

Gerrards Cross Parish Council

Common's Report 2008 – 2009

Residents, both old and young, have been very pleased with the new play equipment that the Parish installed on East Common. The Commons Committee have listened to what our residents have been telling us and we chose two innovative items to interest a wide age range of children. The aerial runway has been so popular that we have had to install extra grass-matts to protect the children's shoes and the grass.

The other large piece of play equipment is an activity net – more popularly known as a witch's hat! Chosen because it suits all ages up to twelve and can accommodate several children at one time.

Some excellent work was done as part of the Chiltern Woodland project, this identified and assessed our many ancient trees, and we are looking to commission a management plan to preserve them for future generations. These ancient trees, while being a history lesson in themselves are also a source of biodiversity, hosting many species of insects and invertebrates.

The Parish Council was sad to see the closure of the Wednesday Farmer's Market on the Common. The support proved to be insufficient for the Farmers to continue. It was a shame as it was much appreciated by those shoppers who enjoyed the fresh produce and friendly service.

During the year, we have had our share of fly-tipping episodes. We thank those members of the public who reported them and also those stalwarts who litter pick around the Commons on a regular basis.

Thanks also go to the Conservation Volunteers.