



## Green Flag Community Award 2016

**Name of Site: Cavenham Village Green**

**Name of Community Group: Cavenham Village Green Ltd**

### Field Assessment Comments

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
<b>Welcoming Place</b>		
Good and safe access	Very open first view across site	Maintain open view it adds to the welcome feel
Welcoming	The open view makes the site appear inviting	Try to maintain the open aspect and manage trees in years to come to keep long views through the site
Signage	Simple uncluttered signage	Try to keep signage clear and not spread out, it will look tidier
Equal access for all	Good path surfaces	In the wildflower area remove large weeds from path and in front of seats to facilitate access
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>		
Personal security	Site feels very safe because of long views and low hedges	Maintain hedges at current height.
Safe equipment and facilities	All equipment in good order	Develop a long term financial plan for replacement
Appropriate level of facilities	Excellent range of facilities	Assess any new and replacement facilities against long term maintenance costs
Dog fouling	None seen	Keep dog bin clean and in good condition

## Clean & Well maintained

Litter and waste management	No litter seen	Be aware of how litter is dealt with after leaving site
Overall standard of maintenance	Very good maintenance especially as all done by volunteers	The long term sustainability and replacement of volunteer numbers needs to be planned for
Graffiti and vandalism	None seen	Continue to liaise with local children and teenagers

## Sustainability

Peat use	NA	NA
Pesticide used	Very little used	Investigate alternatives given low usage
Sustainable materials used	Every effort is made to replace and repair sustainably	Maintain logs of repairs and materials used to clarify best materials to use
Waste recycling and minimisation	Good will of volunteers helps with recycling of materials	Gain clarity of where waste collected by local authority ends up

## Biodiversity & Heritage

Conservation of landscape & historic features	NA	NA
Conservation of biodiversity	Broad range of native wildflowers, trees and shrubs is beneficial to wildlife biodiversity	Monitor bird boxes annually and species diversity in wildflower area to ensure biodiversity stable or increasing

## Community Involvement

Promotion of green space / project	Little is required because of routine basic information circulation in village	Be aware of implications of advertising and raising profile of site too much
Links to the wider community	NA	NA
Involvement in decision making	Villagers have a number of opportunities to input to management	Keep records of suggestions comments and ideas
Involvement in operations	Villagers have opportunities to get involved in practical management	Consider recording who does how many hours work and praise all especially those with longest service

Appropriate provision for the community	A very good facility for such a small village	Long term succession of management group members needs to be thought about
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<b>Management / achievements</b>		
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Innovation and creativity	Management team receptive to ideas	Maintain a clear view of long term maintenance responsibilities
Resources secured / used	Management team very able in securing resources	Keep abreast of funding opportunities especially in current financial climate

<p><b>Additional Comments</b>  A very good facility for such a small village. The long term sustainability of the site needs to be mapped out and opportunities taken to secure finances to maintain the current facilities and to train up replacement members of the management team. Concerned about the amount of work being done by a small number of volunteers could be undone by the loss of one, perhaps each committee member should list the jobs they do so that if a member leaves suddenly etc the role can be filled or the jobs shared around.</p> <p>An excellent example of what the efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers can achieve given time and good will.</p>
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