DRAFT - Silverstone Leisure Enhancement Strategy

1. Introduction

The Silverstone Leisure Enhancement Strategy outlines a proactive and cohesive approach to enhancing leisure and recreation within the parish.

2. Vision

To create an inclusive, vibrant leisure environment that enhances residents' quality of life while preserving Silverstone's heritage and natural beauty through community-led initiatives.

(Note: This vision will be achieved through volunteer-driven initiatives and collaboration with key stakeholders.)

3. Objectives

- 1. Enhance and maintain green spaces, pocket parks and recreational facilities.
- 2. Foster community involvement in leisure initiatives and environmental conservation.
- 3. To produce a Terms of Reference to support the Leisure Enhancement Committee in meeting this strategy.

4. Strategic Priorities

4.1 Green Spaces and Pocket Parks

Enhancements:

- To maintain our two village pocket parks at Olney Meadow & Brickle and to seek to increase the number of villagers who:
 - Are aware of their existence
 - Visit them
- Encourage volunteer groups to take an active role in park clean-ups, planting, and maintaining green spaces, supported by grants available from the Parish Council.

Maintenance:

• Establish a structured maintenance schedule for green spaces, with volunteer support for tasks like grass cutting and litter removal.

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• Ensure sufficient dog bins are available and maintained, whilst emphasising to users that full bins does not mean waste can be left underneath.

Safety:

- Conduct regular safety inspections of play equipment and pathways.
- Advocate for improved lighting in key areas to enhance safety for all users.

4.2 Volunteer Engagement

Volunteer Programmes:

 Encourage the community to take charge of various leisure and environmental initiatives, ensuring long-term sustainability through volunteer leadership.

4.3 Connectivity and Accessibility

- Collaborate with WNC to improve signage and ensure pathways are safe, welllit, and accessible for all age groups, promoting walking and cycling as leisure and commuting options.
- Address potential safety issues on key walking paths and implement measures to encourage active transport, mirroring WNC's commitment to safe and accessible infrastructure.

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

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