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## FAQS for Tributes in Parks and Open Spaces

### Donated Benches

#### *Where can I donate a bench?*

- All parks and open spaces owned by Adur and Worthing Council have the opportunity to accept a donated bench. In your application form, please ensure you fill in your top three preferred locations so that we can look at availability.
- The only places that we cannot take any further donations are the Worthing sea front and the Millers Tomb on Highdown Hill.
- ***Can I have an inscription?***
- Yes. It must however not breach copyright nor contain offensive language. Words need to be no more than 20 to fit into the size of the plaque.

#### *Can I have an additional inscription added?*

- Yes. The original donator of the bench has to approve this however.

#### *How long do the benches last?*

- The donation itself lasts for 10 years. However the benches themselves last longer than this as they are made from high quality materials. We will keep the bench in its location unless the bench is no longer safe to use or if a new inquiry is made for this location.
- At the end of the donation period, the original donator has the opportunity to re-donate. This is 50% of the original cost. It is therefore very important that when people move house they keep us informed of their new contact details.
- If the donation comes to a natural end, the plaque is carefully removed from the bench and returned to the original donator's address.

#### *Who maintains them?*

- The only ongoing maintenance that is provided is repairing low level vandalism such as graffiti or broken slats. The benches have been selected to enable them to weather within their natural environment. If the donator requires additional work, we will carry this out for an additional fee.



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***How long will it take for my bench to be installed?***

- The work to install is seasonal. In the winter it could take up to 5 months this is because the weather doesn't aid in tasks such as concrete.
- In the summer it could take up to 3 months.
- We are however beholden to factors outside of our control due to the fact that each bench is made to order. This can be influenced by stock availability, driver availability, sickness and weather etc. We will however keep you informed if there are any delays in the system.

***What type of bench can I donate?***

- There are a variety of options and these are defined by location. This is to ensure that the bench is within keeping of the park it is being located within.

- This type of bench will be located in woodland or rural locations in both Adur and Worthing –





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- This type of bench will be located within Worthing's formal Parks-



- This type of bench will be located within Adur's formal Parks and Foreshore Areas





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- This type of bench will be located within Adur and Worthing's Cemetery sites





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## **Dedicated Trees**

### ***What species can I select?***

- Most species of tree can be planted including native broad leaf and non native e.g Japanese Cherry etc. Location will determine the species of tree that can be planted.

### ***Where can I plant a tree?***

- There are a wide range of Parks and Open Spaces sites available to plant trees across Adur and Worthing. The tree that can be selected will depend on the suitability of the site, the expected height and spread of the tree and soil type

### ***Who plants the tree?***

- The Council staff will Plant the tree and will provide all materials and equipment.

### ***Who maintains the tree?***

- The Council will maintain the tree for the duration of its life.

### ***What happens if the tree dies?***

- If the tree dies within the first five years while establishing, the council will replace the tree at no extra cost. If we feel the tree species is the reason for the failure we may discuss with you replacing the tree with another species. This does not include vandalism which is very rare.

### ***Can I have a plaque added?***

- Unfortunately not, we would like to offer this facility but we are unable to at present as we cannot source a plaque that can be placed on a tree.

### ***How long will it take for the tree to be planted?***

- Trees can only be planted between November and February (in the tree's dormant season). Any request for a tree will need to be made allowing for due processes to be completed in order to be planted in this timeframe each year.



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## **Dedicate a Wildlife Home**

### ***What type of homes can I select?***

- Bat boxes, Solitary bee homes, Robin / Wren homes, Swallows, Swifts or House Martin homes, and small birds such as Blue Tits.

### ***Where can I have the home installed?***

- In any of the parks, the size of the box will depend on the size of the tree required.
- If it's a Swallow, Swift or House Martin these will need to be located on buildings within parks. These buildings will need to be owned and managed by the council.

### ***How long will it last?***

- We are only just starting to offer this service so we are not 100% certain but it is estimated they will last 3 years.

### ***Who maintains the wildlife home?***

- We do not carry out any maintenance of the homes. If they become unsafe or start to fall apart we will remove them.

### ***How long will it take for the wildlife home to be installed?***

- Once the order has been received we will expect to install them within a 6 week time frame.
- We are however beholden to factors outside of our control due to the fact that each wildlife home is made to order. This can be influenced by stock availability, driver availability, sickness, weather etc. We will however keep you informed if there are any delays in the system.

### ***Can I have a bird home commemorated?***

- No, unfortunately not, due to the size and need to handle the bird homes as little as possible it is not possible to provide this service.



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Swift Nest Box £50



House Martin Terracotta Nest Cup £20



Swallow Terracotta Nest Cup £20



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Robin / Wren home £20



Small birds such as Blue Tits. £25



Solitary bee home £30