

Eaton Street Park Community / Bowling Pavilion Development

Project Summary

Background

In 1991 Prescot Town Council Through undertook a 99 year lease of Eaton Street Park in doing so the Town Council inherited a number of semi permanent buildings. Over the years the buildings had fallen into disrepair had ultimately reached the end of their expected useful life. As Part of the Town Council's commitment to the development and improvement of the Town's greenspaces it applied for funding in April 2015 and was notified of our success in July 2015. Our proposal was to replace the dilapidated existing buildings on Eaton Street Park with a new fit for purpose building.

Old buildings



Close up of the old pavilion



Development Progress

The development was split into three phases, demolition and site clearance, new building and landscaping.

The demolition stage was tendered and completed in the month of December, and the appointed Landscaping contractor was then able to prepare the site for the imminent arrival of the new building.



Following a tender evaluation exercise which included the Friends of Eaton Street Park, it became apparent that some revisions to our budget would be required in order to deliver an improved building design with a longer life span that met our aspirations. This additional budget requirement

was approved by the Town Council in November and an order was then placed for the building. These changes along with some building control issues did result in a degree of slippage to the timetable, which ultimately pushed project completion date back into March 2016.

Unfortunately the delivery of the building was delayed due to haulage issues and it did not actually arrive on site until 22nd of March 2016.



Our new building has a vastly increased aesthetic appeal with a pitched roof and heat treated wooden cladding to help it blend into its environment. The building is also extremely secure and robust due to its solid steel construction. Internally the new building offers one large room with a built in sliding acoustic panel (to enable the large room to become two smaller rooms and therefore allow for simultaneous use by two groups) kitchenette and accessible toilet.

Finished Building



Voluntary Activities

Following the arrival of the building the remaining hard landscaping works were commenced along with a number of volunteer activities. Pupils from Evelyn Community Primary School spent a full day on site carrying out some soft planting having a picnic and then took part in a bowls taters session. The school have now adopted some of the bedding areas around the bowling green and will use the pavilion as an outdoor class room throughout the year. There are also plans to utilise the area to the left of the Pavilion as an allotment and or sensory garden.



Bowling taster session



Lunch in the building



The Friends of Eaton Street Park have featured in the volunteer activities by carrying out further planting sessions and helping to equip the pavilion with furniture and other essentials such a tea urn. The provision of a new building has supported the Friends in the development of their activities and they now have an established annual events programme. are now in the process of developing their summer activity programme, some of the friends are pictured below.



Other volunteers included local residents, elected members from the Town and Borough Council, office staff from the Town Council.

The Pavilion has recently welcomed the return of Prescot Ladies Bowling Club who had previously relocated to a green in Huyton.



Finance

The project had an original budget of £63,000 explained below

Funder	Total
Ibstock Cory £45,000 less 10% contribution	40,500
Cory Environmental Trust In Britain	10,000
Prescot Town Council	2,500
Knowsley Borough Council	10,000
Total	63,000

However as discussed above, in order to increase the specification of the building the Town Council increased its contribution to £7,500, taking the total project budget o £68,000.

This budget was then defrayed as follows.

Works	Total
Demolition & Site Clearance	4,730
Pavilion Building	45,394
Landscaping Works	8,959
Professional Fees	8,434
Volunteer Activities	300
Total	68,117

Official Opening

The Mayor of Prescot Cllr Dave Friar officially opened the building on the 27th July 2016.



Finally the Town Council would like to thank everyone at Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and Ibstock Cory for supporting this project, the new building has already generated a great deal of interest and I am sure that it will continue to act a catalyst to draw more people into the park in both the short and longer term.