



# Gwernyfed - Three Cocks

Environmental Improvements - Landscape Design Proposals



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In August 2022, Talgarth and District Regeneration Group commissioned Ludicology to carry out a localised play sufficiency assessment across the rural communities of Woodlands Avenue in Talgarth, Gwernyfed Avenue and Gwernyfed Park in Three Cocks, and the village of Llanigon. A concept plan for improvements to the Top and Bottom Parks at Three Cocks was produced. In October 2023 Reckless Orchard Landscape Design Consultants was asked by Three Cocks Matters to progress the project here at Gwernyfed Park and Gwernyfed Avenue. Guided by the results of the Ludicology report, and the previous community input, the designers at Reckless Orchard set about developing possible design ideas. These were presented at a community engagement workshop at Gwernyfed Walled Garden on 2nd December.

The feedback and local insights from that workshop - and the associated questionnaire - were invaluable to us in taking the design ideas forward. Today we are presenting our initial landscape design layouts for both the Top and Bottom Parks. The images shown on the mood-boards are just examples to aid discussion. Further detailed design is needed before a final scheme will be ready in March.

We would welcome any thoughts and comments that residents may have so that, if needed, we can try and adjust the final design. Thank you.

Les Baker



# Introduction

## Reckless Orchard

Reckless Orchard is an exciting and innovative practice of landscape architects and designers with the simple ambition of helping to reconnect people with the natural world and the landscape.

Working throughout Britain and abroad, we produce sustainable design solutions through the combination of simple and elegant spaces, edible landscapes and stylish ecology. Our work reflects the connections between art, history, local communities and the natural landscape. We have a strong commitment to community engagement and empowering local communities to participate in changing their environments.

We currently work with a broad range of clients including private individuals, community groups, local authorities and major developers. Our work varies in scale and budget but is always exciting and diverse. It includes urban and rural public spaces, nature reserves, housing layouts and commercial developments; schools, community gardens, private gardens and heritage orchards.

Our experience extends from feasibility studies and landscape assessments, through concept development and master-planning; to detailed design, site supervision and landscape management.

Our aim is to develop work that is always stimulating and responsive, diverse and creative. We often work in collaboration with artists and makers and we constantly strive for unique and site-specific solutions for our clients. We specialise in designing multi-purpose green spaces, often combining amenity requirements with improved biodiversity, natural play and edible landscapes.

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- Parking & roads
- Planting & wildlife
- Edible landscapes
- Communal spaces
- Natural play
- Play



# First Ideas

- 'Gateway' features to help slow traffic.
- 'Gateway' features at pedestrian entrances
- Seating areas or shelters.
- Incidental play features. Play on the way.

# Top Park

## Landscape Proposals Plan

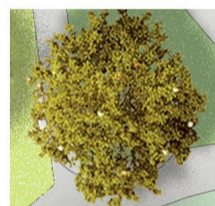


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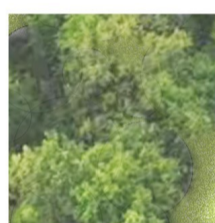
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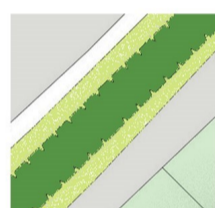
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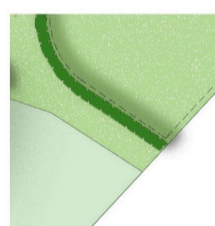
Specimen Trees



Woodland Planting



Native Species Hedge



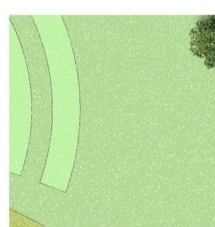
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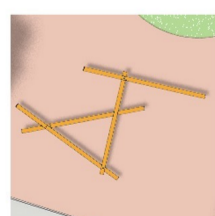
Orchard



Wildflower Meadow



Mown Grass



Safety Surfacing



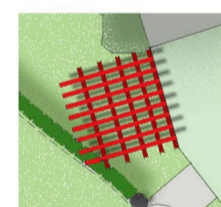
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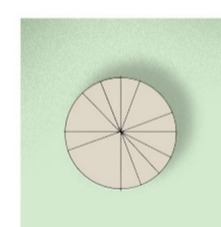
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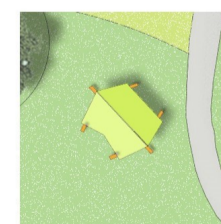
Traditional Estate Fencing & Gates



Pergola



Shelter/Summerhouse



Shelter



Seating Area

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# Top Park



## Key Elements of the wider landscape

- Re-equipped existing play area for younger children's play.
- Exciting new climbing structures and slides, utilising the sloping ground to the south of the current playground.
- Items of play equipment that are accessible by all.
- Natural play, with simple bridges across the existing ditch and woodland planting to create a 'jungle' to explore.
- A grass amphitheatre for events with a timber stage/dipping platform.
- Shelters for relaxing and hanging out.
- Boules court.
- New woodland planting to help screen the main road and industrial estate.
- Community orchards.
- Wildflower meadows.

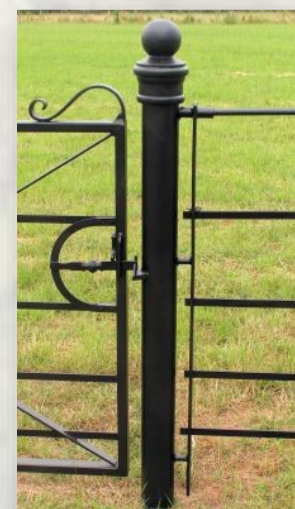


## Mood Board



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# Top Park



## Key Elements closer to home

- Pocket Parks created in the spaces between the rows of houses. These would be defined and enclosed by new metal fencing and gateways at each end. Low-key play opportunities for younger children; seating and tables; and raised beds would be introduced.
- New enclosed, garden areas all around the flats, with new bin stores, shrub and hedge planting, summerhouse and pergola.
- Planting of specimen trees with spring blossom and autumn colour.
- Shrub and ground cover planting in difficult to mow areas around parking, paths and retaining walls. Plants would provide year-round interest and colour, as well as being good for wildlife.
- Traditional metal estate railings used to define areas such as the pocket parks, the main orchard and the new gardens around the flats.

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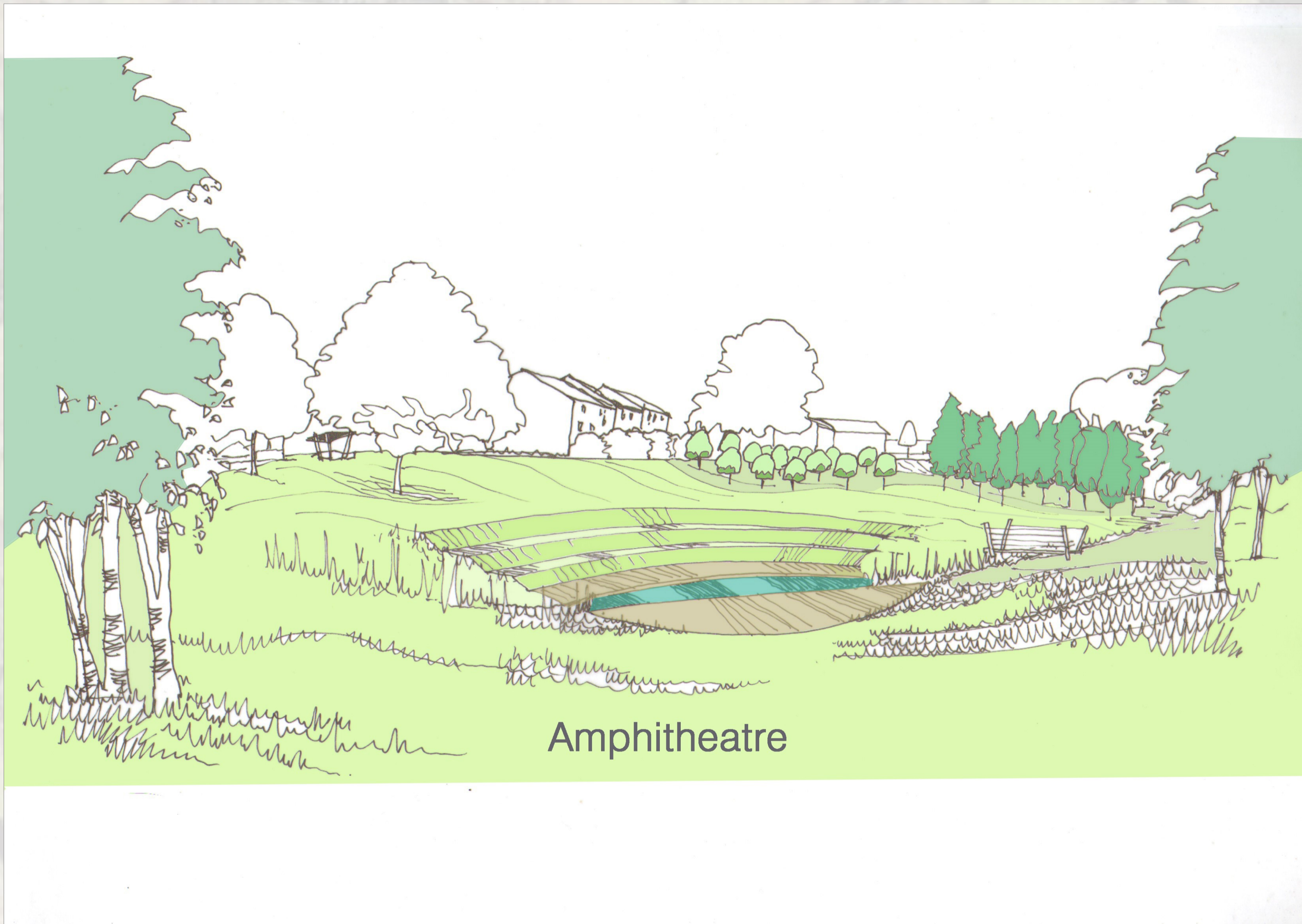


Entrance on Gwernyfed Avenue





New Community Orchard



Amphitheatre

# Landscape Proposals Plan



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# Bottom Park



## Key Elements

- A multi use games area (MUGA) with all weather surfacing and a high, ball-stop fence to three sides.
- Outdoor gym equipment for all ages.
- A play space for younger children, with a range of play experiences, including train-themed pieces of play equipment.
- A community garden with raised beds and gravel paths. Plus a secure potting shed / workshop for storage, shelter, meetings and refreshments.
- New paths.
- Decorative planting to the eastern boundary.
- Water and electricity supply to the community garden.

Mood Board



Bottom Park

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