

SUBJECT: PARISH PLAY AREAS EQUIPMENT
REPORT TO: BETLEY, BALTERLEY AND WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING: 28 November 2024
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BACKGROUND

Whilst holidaying recently on the Isle of Bute, I noticed that all areas of public land where children might play had a wooden box on stilts containing items to play with / use relevant to the location. The box had painted on it, Play, Borrow, Return. I would prefer it to state Borrow, Play, Return on our boxes.

The items at each location were relevant to the location, so for example at beachside locations there would be fishing nets, buckets and spades etc whereas at playing fields it would be for example football, bat and ball and a frisbee. They also had poo bags on the side. I have provided photos below for examples.

PROPOSAL

I would like to propose to the Parish Council that we consider installing two of these boxes in the Parish, one located at Sandy Croft and one located at the Village Hall play area for the children of the parish (and visiting children) to use.

I have spoken to a local resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, who has volunteered their expertise to supply materials and to build and paint two boxes. They do not wish for any payment for doing this.

I will ask on social media if anyone has any equipment for donation and if not I am happy to obtain some bats, balls etc to place into the boxes when completed, and I will also supply poo bags.

The cost to the Parish Council will be nil.

I would like the Parish Council to accept my proposal and sanction this project.

