees and orchard go?

A. Not yet settled. The orchard is a requirement of the funding and is meant for the benefit of all our residents. Wasps are recognised as an issue.

Q. What is the timescale?

A. Progress has to be reported to the National Lottery and funds must be applied by May next year, unless an extension is allowed. Given the length of the planning application process and the ability to submit amended plans during that process Shirenewton Community Council considered the application should be lodged as soon as funding was secured. Residents who have followed Shirenewton Community Council's regular meetings will appreciate that the project came about in the community survey some 4 years ago and council meetings have had constant updates reporting progress since. It has only been possible to proceed now because of the lottery funding.