

## Press Release

### West Clewes Play Park Midsomer Norton – New Shelter and Fencing

Following on from a successful £10,000 lottery grant obtained by the Town Council and further funding in the region of £20,000, West Clewes has, over the last couple of years, seen the installation of a new play park and outdoor gym equipment. After a spate of vandalism to the equipment last year, the CCTV at West Clewes was upgraded to cover a wider area, including the park.

This year, continuing with the maintenance and improvements to the area, will see the installation of new fencing and a teen shelter. The existing wooden fence at West Clewes is now in a poor condition with rotting fence posts, of which, at least four need replacing. The fence has previously been fixed in various locations three times costing a total of nearly £4,000 over the years. The fence around the play park will now be replaced with bow top metal railings with a green polyester powder coating.

The signage in the play park clearly states that it is for the under twelves only. The local police have advised that in this case, the youth shelter should not, therefore, be inside the park. The police asked whether it would be possible to move the shelter out of the park and locate it closer to the wall/pedestrian entrance from North Road. Thus, enabling them to evict any over twelves from the play park without argument. They struggle to do this whilst the youth shelter remains inside the park. Councillors decided that as the shelter in the play park is for the under twelves and their parents, that we would not relocate the existing shelter but look at purchasing another shelter for outside the area. This has been done and a new youth shelter outside of the play park will be installed shortly.



If you have any concerns with vandalism or notice anything you think we should be aware of at West Clewes, or indeed, anywhere else in the Town, please get in touch. All our contact details can be found at [www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk).