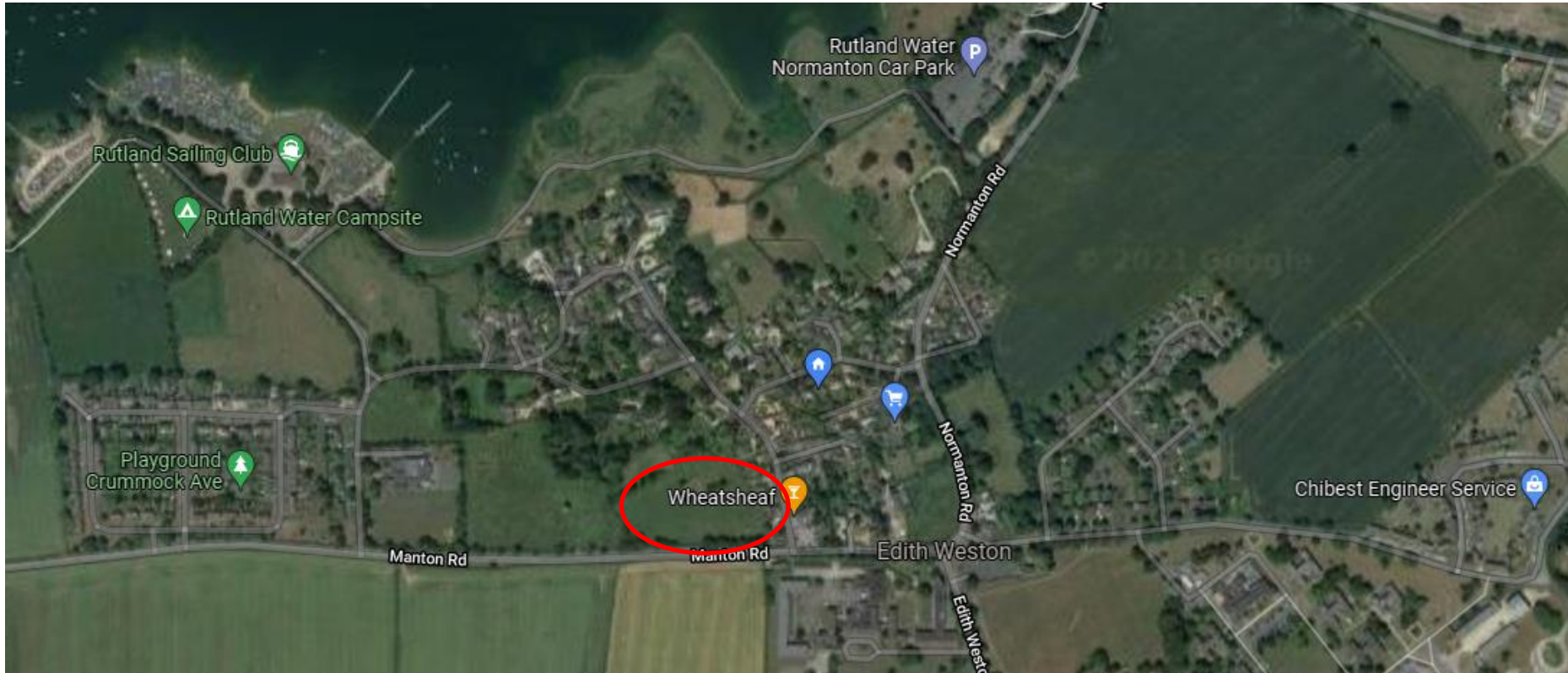


## What is Tommy's Close Recreation Ground Charity?

- Charitable Trust set up in 1937 with stated responsibility
  - “ *The Trustees will hold the hereby conveyed Upon Trust as public ground for the purposes of the Recreation Act 1859 for the resort and recreation of adults and for a playground for children and youths*”
- The Trustees are volunteer villagers, who have put many hours of unpaid work into Tommy's Close in recent years
- Trustees : Les Allen, Peter Shepherd, Anne Donaldson, Chris Pater, Claire Davis, Helen (Ben recently retired) with Helen Wood as the recent added Parish Council Representative
- Land Area : *3 acres, 3 roods and 32 perches*

# Where is Tommy's Close field in the village?

- Central location adjoining the Manton road and King Edwards Way



- Accessed through the east/west footpath

## Proposed Playground Aims

- 2 new recreation areas within the recreation ground for
  - Young children
  - Young Adults
  - Adults
- The old playground only catered for younger children and did not meet the 1937 edict to provide for recreation for all villagers
- The proposed design is similar in design to nearby villages :  
Ketton, South Luffenham, Manton
- The proposed design takes it back closer to the 1937 ideal



- Today this design would not get safety approval – one reason we did not repair, along with wet rot in all the posts

## Recent History

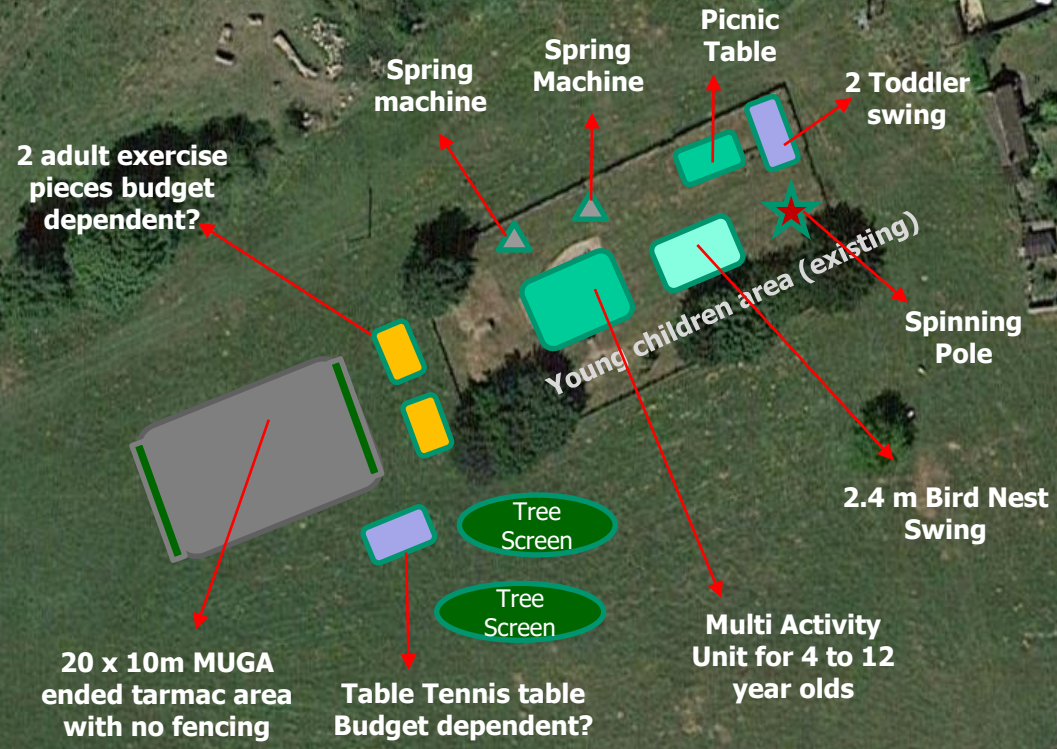
- 2018 – annual safety report advises play equipment was degrading
- 2019 – with 1 year usage left we started the process of planning for a new playground
- 2020 – the 20 year old playground was removed and the pandemic slowed our investigation work
- 2021 - After a brilliant effort from many villagers private donations, sponsored events and grants, we reached on the 28<sup>th</sup> August a budget of **£63.5K**
  - £42K – Augean Community Fund (provisional - ends 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 21)
  - £17K – village donations and funds
  - £4.5K - Parish Council Grant (conditional)

## Proposed Design Criteria

- Facilities for all villagers
- Safety – a separated vibrant children's playground
- Value for money
- Durability
- Minimise any type of environmental impact
- Countryside & nature themed
  
- This sets the foundation from which the project grows
  
- Balancing what we would like against what money we have is tough!
  
- Now we start a formal 2 week presentation, feedback and review from the whole village on the proposed design.



- The proposed layout is shown within the context of the central village



- 18 months of investigation, discussion with suppliers and adult and child feedback





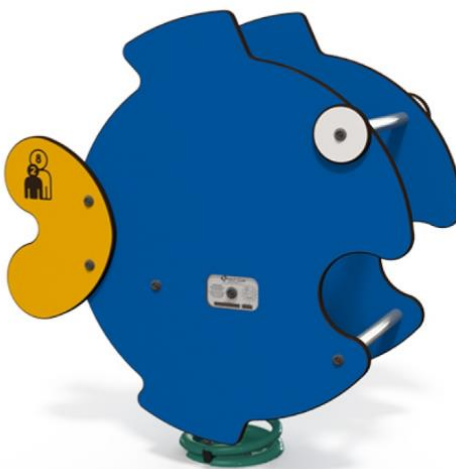


- 5 suppliers selected to provide final blind bids once our design specification is fixed
- Each supplier offers their own design version within our fixed target budget
- Nothing happens until the village feedback & review process is complete

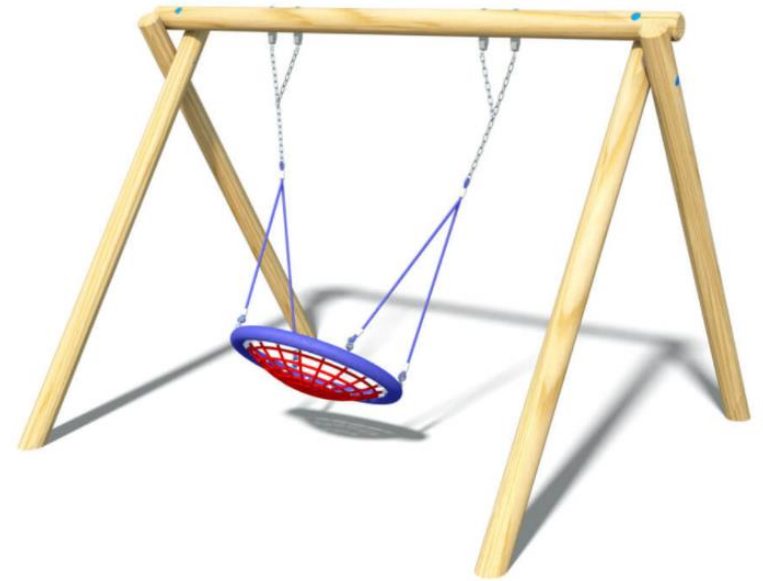




- Our design specification guides the suppliers in terms of what design they offer within the fixed budget
  - All the design images you see only indicative of the options

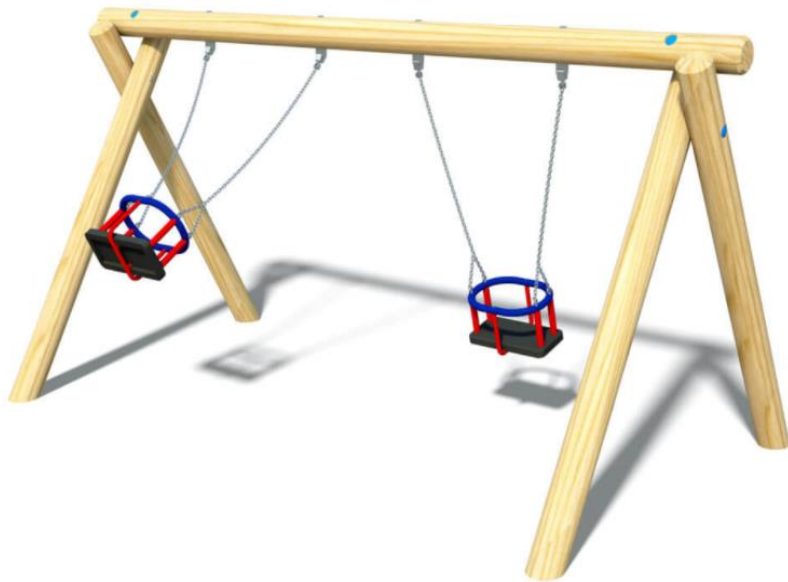


- 2 units single and double - for smaller children with a nature theme



- For parents and younger children together and children





- For toddlers and younger children with parents close by on a picnic table



- The existing tunnels will be made safer and the grass bank will be kept and made safe (rabbit hole damage)

- What child does not like a spinner!



## New Young Adult & Adult Recreation Area

- Area for all villagers
- Placed in least environmentally impacting position within the field
- Local courts assessed for surface, size and design/degradation at Ketton, S Luffenham, Manton, Langham, Stamford
- 2 exercise machines and table tennis tables are budget dependent

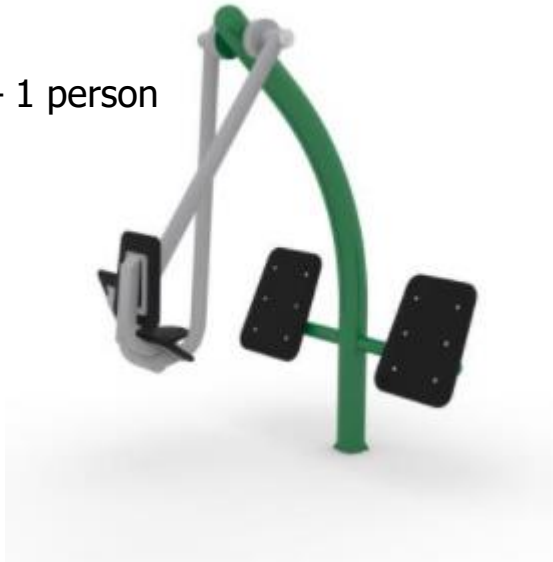






- Complete pitch with 2 end frames allowing full court activities and matches for all villagers
- Feedback is needed on all aspects of this, including the decision on wooden or metal ends

- Leg Press – 1 person



- Twister – 2 person



- We have limited experience on what machines could be sourced – so please feedback



## Village Feedback

- Before any decisions can be made, it key to get the whole village feedback on the proposed design
- Take a copy of the design and a feedback form and send it back through the following means

Hand deliver to Edith Weston shop

Pop into letter box at 8 Church Lane

Scan and email to [tommisclose@edithweston.com](mailto:tommisclose@edithweston.com)

- Design information and feedback forms are available at the village shop
- Any questions, just email [tommisclose@edithweston.com](mailto:tommisclose@edithweston.com)
- **DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING RESPONSES 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**