

## **A Project to Rejuvenate Hanna's Field Play Area in 2026**

Hanna's Field Charity Management Committee, as trustees of the Charity, have a responsibility under the Charity's Trust Deed to maintain the Hall and Hanna's Field sports, educational and recreational facilities for the benefit of the residents of East Hanningfield parish and surrounding villages. This often requires difficult decisions on funding priorities and which problems are most urgent.

As part of its responsibilities the Charity looks after the children's Play Area on Hanna's Field. Much of the equipment, installed over decades through community fundraising and volunteer effort (who can forget the "East Hanningfield Calendar Girls" fundraising effort that added a new Climbing Frame in the Play Area?) has now reached the end of its serviceable life. Recent ROSPA inspections have identified major items as nearing end of life and/or failing to meet current safety standards, despite our care and maintenance efforts. The reports highlight an increasingly urgent need for replacement and refurbishment so we are fundraising to rejuvenate the play area, replacing, where needed, worn-out or unsafe items with new, exciting play structures that will meet today's play standards and maintain the Play Area into the future.



To replace old wooden Burma Chain Bridge and Balance Beams and Stepping Logs due to deterioration of wooden parts and safety issues with chains and replace with new more exciting “Trim Trail”



To replace old Fireman's Pole & Tyre Swing due to deterioration of wooden supports and because they no longer meet latest safety standards. A new tower will be installed and fitted with the Fireman's pole from the existing tower and the slide re-used from the old slide structure. The slide will face east to ensure it stays cool in the summer. The existing wet pour surfacing will be repaired



To replace old double toddler swing which no longer meets latest safety standards.

We will install a new double cradle swing to span the existing wet pour surfacing (but reuse chains/seats and safety surface if possible).



To replace the steel junior slide that has corrosion and no longer meets latest safety standards but reuse safety surface and slide part with a new piece of equipment if possible.

In addition, install two new items:  
A Cone Climber to provide climbing possibilities, but which also rotates, and a Net Swing with a flat section that a child can lay or sit on while the frame rotates.

We are under no illusions that this will be a very expensive endeavour (more that £60,000 is needed overall) and will take time and effort. With the help of funds from the Charity's reserves, ongoing project fundraising like our Village Fete on Hanna's Field, our Annual Art Exhibition and the regular Preloved Book Sale, plus the support of residents we can do it.

We will be replacing failing equipment with modern, inclusive, and sustainable play items. This will include new climbing structures, swings, and improved surfacing and seating. The new equipment will use durable, low-maintenance materials with consideration for accessibility, maintenance and environmental sustainability. The changes will integrate with the retained existing equipment, reusing existing safety surfaces where possible to save money.

Our project will not only safeguard the wellbeing of our children but also ensure that our much-loved Play Area continues to be a vibrant, welcoming space at the centre of the village for families and the wider community for years to come.

If you would like to know more about the project or can help in some way contact Hannas Field Charity Management Treasurer at [HannasField@icloud.com](mailto:HannasField@icloud.com).

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