



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CAUSES CLOSURE OF CHILDREN'S SWINGS

Sandown Town Council have closed off the Children Swing Area of the Steven Jenkins Playpark (NB the rest of the playpark remains open), following damage to the swings on Friday 10th July, requiring emergency services to cut out adult from the swings.

Town Mayor Gary Young said 'It is disappointing to see the Junior Swings closed off to children and families, as a result of inconsiderate and thoughtless behaviours, and we are doing all we can to repair the damage and make the swings available for children as soon as possible'.

Deputy Mayor Paul Brading added 'We spent last weekend, and during the week, repairing damage to fences and making the area as Covid 19 safe as we can do, and it is really frustrating that the anti-social actions of a few deprive children and families of fun and healthy activities'.

The Town Council are contacting the emergency services, and their insurers, and will be taking appropriate action to replace the swings, as well as take further actions to make the whole area as family friendly as possible.

CLLr Young concluded 'The Town has invested significant resources into the playground and skatepark, and the ongoing costs of repairs diverts our limited resources from other areas of the Town that we would like to invest in'.

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