



Key:

1. Tree groves (mix of large and small trees)
2. Areas of long grass and spring bulbs
3. Mown grass perimeter footpath
4. New native hedge
5. Central area retained as lawn
6. New benches
7. Open space for dog walking
8. Bug hotel with an interpretation board
9. Informal play sculptures
10. Improvements to boundary

Design summary:

An informal arrangement of planted tree groves and areas of long grass with bulbs and wildflowers. A mown path winds around the perimeter of the site, crossing the shady groves and areas of open grass. With a total length of over 420m it can be used for gentle strolling or measured walks for health and fitness.

Mixed native hedge around the perimeter, as well as groups of large and small tree species will create nesting and foraging opportunities for birds and bats. Typical tree species would be lime, alder, beech, hornbeam, oak, sweet chestnut, hazel, hawthorn and Sorbus. Areas of wildflowers and bulbs will provide nectar for pollinators. Typical species would be native bluebells, wild daffodils, grape hyacinth, muscari, crocus, primrose, cowslip, forget-me-not, bugle, self heal, red campion, honesty, cuckoo flower, garlic mustard and nasturtiums. This, together with log piles and a bug hotel will contribute to a valuable habitat for invertebrates.

The central area of the green would remain mown for outdoor activities, dog walking and picnics. Some additional seating is proposed in the grassed areas and a few informal play sculptures of a nature theme could be included in the southern edge.

Planting and greening



Tree planting within long grass



Bulbs in the grass and mown path



Mixed native hedge including hawthorn, hazel, guelder rose, dog rose, spindle, blackthorn, alder and holly.

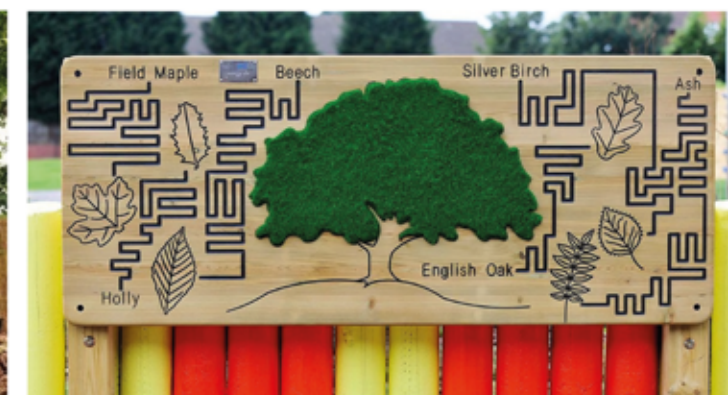


Native grass species crested dogtail

Furniture and other features



Wildlife features e.g. bug hotel, bird boxes



Informal play features



Informal seating e.g. log, boulder



Dog walking



Log piles



Design summary:

A traditional arrangement of an open green with tree lined boundaries. A good opportunity to plant large, long-lived native species (lime, beech, oak) for shade, cooling and surface water management. The trees will become a valuable habitat for birds and bats, as they mature.

Areas of long grass and bulb planting will be retained under the trees. Over time the trees will cast more shade, which will naturally promote colonisation of shade tolerant and woodland edge species such as cow parsley. The centre of the grass area will remain open, short mown - a large rectangular space for informal sports, games and dog walking.

A 'pollinator garden' is proposed in the southern end on both sides of the path, with low, scented planting, including Salvia, Stachys and Achilleas plus additional seating and some small wooden play sculptures. An avenue of small trees such as hawthorn or Sorbus aria is proposed on the southern side of the existing path. Proposal also includes a bug hotel, log piles and an interpretation board.

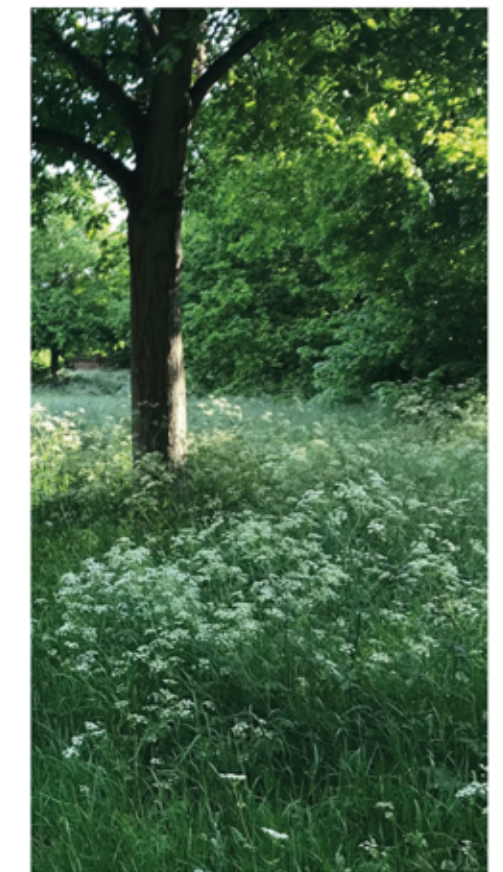
Planting and greening



Formal tree lines within long grass



Bulbs in the grass



Woodland edge species



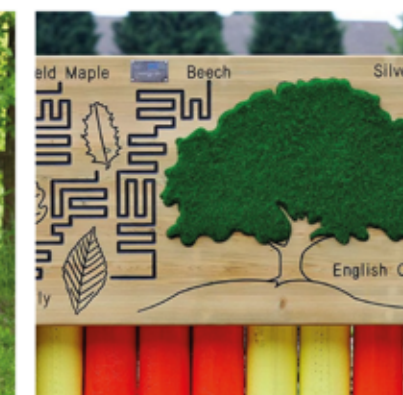
Planting of large native tree species including oak, beech and lime



Furniture and other features



Wildlife features e.g. bug hotel, bird boxes



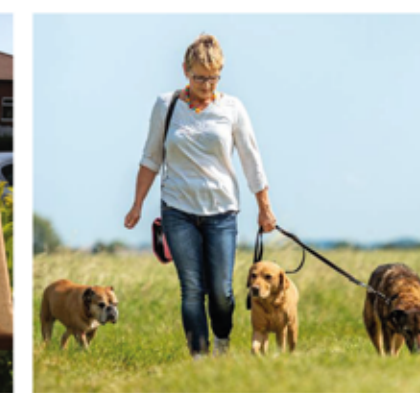
Planting for pollinators



Informal play features



Signage/ interpretation



Dog walking



Log piles