



HPPAC Chair Report 2020

May 2019: HPPAC was delighted to receive payment of a grant of £1,000 from Daventry District Council's Community Project fund. This was the final tranche of funding needed to enable us to install two modern spinning pieces of equipment, the Spica 3 and the Tipi Carousel, made by a Danish company called Kompan. In securing the Daventry grant, we were able to retain the balance of a grant award from Northamptonshire Community Foundation which had only been partially spent. These two sums, combined with a successful fund-raising initiative at the first Hollowell FAFF (2018) meant we could install the new kit. This was rapturously received by the younger users of the Pocket Park. We are also particularly pleased that the Tipi Carousel with its top brace, is designed for use by children with disabilities which, together with the basket swing, means we now have two play pieces that are fully accessible and our park inclusive.

August 2019: The HPPAC team was heavily involved in organising and running the second Hollowell Fete and Flower Festival (FAFF), working alongside teams from the Village Hall and Church. The second FAFF was even more successful than the first, seeing a big increase in the number of visitors and raised a fantastic £2,000 for Pocket Park funds.

October 2019: Our AGM was held for the second time in the Pocket Park, delayed until October for logistical reasons. It was great to receive the support of so many younger members of the community. All committee members confirmed that they were willing to stand again in their current role.

HPPAC discussed how we might use the balance of the FAFF fund raising and noted the community request for a picnic table situated closer to the play equipment. It was agreed to purchase two tables made from recycled plastic, which it was hoped would better withstand the boggy conditions in the pocket park.

January 2020: This month saw the purchase and installation of two plaques; one commemorating local galathophile Jim Leatherland, marking the donation from his memorial fund and the other acknowledging the contribution of both the Hollowell Steam Rally and the National Lottery towards the Aerial Runway.

March 2020: As things stand two picnic tables have been ordered from Earth Anchors and have been delivered to Playground Supplies of Kettering for construction and installation. The extremely wet winter weather and the Covid-19 lockdown has delayed the installation of these two pieces.

Our thanks, again and as always as a committee of Chair, Treasurer (Emily Curtis) and Secretary (Hannah Oswin) go to long standing committee member Dawn Fountain for her support over the past year and for the entirety of our project!! Thanks also to Sean Cooksley for his continued support in providing design and

creative expertise that results in our fabulous logos, flyers, posters and now pocket park sign! We also extend continued thanks to the Parish Council for your help and support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julia Green', with a stylized, cursive script.

Julia Green
HPPAC Chair