



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Statement from Ruabon Community Council in Response to Recent Media Reports on the MUGA Campaign**

Ruabon Community Council wishes to address the recent developments regarding the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Recreation Ground. The Council recognises the growing community interest and remains committed to working with all stakeholders to achieve a safe and sustainable solution for the site.

The Council understands the frustrations surrounding the long-term closure of the MUGA, which has been in place for safety reasons. The current state of the facility, including broken glass and damaged fencing, poses significant risks, and we urge parents to ensure children do not access the area until it is made safe.

Having carried out a risk assessment, the Council has also commissioned ROSPA to undertake an in-depth risk assessment and to advise on the safety and viability of the MUGA, to ensure the safety of the community.

The Council does not feel that the refurbishment of the existing structure is financially viable, as the MUGA is in too great a state of disrepair and cannot meet modern safety standards for play equipment. The Community Council is however, planning to install a new MUGA which will ultimately benefit the entire village.

In line with our commitment to transparency, we will make available details of the funding applications the Council has submitted and will provide updates on their progress. This information will be accessible on the Council's website and at future council meetings, ensuring the community is informed of the steps being taken to advance the project. The Council actively encourages members of the community who wish to join the project group to come forward. Greater involvement from stakeholder groups within the village will hopefully expedite our shared

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goal of providing a new MUGA for the benefit of all. Invitations will be sent prior to the next meeting, scheduled for October.

Ruabon Community Council is dedicated to seeing this project through to completion, and we are confident that with continued community engagement, we can restore the MUGA to a facility that serves the entire village. Together, we can make this vital resource a reality once more for the residents of Ruabon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyn Thomas".

Alyn Thomas  
Clerk

For and on behalf of Ruabon Community Council