

Boleenna Park Project

Boleenna Park is a highly valued recreation space within Perranporth, as a place for people of all ages to enjoy the great outdoors. It is used by the community and visitors to traverse between areas of the village, to sit and relax, exercise, sunbathe, and for children and families to play together.

The park is owned and maintained by Perranzabuloe Parish Council, currently falling under the responsibility of its Amenities Working Group.

The open grassed area, which is bounded by mature trees and bushes, is unique in the village as a traditional parkland space. There is also hard standing basketball court, a football goal, two small play areas for children of different ages, a mostly asphalt pathway linking St Georges Hill to Perrancoombe, a small number of parking spaces, and a derelict stone building. Adjacent to the park is Perranporth Tennis Club.



In consultation with the public, the Parish Council has long harboured aspirations to upgrade the play and recreation facilities in the park, and is listening to the wishes of local residents who feel the area is under-utilised by families and young people, and also in need of general aesthetic and practical improvements. In recent months, further Section 106 funding has become available to the Parish Council that it would like to direct as soon as possible towards improvements to Boleenna Park, hoping to take this opportunity to remodel aspects of the landscape, renovate buildings and provide bespoke play and recreation equipment to create a more thriving space, incorporating both green areas and interesting play / recreation facilities.



The Parish Council continues to hold planning consent for the development of a skate bowl in the centre of the park (which it intends to retain and extend for another 3 years if necessary) - but as detailed in the Skate Park report, the proposed scheme has proved problematic due to a legal dispute concerning this location, and therefore the Parish Council is considering re-siting this project in its current form to Ponsmere Valley. If this should prove possible, it is still intended that a smaller wheeled sports track would be developed in Bolenna to form part of a proposed remodel of the park, ensuring that children could still hone their scooter, bike and skating skills in this family-friendly location alongside other play facilities.



The above images are examples only, but represent possible ideas for Bolenna

Bolenna Park offers an ideal area for engendering a love of the outdoors with all the health and well-being benefits associated with just being in a thriving parkland space. At the same time it offers potential for enjoyment of sports, ball games, exploratory play and developmental recreation experiences. Somewhere for young and old to enjoy equally and protect accordingly.

The Parish Council has been working closely with Perran Skate Collective and with local residents, but is also asking for positive involvement from all Bolenna Park stakeholders, especially those sectors of the community who use or wish to use Bolenna Park to its full potential. The objective being to enhance the park for all, in harmony with its most valued characteristics.



Examples of outdoor fitness equipment suitable for adults and older children

With financial resources now available, and suitable contractors already identified, the Parish Council hopes to work quickly to deliver a cohesive and engaging play scheme, a secondary wheeled-sports facility, some adult outdoor fitness equipment and improved planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. Moving forward, the council also intends to bring the derelict building back into use, and look at ways to provide public conveniences, and parking for parent-child and disabled use.

If you would like to be part of this initiative, please add your name and full contact details to the list being circulated, or email the Parish Council at office@perranzabuloe-pc.gov.uk

It is hoped that the existing “Friends of Bolenna Park” community group can be expanded upon and formalised, to provide consultation during this important project. Perranzabuloe Parish Council will keep all residents informed of the progress on Facebook and via its website www.perranzabuloe-pc.gov.uk