

The Ivers Parish Council Community Buddy Benches Project Community Board Update – February 2023

The Community Board funded the supply 3 Buddy Benches to support covid recovery and better community inclusion. The bid was for three benches with one being placed in each of the three main areas of The Ivers – Iver Heath, Iver and Richings Park.

Two will be placed in each of the recreation grounds. A further location has been identified in Richings Park and agreement with a Local Area Technician will be sought.

The Benches were ordered in September 2022 and were received and an invoice for the **£1,650** has been submitted. The matched funding from the Parish council was installation (and associated costs) to be carried out by the Parish Council maintenance team.

The original plan was to install rainbow colours and aim them for use by children mainly but on further investigation we discovered different coloured options and a meeting of the Open Spaces & Highways committee of the Parish Council it was decided to install green benches. *(Additional picture of unassembled benches to demonstrate colour)*



Originally the installation plan was December 2022 but the bad weather during that month caused a delay and January was a very wet month therefore the plan for installation is the back end of February 2023 – by 3rd March.

Once installed, the Parish Council will distribute pictures of the installations to the Community Board via the Community Board Manager or Cllr Wendy Matthews.

Jeremy Day
Deputy Clerk
February 2023