



Brockholes Village Trust

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HVPC GRANT FOR FENCING OF BOULES COURT AT BROCKHOLES VILLAGE HALL

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

The work, to provide protective fencing for a boules court being developed at Brockholes Village Hall, was funded by a grant of £2,000 from Holme Valley Parish Council in July 2020. Various stages of work were carried out, with a final section of fencing, completing the whole project, being erected on 30 March 2021.

As indicated in the original application, the sub-group managed to raise an initial sum of £1250 to pay for materials (with 10% discount given by a local supplier), not including £400 worth of railway sleepers, donated by Network Rail, with funding provided by Syngenta (£500), Holmfirth Rotary Club (£100) and personal donations totalling £650. Crucially, the 15 days labour for constructing the court were donated by Brockholes contractor, GF Landscaping.

Following completion of the boules court, a local fabricator installed metal railings, along the retaining wall above the access road to the hall and St. George's Church in November 2020. The erection of a shorter section of wooden fencing, between the boules court and adjacent property, was delayed when it was discovered that a section of the drystone retaining wall adjacent to the court and where the fencing was to be constructed, had to be repaired. Having repaired the wall in early March 2020, the fence was then completed.

The fabricator also installed a digital gate lock for access to the boules court, which incorporates push button opening for exiting the court area and from a fire exit from the hall.

In addition, two picnic tables with benches were purchased and assembled as part of the whole scheme.

The expenditure of these items, following the initial boules court construction were as follows: Metal Railings, £1500; Security Lock, £526; Outdoor Furniture, £720.00; Retention Wall Repairs, £1320, Wooden Fencing £220. Total cost (including court installation costs of £1250), £5526.

Covid-19 will prevent the use of the court until 17 May 2021. However, a publicity flyer has been produced as well as rules of membership for joining the club, for which a £15 charge per household will be made for life membership. An official 'opening' for late Spring 2021 with associated press release and media coverage will be organised.

It is believed that the boules club will prove a popular facility, attracting both Brockholes and Holme Valley residents, as well as complementing facilities within the hall and raising awareness of the building as a valued, attractive and well managed facility.

David Wyles

Chairman, Brockholes Village Trust, April 2021