



- Please see site entrance on Church Street for site signage and contractor information.
- A message from The Chairman of Old Catton Parish Council:

Although the work being undertaken may not be visible, please be assured that the Parish Council, its staff, and the project teams are working diligently to deliver improved facilities to benefit the whole community.

We understand the frustration of not yet being able to confirm an opening date and are grateful for your continued patience.

As explained at the outset of the project, the overall delivery timetable was not within the Parish Council's control.

The funding was allocated by the District Council with strict conditions requiring it to be spent within a specified timeframe.

Had the deadlines not been met, the funding would have been lost.

The Parish Council therefore had a responsibility to secure this funding and invest it in lasting community improvements for the people of Old Catton, which will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.

The project extends beyond the new facilities block. It also includes the new U9s play area, installation of additional play equipment, and the resurfacing of the tennis / netball courts.

While the facilities block continues to move forward positively, the play equipment and resurfacing have not yet received the final safety sign-off.

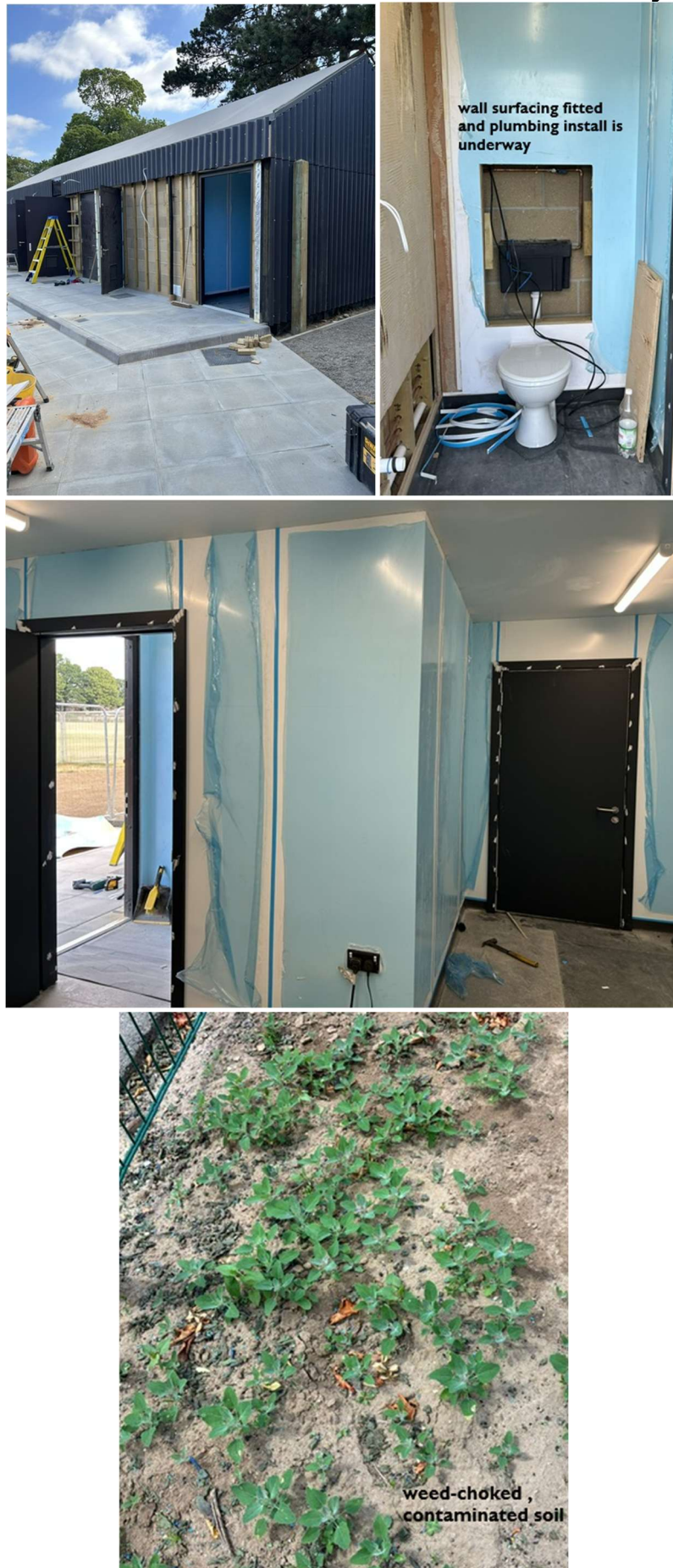
Please be assured that every effort is being made to complete the remaining works, including all necessary reinstatement, safely, efficiently and to the highest possible standard.

The safety of you, your family, and all visitors is of paramount importance. For that reason, the site cannot be opened until all works have been completed, the necessary safety inspections and sign-offs have been carried out, and the formal handover has taken place.

We appreciate that the programme has been disruptive, but we are confident the finished facilities will provide a lasting benefit for the whole community.

- Milestone achievements since last update:
 - U9's playground and other equipment installation completed.
Despite best efforts, we have been unable to secure final inspections of U9's and other new equipment sited in the Recreation Ground until week commencing July 20th.
Remedial actions cannot be actioned until after this site visit.
Contractor advises it remains unsafe to open to the public until final sign-off is complete.
NOTE: improvement was requested, which cannot be accommodated, sign off date is TBC.
 - Resurfacing of the tennis courts is underway. A curing time of 4 weeks is needed prior to colour coating and line marking, scheduled for beginning of August. Courts playable 1 to 2 weeks later.
NOTE: improvement has been requested. Unfortunately, the curing times are the critical path drivers.
 - Internal fit out to the changing rooms continues, tiling, ventilation, plumbing, external cladding all being worked.
 - Preparation for external surfacing has been completed. Awaiting delivery of asphalt.
 - Preparatory works for the re-siting of the Cricket Storage shed have been carried out. Installation of new shed TBA

- Additional info:
 - As part of the reparatory work 13 tonnes of soil was delivered to make good the damaged areas in the U9s. Several tonnes were laid when it was discovered the soil was contaminated. The affected soil was removed and is being replaced.
Impact: wasted resource hours.
 - Soil for extensive repairs to outside the facilities block is required, currently being sourced.
Impact: time to establish grass seed and lead time for soil currently TBA.
 - It was planned that all works would be complete by this date. Contractors and Council staff continue to work to mitigate the delay.
Impact: Despite best endeavours by the Teams, the reopening date will be affected.
Please be assured all Teams are making every effort to minimise delays, however the reopening date remains unclear.
 - **Garrick Green Gate** will remain closed, as agreed at the Council Meeting on 9th June. Dynamos, Bowls and Netball have been offered escorted access to ensure continuity of play.
Access with current defects would present a safety risk to users.



Please contact the office if you have any queries phone 01603 423880;
email clerk@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk or assistant@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk
Specifically for Phase 1 updates please continue to monitor:
<https://www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk/parish-news/phase-1.html>

FRESH AIR
GOOD SPACES
BETTER
TOGETHER!

We know you **MISS** **THE REC**

**BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT PLACES
TO ENJOY IN OLD CATTON!**

While the Recreation Ground is closed for improvement works, there are plenty of beautiful green spaces and play areas across Old Catton to explore, enjoy and make the most of.

♥ GET OUT. ♻ BREATHE DEEP. 🌸 ENJOY OUR COMMUNITY.

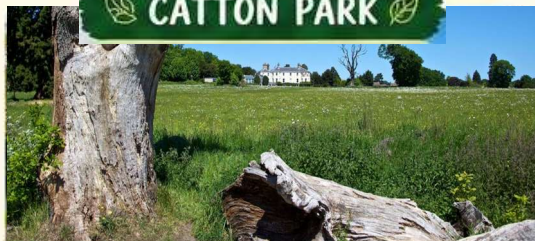
EXPLORE

RELAX

ENJOY

GREEN SPACES TO EXPLORE

CATTON PARK



Woodland walks, open meadows, the lake and so much more.



Perfect for walking, cycling, wildlife spotting and a peaceful escape.



Bring a picnic, relax and enjoy the fresh air.

GREEN SPACES AT SWANSGATE



Open green space ideal for a stroll, picnic or kicking a ball around.



A great local spot to relax and unwind.

WOODHAM LEAS



A peaceful green space with plenty of room to enjoy nature.



Perfect for walking, dog walking and a breath of fresh air.

PRIORS DRIVE



A lovely open space in the heart of the community.



Great for play, exercise and outdoor fun.

U9s PLAY EQUIPMENT - PERFECT FOR LITTLE ADVENTURERS!

REPTON AVENUE



Great play equipment for little adventurers!

AUSTIN WAY



Safe, fun and perfect for kids under 9.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILE WE IMPROVE THE RECREATION GROUND FOR THE FUTURE.
IN THE MEANTIME, **ENJOY ALL THE WONDERFUL SPACES WE HAVE!**