



Friends of Portswood Rec

Fundraising Report 2025/26

Gardening: A £2,000 grant was secured from West Solent Solar Co-Operative to purchase equipment and materials to support our Gardening for Nature project. We have made some purchases from this already, but ultimately this will all be spent on a water bowser for use in the summer, compost bins, bird bath, plants and a planter, which will all be seen at the Rec over the summer.

Running Costs and Training: We received £1,935.81 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to cover Insurance, meeting costs, a gazebo, some kids activities equipment/supplies and First Aid training for 3 volunteers to help at our gardening and kids activity mornings. This funding has also enabled purchase of printed Hi-Vis vests and sunhats so that our volunteers can be readily identifiable when they are working at the Rec. Having grant funding to cover our running costs will ease pressure on fundraising to keep the group going, and the gazebo and activities equipment and supplies will help our FoPR kids mornings continue to run free of charge. The first aid training will ensure gardening and activity sessions run as safely as possible.

Play Area After fantastic fundraising efforts including grants and donations throughout 2024 and early 2025 raised a little over £11,000 we were able to contribute roughly 10% of the total project costs to for the new equipment in the play area. Work began in April 2025 with the grand opening taking place on completion in May.

Bev Pearce – Fundraising. February 2026