



CUNNINGHAM FIELD OPEN SPACE

PROJECT DELIVERY OVERVIEW



Delivery of Cunningham Field Open Space project

A period of public engagement took place between Monday 5th July and Monday 26th July. During this time the local community were invited to comment on a document that outlined a number of proposed projects for Cunningham Field Open Space. These projects aim to enhance the greenspace for the local community and environment.

Feedback from the public engagement was analysed and a summary document was circulated to respondents. This document can still be viewed following this link to [St Albans City and District Council's webpage](#). The results of the public engagement were crucial to forming a project plan for this valued greenspace.

This project will deliver the following:

- Construction of an all-weather surfaced path (Figure 1) around the greenspace
- Extension of the existing allotments to provide a further 8 to 10 plots
- Installation of a new junior play area
- Installation of park benches
- Creation of a large wildflower meadow
- Woodland, hedgerow, and parkland tree planting.



Figure 1. Examples of unbound crushed granite path surfacing that will be installed at Cunningham Field Open Space. The first photo is located at The Wick, St Albans. The second photo is from How Wood, St Albans.

The first stage of delivery will commence early in 2022 with volunteer woodland management tasks and tree planting. The [Countryside Management Service \(CMS\) volunteers](#) will undertake small scale woodland management to remove non-native species and improve the habitat for wildlife. CMS volunteers will also plant 675 young trees and shrubs along the woodland edge to increase the size of the existing

woodland and create a diverse, graduated woodland edge habitat. The local community are welcome to take part in the tree planting day, site posters will go up in advance of the day with further details about when this will take place and how to book a place for the event.

A site map illustrating the project works can be found on the final page of this document. The following diagram represents a brief overview of the project, including a timescale for delivery.

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Project delivery schedule

Project items	2022												2023	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Woodland management														
Woodland planting														
Extension of allotment fencing														
Construction of new path														
Installation of park benches														
Installation of junior play area														
Reconfiguration of football pitches														
Installation of new allotment water points														
Wildflower meadow creation														
Preparation of new allotment plots														
Parkland tree, shrub and hedge planting														

Please note that dates above are provisional only, order of works and timings may be subject to change. Information posters will be placed at site entrances to notify users of upcoming works closer to the time.

Cunningham Field Open Space Project description

Legend

- Amenity grass
- Tall grasses
- Tall scrub
- Woodland
- Existing large tree
- Surfaced path
- Surfaced steps
- Pavilion
- Football pitch
- Existing allotments
- Allotment extension
- Woodland planting
- Meadow creation with mown paths
- Parkland tree planting
- Tree planting
- Hedge planting
- Spring bulb planting
- New crushed granite path
- Junior play area

Small flowering cherry trees planted at appropriate density (not as illustrated). Spring bulb underplanting

Installation of new junior play area (exact location to be decided)

New crushed granite path with benches at suitable resting intervals

Meadow creation with mown paths

Parkland tree and spring bulb planting

New crushed granite path with benches at suitable resting intervals

Native hedgerow mix planted for habitat and windbreak

Green powder coated anti-climb fencing to allotment boundary

Existing oak tree

Allotment extension, creating additional 8-10 plots



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