

We're working in partnership

Lichfield District Council, together with Liberty Jamboree – a local organisation supporting children, young people and families, particularly those with additional needs – the Friends of Christian Fields, a group of dedicated local volunteers, and Lichfield City Council, are working together to develop a plan to enhance the quality, accessibility and facilities at Christian Fields and nearby green spaces, so that more people can enjoy, value and benefit from them.

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Why are we making enhancements?

Christian Fields is a valued green space at the heart of the community – a place to walk, exercise dogs, play, meet and enjoy nature. With the new leisure centre nearby, there is an opportunity to better connect physical wellbeing, outdoor activity and the natural environment.

We want to create a vibrant, accessible space that reflects local pride and supports nature. Plans include improving the entrance and staircases and securing funding for further enhancements to support recreation, dog walking and outdoor learning for all ages and abilities.

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Your voice matters

While not all funding is in place, a strong community-led strategy will help attract investment and deliver improvements over time. Volunteers and local supporters are already shaping the site through clean-ups, planting and events, and continued community commitment will ensure Christian Fields reflects local needs and is cared for with pride for years to come.

How to get involved

- **Tell us what you think** about our plans for the nature reserve's facilities.
- **Share your ideas** on how we can improve the nature reserve's facilities.

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Boosting Christian Fields and nearby green areas

We're working together to shape a shared vision for Christian Fields, bringing local knowledge and ambition into a strong partnership – and we'd love to hear your views to help guide the next steps.



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Find out what we're planning to do to enhance this fantastic community facility.

Enhance the accessible pathway to the lower field

Improving access for is a key priority. By enhancing the existing pathway, the upper levels of Christian Fields will become accessible to people of all abilities, including wheelchair users. The path will be levelled and kept clear of foliage to ensure safe, easy use throughout the year.

Enhance signage

Signage is a small detail that makes a big difference. We'll restore interpretation boards that guide visitors, celebrate local wildlife, and tell the story of Christian Fields. This refreshed identity will help visitors navigate the open space while reinforcing a sense of pride and place.

Introduce rewilded areas

We're working to rewild nearby areas along Eastern Avenue across Curborough Road from the new Stychbrook leisure centre, introducing new habitats, plant species, and natural features that support local wildlife. These greener spaces will not only enhance biodiversity but also create more opportunities for people to connect with nature in and around Christian Fields – whether through play, relaxation, or community-led activities that celebrate the area's growing wild character.

Inclusive outdoor learning, play, and volunteering

Working with Liberty Jamboree, we'll create an inclusive outdoor learning and play space at Christian Fields. Our aim will be to create a welcoming environment where children and young people, especially those with special educational needs and disabilities, can learn, play, and connect with nature alongside families and the wider community. Plans include natural play features, sensory trails, planting areas, sheltered learning spaces, and a small gathering area. We will also develop intergenerational volunteering opportunities to build skills, confidence, belonging, and long-term care of this valued green space.

Enhance parking and access

Working with Lichfield City Council we'll improve parking and access at the lower car park. Alongside local community groups, we'll enhance the underpass mural linking the leisure centre to Christian Fields and explore lighting and pathway upgrades to create a brighter, safer, and more inviting route.

The Green Flag Award

Our planned improvements support the aim of achieving Green Flag Award status, recognising Christian Fields as a well-managed, sustainable, and community-led green space that everyone can enjoy.

Other projects we're considering Give your views

Create a dog zone

We are considering whether Christian Fields could be a suitable location for a new dog zone, providing a safe, enclosed space for dogs to play off-lead. If taken forward, it could be designed with fencing that blends into the landscape and might include agility equipment, seating and waste facilities.

What are your thoughts on this idea?

Introduce a beacon

As one of the highest points in Lichfield, we are considering working with a local artist to create a unique Beacon that could be lit during celebrations and special events, perhaps surrounded by a green labyrinth. This is still at an early stage and would require fundraising to make it possible.

What are your thoughts on this idea?

Improve the boardwalk area

Over the years, we've tried several times to establish a pond in the boardwalk area, but it has consistently dried up. We are now exploring alternative options to enhance the space, such as creating a rain garden, with the aim of attracting more birds, amphibians and native plants, and supporting community learning opportunities.

What are your thoughts on this idea?

WORK UNDERWAY

Restore the stairs

The first step in revitalising Christian Fields is restoring the stairs linking different levels. With funding secured through Lichfield District Council and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) support, we've now restored the stairs between the upper levels and will be restoring the lower stairs later in 2026.

Enhance the entrance

The current entrance is not as welcoming or accessible as we'd like it to be. Thanks to funding from Lichfield District Council and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) we'll enhance the main entry point, so it feels open and inviting for everyone, including people using wheelchairs, mobility aids, and pushchairs – creating a welcoming gateway to health, recreation, and nature.

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