

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Benches Report

1. Benches - Options

- 1.1 Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith has recently received requests for seating on Shaw Ridge Park open space as a resting point for residents who have walked up the slopes.
- 1.2 Benches can be controversial as a resting place for one set of residents can also be a gathering point for others which can be viewed as contributing to anti social behaviour. There are a few benches on Shaw Ridge including by the play area and fitness equipment however the footpath on the ridge from the play area to Tregoze Primary School could benefit from seating.
- 1.3 There is a vast array of choice for outdoor seating. Costs for installation by Streetsmart and likely to be between £100 to £200 depending on assembly, and type of ground/location. It may be preferable to opt for a short bench rather than a seat to minimise the opportunity to congregate. Some examples are listed below:

Stanford £1106 including VAT



Fusion Bench £497 Incl VAT



Chichester £506 Incl. VAT



Eco Rest £293 Incl. VAT



Countryside £390 Incl. VAT



Nouveau £597 Incl. VAT.



Stanford £1016 Incl. VAT.



2. Recommendations:

- 3.1 The Leisure and Amenities Committee considers the request for benches.
- 3.2 The Leisure and Amenities Committee instructs the Parish Manager on the type of bench and location if it wishes to proceed.

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