

1. WILDFLOWER BEDS ACROSS THE PARISH

As part of our commitment to enhancing the local environment and supporting biodiversity, Broadclyst Parish Council will be re-establishing the carefully selected locations across the parish including:

Roadside verges (where safe and appropriate) [Town End, Opposite Broadclyst Primary School on B3181](#), [Entrance to Green Tree Lane](#)

Village entrance points – [Entrance to Dog Village](#).

The environmental benefits are:

- Supports biodiversity by creating habitats for pollinators and wildlife.
- Reduces the need for intensive grass cutting, lowering carbon emissions.
- Enhances soil health and prevents erosion.
- Improves air quality by promoting natural vegetation growth.

This yearly initiative is a positive step toward environmental conservation within the Parish. We welcome any feedback or suggestions for new locations to ensure success.

2. BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL POSTS UPDATE

The new basketball/football combi unit was scheduled for installation at the beginning of March, but we were lucky to get an earlier date. It has now been installed. We also received some free balls which will be put in the toy shed for all to use. The wooden bench in the picture is due to be replaced, it might be wise to re-site it further down the field. A post installation inspection will be happening in March 2025. The new backboard and hoop on the smaller area by the teen equipment will be replaced by the end of March.



Figure 1 Basketball/football unit

3. PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC PAYPHONE REMOVAL

BT has consulted EDDC regarding the proposed removal of eight public payphones across the district due to lack of phone calls made from each phone, including the phone box located beside the social club in Broadclyst. As this phone box is a listed structure, BT intends to remove the telephony while retaining and locking the kiosk.

EDDC must coordinate a response to BT. If Broadclyst Parish Council wishes to object to this proposal, we need to inform EDDC, providing clear reasons for the objection.

Alternatively, Broadclyst Parish Council has the option to adopt the listed phone box and repurpose it, potentially as a mini library. Most red telephone boxes can be adopted for a nominal fee of £1. If Broadclyst Parish Council chooses to adopt the phone box, BT will provide a paint kit. Spare parts can be sourced from the [Home of the British K6 Red Telephone Box website](#).

Community groups were approached about the potential mini library and only Clyst Caring have come back saying they would be honoured to have the opportunity to make use of the phone box as a bookstore/library.

Recommendations:

1. Broadclyst Parish Council adopts the listed phone box for £1 with delegation to the Assistant Clerk (NC)
2. Broadclyst Parish Council allows the phone box to be repurposed as a community mini-library/book store with the help of Clyst Caring managing it.

This concludes my report.
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