



## Welcome to our Wildwood Dens.

This has been funded by *Chorleywood Parish Council* as part of the forthcoming Nature Trail through the Community Infrastructure Levy at no cost to the Community.

There are two Dens one located near the parking area on the A404 and the second along the Village Day fire ride.

They will be opening in time for Village Day.



### Imaginative play

Wildwood Dens provide an opportunity for children to explore the limits of their gross motor skills with a natural play area that doesn't direct them to play or exercise in any preconceived way. This also stimulates their imagination and helps prepare them for returning to focused

learning. Most elements of the Wildwood Den don't require children to take turns, and this means they interact with each other more during play and help each other climb.

### **Making more of the great outdoors**

Many children are increasingly detached from the natural world. As a haven for minibeasts and other wildlife, our play areas and habitats stimulate children's curiosity and connect them with the environment, helping to promote good mental health and self-esteem. This also helps create a future generation of nature ambassadors to spread the word about our environment.

The natural surfaces and textures continually change depending on the weather and the age of the Wildwood Den, so play experiences are constantly evolving.



***Chorleywood Parish Council is extremely proud of this initiative which we feel is in keeping with the natural surroundings of our beautiful Common.***