

Projects Update 2011

The Linney Riverside Park Update

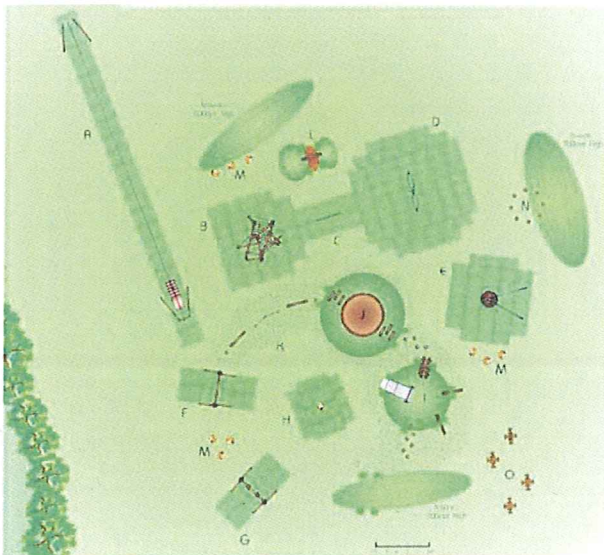
Congratulations to the Friends of Linney Riverside Park and everyone who has supported their efforts on a successful £50,000 bid, which is a huge step towards the revitalisation of the Linney. Town Clerk Veronica Calderbank and Projects Officer Chris Bayliss assisted the Friends in making their successful bid.

The project is also supported by S106 funding allocated for recreational facilities in Ludlow by Shropshire Council.



Mayor of Ludlow & Friends of Linney Riverside Park

The first stage of the Linney project is stabilising the bank erosion. The design for this work has been approved by the Environment Agency and work began in early August. The Linney is and always will be a flood plain, and the bank works will prevent further erosion so that play equipment (proposed layout pictured left) can be installed. Other facilities include picnic tables, toilets and a car park. Expressions of interest are also invited for a boating and refreshment concession.



Houseman Crescent Play Area

In excess of £10,000 has been allocated to refurbish existing swings, see-saw, slide and the introduction of safe play surfacing and new multi-function climbing equipment.



The Buttercross



Phase II works have now been completed. The final phase involves internal works which include re-plastering the internal ceiling; a grant application for the re-plastering work has been submitted to English Heritage. Not everything is as fresh as it might be though, despite renovations the market area of the Buttercross is exposed to continual abuse as a make shift public convenience and littered with cigarette ends. Please let us have your suggested solutions to this anti-social behaviour.



Suspiciously damp corners and cigarette

Ludlow Boxing Club

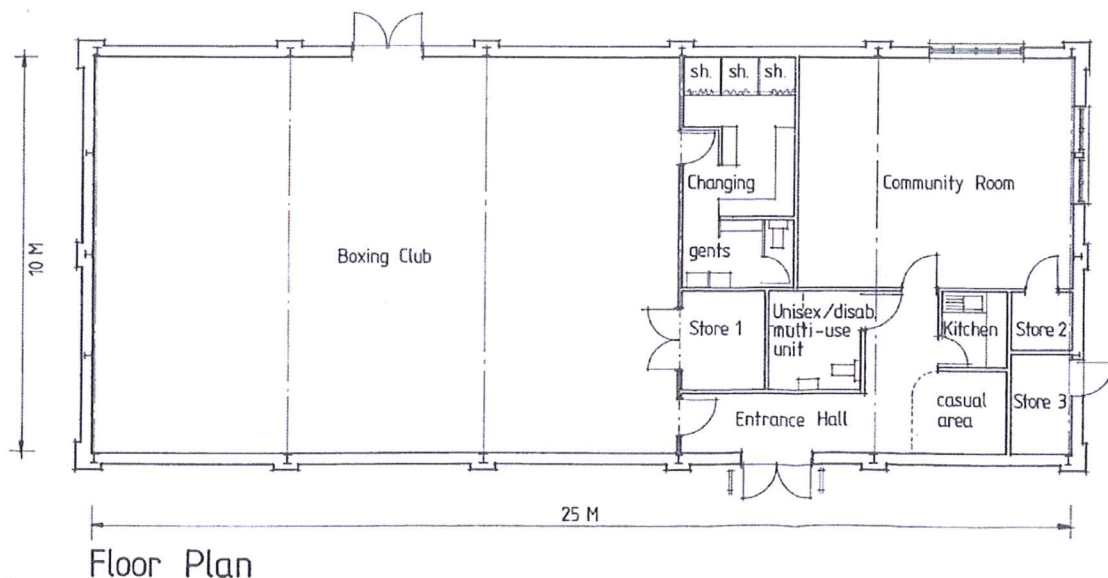
The Old Boxing Club (pictured right) on Wheeler Road Recreation Field is in such a bad state of repair it has been condemned. Working with members of the Boxing Club, Ludlow Town Council (LTC) has led the way to build a



The old dilapidated boxing club

replacement to ensure that this valuable and worthwhile resource remains available for young people in Ludlow. LTC applied for £50,000 funding for a new building, but only received £30,000. A further £7,000 has been grant by Ludlow Joint Area Committee for kitchen and shower facilities and Shropshire Housing Association (SHA), Total Response Ltd, Travis Perkins and Stephen Weaver amongst others are providing generous assistance to help make this project a reality.

The New Boxing Club floor plan (right) indicates the enormous space that the building will provide for a boxing ring and other facilities including a community space, unisex / disabled changing room, a kitchen, and adult shower facilities.



The portal steel frame of the new building is more expensive than expected, but it is hoped that there will be enough money to build a larger envelope to be developed by the boxing club and local community using other future sources of funding. Unfortunately, the project has also suffered delays because of different constraints and health & safety regulations for new builds, and without the support of Shropshire Housing Association and Total Response who are the 'principle contractor' the project would never have been completed. Colin Richards, Head of Conservation at Shropshire Council has agreed to be the project manager and has been seconded to SHA for the period of the build. Prior to the secondment, he will undertake additional health and safety training to comply with SHA requirements. Ludlow Town Council is the facilitator or 'client' with our own health and safety expert undertaking risk assessments.



Further fund raising events will be held and your support and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. No gift is too small or too large. Commemorative plaques acknowledging donations are available, and there is still time to sponsor equipment for this worthwhile local cause.



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