

# New Swings Funding Achieved



Thanks to the generosity of local business BK Grain Handling Engineers and a big grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, we now have enough money to buy new swings for the village green.

Father and son Bill and Simon Bird, who manage the long-established Froxfield-based family firm were delighted to offer their support by donating an extremely generous sum of £3,500 towards the play equipment appeal. In addition, we were successful in our bid and have secured a **Lottery Community Funding** of £9,590, so have been able to order the new swings from playground equipment specialists Wicksteed.

Due to a backlog of orders, we have been given a tentative build date set for August, but we are also hoping for an advance on this. The two-bay frame is constructed of tubular steel and painted as per the photo above. It will feature a basket seat, an infant cradle safety seat and a standard swing seat.

The Froxfield Parish Council wanted to install playground equipment that would 'stand the test of time' and was impressed with Wicksteed as a supplier (established in 1918).

Whilst the Lottery Community Fund would have covered the majority of costs associated with the purchasing and installation of the play equipment, the build would not have been possible without the contribution received from BK Grain Handling, and whose donation was pivotal to the success of this project, after unexpected inflationary costs were incurred whilst awaiting the outcome of the lottery grant.

The installation will include special safety grass matting underneath the new swings and the removal of the old swing set up. We will let everyone know when we have a firm build date.

**It is hoped the new swings will bring pleasure to many generations of Froxfield children!**

**BK Grain Handling** are specialists in grain handling, milling equipment, steel-framed buildings and fabrication. The company was established in Froxfield in 1981. It has held a Royal Warrant Holder — Agricultural Engineers - Specialists in Grain Handling to HM The Queen — since 2007, having worked on the Windsor Estate.  
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