

"The Christopher Gibbons Field project has been progressing behind the scenes over the last 12 months; the working group have been working on the environmental surveys as well as compiling all the information needed for the planning application. We have been working alongside Carly Tinkler (Landscape Architect) and Ed Thomas (Planning Consultant) and are hopeful that we will be submitting the application in the coming weeks.

The first phase of the project once planning is received would be the implementation of the multi-use pathway and disabled access parking (dependant on funding availability we also hope to install the gym equipment and pump track during this phase). It is the hope of the council and the working group that work can start on this project towards the end of summer.

We have also been fortunate enough that a group of local people have come together to form a charity to raise the additional funds needed to complete the project, The Christopher Gibbons Community Field Charity.

They have been working very hard over the last few months getting the charity registered and setting it up ready to launch in late March 2026.

They already have lots of ideas for fundraising, watch this space for ways in which you can help. We are looking forward to finally being able to put the field to good use for the benefit of the whole community."