

Improving our Recreation Ground

More than just a group of people who meet once a month in the Village Hall, Gravenhurst Parish Council is the grass roots of local government, dedicated to improving quality of life in the parish, delivering local services, and giving our village community a voice.

Last year, adding to the recently installed outdoor gym and climbing wall, we were delighted to open new early years and older play areas that will provide a multitude of play experiences and imaginative play opportunities for children to enjoy for years to come.



These sports and play improvements were only possible due to the tenacity of our council team who achieved over £30k in grant funding, careful financial planning and working with a nearby parish council to achieve greater value for money.

Improving our Recreation Ground involves a comprehensive approach focusing on sustainability, accessibility, funding and community needs to ensure our valuable green space is safe and welcoming to all. Your voice matters and so recently we surveyed residents to understand your opinions on potential improvements to the Recreation Ground. Thank you all for your input into our improvement plans. The standout comments and requests are show overleaf.

We would encourage residents to attend our meetings—held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:45pm in the Village Hall where you can hear about the progress of these plans and even propose more improvements for us to consider.

We are passionate about our community and are working hard to ensure it remains a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

If you would like to get more involved why not help with our litter picks or volunteer with another village organisation. Look out for our notices and social media posts advertising events or visit our website for meeting details Gravenhurst-pc.gov.uk

RECREATION GROUND SURVEY SUMMARY

You Said

We have...

Plant more hedging

- ✓ Applied and received funding for hedge planting that was completed in January 2026.

Hard footpath required

- ✓ Agreed a budget for installation of a permeable surface footpath from the entrance to the play area for the next financial year.

Need new goal posts

- ✓ Started looking for funding for new 9 a side goal posts and added line marking into our maintenance schedule.

More seating and picnic benches needed

- ✓ Budgeted to install new seating benches and picnic benches in Spring / Summer 2026.

More bins needed

- ✓ Planned to install additional bins (if CBC permits).

Improved signage

- ✓ Designed a Coronation Copse info board.
- ✓ Started investigating repair of the Rec commemorative signage.
- ✓ Ordered new play and general signage.