

### **Harpenden Town Council to invest £160k in local play areas**

Harpenden Town Council (HTC) has progressed plans to take over ownership of four local play areas from St Albans City & District Council (SADC):

- Wood End Open Space
- Roundwood Lane Open Space
- Oakley Road Open Space
- Parva Close Open Space

In taking over ownership and management of these sites, the Town Council will be investing £80,000 each in new play equipment for Roundwood Lane Open Space and Wood End Open Space.

In addition to these much-needed investments, the Town Council anticipates being able to make environmental and biodiversity improvements in these spaces, in line with other Open Space Management Plans currently in place for HTC owned parks & green spaces.

Cllr Nicola Linacre, Town Mayor of Harpenden, said, “Bringing ownership and management of these parks to the Town Council will significantly benefit residents and play area users, and it is sensible for the parks to be managed by the level of government that is closest to the community. We look forward to owning and investing in these valuable community assets.”

If you have questions about this transfer of ownership, please contact Carl Cheevers, Town Clerk at [carl.cheevers@harpenden.gov.uk](mailto:carl.cheevers@harpenden.gov.uk)