

Silverton Little Rec and Square Improvement Plan v0.1, 10/02/26

This plan is to make several improvements to the Little Rec and Silverton Square, thus making the village a more pleasant place, and encouraging use of the Little Rec.

It does not include any major landscaping, or changes to roads.

Funding would be provided by S106 money, grants, and the Parish Precept.

Use would be made of some of the wood from the Silverton Oak. Volunteers would be needed to maintain the planting.

There are 12 items, and these would be implemented over time, not necessarily in the order shown below.

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1. Little Rec Saddle Planters

- These are to be sit on the western wall of the Little Rec (the side adjacent to the Square).
- There will be 3 planters constructed of Silverton Oak.
- They will sit astride the wall, being very slightly wider than the wall.
- They will be coated with preservative inside and out.
- They will have metal or plastic liners.
- They will have drainage.
- There will be a handrail rising from them.
- There will be enough space left on the pathway for a wheelchair to easily navigate the full length of that path, and to turn into the Little Rec.
- These planters will prevent cars and vans parked in the square protruding over the pavement and blocking access to the Little Rec for wheelchair users.
- Devon Highways would need to agree to this.
- Miles Snowdon to provide a plan of the location, and a design for the planters.

2. Little Rec Electricity Supply

- This will a normal domestic power supply, and will be supplied via the Fire Station.

- 4 weatherproof external lockable sockets on the external rear (east-facing) wall of the Power station, 1 metre above ground level. These are to be lockable (either individually, or together) both when all the sockets are empty, or when one or more of the sockets is used. The sockets will be lockable using keys that are designed to keep the sockets secure.
- A buried cable, in a buried shielded tube, to run from the Fire Station to the Christmas Tree Slab in the Little Rec. Beneath the slab, two weatherproof lockable sockets are to be provided. The spec of the locks is as per those on the rear of the Fire Station.
- The buried cable/shielded tubs will then continue on from the slab in the Little Rec to its northern wall, where it will emerge and four weatherproof lockable sockets will be fixed to the wall 1 metre above ground level (or as close to that as the wall will allow. The locks to be the same spec.
- Note that each of the three groups of external locks may share a key, but that the keys of one group must not unlock the sockets of another.
- While this work is being undertaken, a standard quadruple-socket will be added inside the Fire Station (near where the electricity supply enters it). This to be at least a metre above the floor.

3. Little Rec Water Butt

- A large [Oak effect Burgundy Water Butt](#) 500 litres (110 gallons) capacity (approx £350) is to be fixed to the rear of the Fire Station, with a tap at least 1m above the ground (to allow for a watering can to easily fitted beneath). The height of this is 1.2 metres or about 4 feet. This to be filled by draining from the roof of the fire station, and so will need pipework entering it. Space should be left so that a second barrel can be added later if needed. The pipework should preferably be metal so that it fits with the historic nature of the fire station. Consideration must be given to a proper overflow for when the barrel is full. It must not be too close to the place where the electric sockets will be.
- The purpose of this butt is to provide water for the planters.

4. Little Rec Picnic Table and Seats

- [A black octagonal picnic tab and seats](#) are to be added to the Little Rec at a location to be agreed by the Silverton Street Market Committee. Approx cost £1,000 excluding VAT. The seats are to have backs, and must allow people to be seated without having to thread their legs through gaps. They are to be made of recycled plastic which lasts approximate 5 times longer than wood (i.e. guaranteed for 25 years, but may last longer). Once received, consideration is to be given to removing one of the seats and siting it as a solo bench, so that someone with a wheelchair can roll up to the table. Product PY1322, Octagonal Picnic Table with Back, H780 x L2000 x W2000mm, 8 Person, 147kg. A fixing kit is to be used to ensure that the table and chairs cannot be moved or stolen. Consideration to be given to place stone slabs beneath, to avoid

grass-cutting issues. Otherwise strimming may be required.



5. Little Rec Seat

- Another [seat](#) is to be procured, and placed along with northern wall. It too is to be made of recycled plastic. It will need to be anchored. No slabs are to be placed with it, though it must be possible for these to be added later.



6. Little Rec Path/Ramp

- The mud and plastic path/ramp into the Little Rec is to be replaced with a path of stone slabs.
- This is to be suitable for use by a wheelchair user, or someone with a walking frame.
- The existing stone step will be left untouched and the new ramp/path will curve round to the left when entering the Little Rec from the street, as the current one does, but will continue on so that the Book Swap is on (but not bedded into) firm standing, and the area in front of the book stop will be mud-free allowing people to browse without getting muddy footwear.
- The path/ramp will connect with the slabs in front of the seat by the bookswap, allowing someone with a walker to reach that bench and sit on it. Furthermore, next to the bench will be slabs, so that a wheelchair can be parked on hard standing.
- Miles Snowden is to provide designs.

7. Little Rec Litter Bins

- Bin 1: to be constructed to go inside the Little Rec against the northern wall, close to the new seats. The bin is to be anchored to the ground.
- Bin 2: the same spec as Bin 1, but to be located go against the wall near the new picnic tables and chairs. The bin is to be anchored to the ground.
- The bins are to be made of the Silverton Oak wood.
- They are to be lined with a plastic or metal liner such as [item RFPY1123 on this page](#) cost of the 80l liner is £50 ex VAT.

8. Little Rec Information Sign on Fire Station

- An information sign is to be placed on the Fire Station, naming it.
- An addition permanent sign will be affixed to it, giving the history of the village and parish of Silverton.

9. Little Rec Lighting Poles

- Consideration is to be given to placing post holes around the edge of the Little Rec, so that at times of celebration (Christmas Tree Lighting, Street Market, Coronations and Jubilees) 3 metre poles can be placed into those holes, and lights can be strung between the poles, enabling the area to be used during evenings.

10. Pavement Planters on the Square

- Planters are to be installed on pavement that runs along the west wall of the Little Rec, adjacent to the road (i.e. on the western side of the pavement, directly adjacent to the road).
- There will be X planters constructed of Silverton Oak.
- Their design will be in keeping with the design for the planters along the top of the Little Rec wall.
- They will be coated with preservative inside and out.
- They will have metal or plastic liners.
- They will have drainage.
- There will be a handrail rising from them.
- There will be enough space left on the pathway for a wheelchair to easily navigate the full length of that path, and to turn into the Little Rec.
- These planters will prevent cars and vans parked in the square protruding over the pavement and blocking access to the Little Rec for wheelchair users.
- Devon Highways would need to agree to this.

11. Bus Shelter

- Consideration should be given to placing hanging baskets in the bus shelter on the south side of the square, as long as these are not hanging so low as to be a hazard.

- Consideration should be given to placing a mural board at the back of the bus shelter, where scenes of Silverton life could be shown. Alternatively, it could be affixed to the northern wall of the fire station. For the bus station wall, permission would need to be given by the owners of the house to which the bus shelter is fixed.