

Investment Projects at Knightwood Leisure Centre

A number of completed investment projects at the Knightwood Leisure Centre, supported by the Borough Councillors and Valley Park Parish Council, include:

- **New skate park**
- **New footpath linking Skys Wood Road to the Leisure Centre**
- **Refurbishment of the pathway that connects the Knightwood Leisure Centre to the pedestrian crossing on Knightwood Road, including new lighting to ensure safety of residents walking in the dark**
- **Nets and white lining of the basketball court at Knightwood Leisure Centre, requested by the local youngsters**

Cllr Dowden is delighted to announce that Test Valley Borough Council have also responded to the Valley Park Parish Council's request for new and additional waste bins and additional seating for the pitches.



Youngsters enjoying the new skate park



New footpath link from Skys Wood Road to the Knightwood Leisure Centre



Refurbished pathway and new lighting



New lines and nets at the basketball court

Wildflower Planting



Cllr Simon Cross, Cllr Celia Dowden, Cllr Alan Warnes, Cllr Christopher Thom and Cllr Alan Dowden at the wildflower planting event



Valley Park News

- A warm welcome to the new Vicar of St Francis' Church, Rev. Dr. Sarah McClelland, from the Valley Park Parish Council
- The First Beat Surgery took place in January where residents met the Neighbourhood Policing Team
- The Parish Council set their budget and agreed for no increase and the Parish will retain its lowest Council tax in Test Valley
- Sports pitches at Knightwood Leisure Centre reopened following investment in new drainage system

Mulberry Pre-School at Risk of Closure



The Mulberry Pre-School, which has been used by thousands of children over the last 30 years is at risk of closure due to a shortfall in funding and are now calling the authorities to increase the funds available. Our Borough Councillors supported the preschool by offering a grant from the Councillors Community Grant Scheme.

"I desperately want this to continue and someone needs to step in. The government is the main culprit. There should be funding, but if everything else fails I have much hope a business will come forward."
Cllr Dowden