



Mendip Community Garden

Mendip Community Garden was previously know as Mendip Wildlife Garden and is situated in Dunster Avenue in Westcliff. The

gardens have previouly been refurbished but have sadly fell into a state of neglect following a time of disuse due to the Covid pandemic. During this time the Garden has been used by the homeless and addicts as well as being used as an area for fly tipping leading it to be an unsafe area for the public.



ATF, (*Achieve, Thrive, Flourish*), have been tasked with rejuvenating the area and an immense amount of work has already taken place in making the area fit for its intended purpose again and they are working closely with the local community and other local organisations to ensure the prolonged success of the Garden. There was a recent BBQ held in the Garden to engage with the community and ensure that the required ammenities are put in place and are what the community wants for their Garden.



Some of the things asked for by the community for the area are the refurbishment of the two wildlife ponds, an allotment area for plants, fruit, and vegetables, information on how to grow and maintain any planted items, a timeline section to show how the garden has developed over the years, toilets, and also a Community Café that could be used to host events and provide shelter from our winter weather.

Once the garden has been fully rejuvenated it will also be able to be used by the local schools for nature lessons and other outdoor classes during the warmer months

making full use of the garden for the purpose it is intended for.....the local community.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of the rejuvenation project or have any ideas of your own on what you would like to see take place in the garden, or maybe take on a role in maintaining the garden in the future then please contact Iwona Kalisz who is managing the project on behalf of ATF at ikaliszatf@gmail.com for more details of how you can help.

The site after a few weeks work, again on the day of the BBQ, and how it is in October.

