

THE FUTURE OF VICTORY GREEN

Coates Parish Council - June 2021

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to contact us with your thoughts on how you would like to see Victory Green used moving forwards. It has been very helpful.

There were some great suggestions put forward, but the majority of responses supported the implementation of seating/benches as an initial start to encourage the use of Victory Green as a community space, with the addition of small trees, wildflower areas and the existing gates improved.

As we have previously mentioned, there is a right of way across the land, which prevents us from implementing some of the more ambitious suggestions. We have also taken onboard the feedback that we should not replicate existing facilities in the village and any changes should not negatively impact on the surrounding neighbours.

Next steps

We have started to explore some maintenance-free seating options, such as colourful benches made from recycled plastic. To be a sustainable community space that will be available to residents for years to come, Victory Green will have to be managed and funded by Coates' residents. It is important that the space is low maintenance, both in time and cost.

How can you continue to help? Could you:

- make a contribution to help with the purchase of new seating?
- suggest a variety of plants, small trees, flowers etc that could provide all year-round interest, would be low maintenance and help to create habitats for wildlife?
- give some time, along with other volunteers, to look after Victory Green?
- take the lead in helping to get this community space up and running?
- co-ordinate one or two fundraising activities for Victory Green?

If you might consider helping but would like to find out a bit more first, please email the Parish Clerk on clerk@coatesparish.org.uk or write a note and put it in the Village Hall's post box (at the top of the car park stairs).