

Benches on Parish Council-owned Land

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Ripley Parish Council has a preferred style of bench. The *Ranmore* bench, formerly available from Surrey Wildlife Trust's Norbury Park Sawmill is now produced to order by The Resourceful Wood Company in Sussex.



The council will replace benches with *Ranmore* benches as and when either grant funding becomes available or current benches have deteriorated beyond repair.

Members of the public, businesses, or organisations may apply to place a new bench on Parish Council-owned or managed land. The location, style, wording and installation arrangements must be approved by the Council in advance.

The indicative cost of placing a bench is currently £1,586, although an exact quote will be obtained at the time of order. Engraving a personalised message may incur an additional charge. The preferred typeface for engraving is *Garamond*. Installation costs will also apply. In December 2023, the installation cost was £343.20, but an exact quote will be obtained at the time of order.

Once installed, benches placed on Parish Council-owned or managed land will become the property of Ripley Parish Council.

Plaques may be added to existing Ripley Parish Council benches, subject to the Council's approval. The plaque must be brass and must be attached with brass screws. The proposed wording must be agreed in advance. The applicant will be responsible for purchasing the plaque.

Ripley Parish Council will arrange for the plaque to be installed. The current cost of this is £60, although an exact quote will be obtained at the time of purchase. Ripley Parish Council also charges an administration and ongoing maintenance fee of £50.

Ripley Parish Council reserves the right to maintain, repair, relocate or remove any bench or plaque as it considers appropriate. If a bench becomes unsafe, unserviceable, or beyond economic repair, the Council reserves the right to remove it.



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Application to place a bench on parish council owned or managed land

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email:.....

Phone:.....

Location for new bench to be agreed with Ripley Parish Council (please contact the Clerk for a current map)

*I agree to pay Ripley Parish Council £xxxx for the purchase and installation of a new *Ranmore* bench

*I agree to pay Ripley Parish Council £xxx for the addition of a plaque to an existing *Ranmore* bench

*Delete as applicable

Signed:.....