

Mill Road Community Garden

Our Vision: January 2026

Mill Road Community Garden is a public amenity space of approximately 0.5 hectares between Woodbourne Close and The Oval. The site is bordered to the north by a railway line with the remaining adjacent landscape consisting of housing. Hedgerows mark the boundary lines to the west, north and east, with Mill Road forming the southern boundary. Liss Parish Council (LPC) formally took over management of this previously unloved area of green space from East Hampshire District Council in Summer 2023.

Following consultation with local residents and using funding from developers, LPC transformed the site into a vibrant Community Garden and informal play area. Designed to be a socially inclusive and inviting open space, an accessible pathway links the surrounding housing to the road. The space offers informal recreation areas for all. Features include a natural play mound with tunnel, wildflowers, a trim trail, sociable seating, an information board, additional bins and a dog poo bag dispenser to encourage dog walkers to use the space responsibly.

In partnership with The Hampshire Forest Partnership and The Tree Council, a Community Orchard, planted and maintained by volunteers, on site contains a variety of apple, pear, plum, medlar, damson and cherry trees. Additional non-fruit trees, including rowan, hornbeam and hazel, have been planted alongside a new hedgerow on the adjacent side of the Community Garden.

LPC will look to continue to develop the area in a way that increases its bio diversity – including the addition of bird and bat boxes to complement the bug hotels already on site, managing the wildflower meadow to create a mosaic of habitat and the creation of a spur from the Riverside Walk (the main green corridor in the village) to the allotment site at Kelseys (Mill Road).