

# Residents fundraise for village playground

The residents of Fontmell Magna and surrounding areas have been looking at ways to raise funds for the play area at the village hall. The majority of the

current play equipment is approximately 20 years old and has been very well used and now badly needs repair or renewal. A recent campaign successfully raised

enough money to replace some equipment and build a fun race track but now more funds are needed. The village hall committee along with a team of parents, are



**Robin Masters, Kim Masters (play area representative and trustee), Hazel Masters, Francesca Lombardo, India Ribeiro, Arya Fosh, Amber Fosh, Kerry Antell, Charlie Antell, Lucy Fosh and Drew Masters**

keen to continue the good work.

Several play equipment manufacturers visited the park this summer and produced some wonderful design ideas. However, playground equipment and safety surfaces don't come cheap. Sadly, an inspection has also confirmed widespread wood rot in the remaining equipment so for easier maintenance in the future, the fund-raising committee is looking at purchasing steel framed play equipment.

The cost to refurbish the play area will be about £40,000 but the plan is to raise this over a period of time so pieces of equipment can be replaced individually,

allowing the children continued use of the park.

The Village Hall committee's big programme of fundraising will kick off with a Handmade Christmas Fayre in Fontmell Magna Village Hall on Saturday, 1st December from 11am to 4pm. Entry is free and there will be stalls selling arts and crafts, local produce, and even Christmas trees! Hot dogs, mulled cider, and other refreshments will be available, and there are pre-bookable slots with Father Christmas! If you want to book a slot, or would like some further information, or perhaps help please contact Lisa appeal. [fontmellmagnavillagehall@mail.com](mailto:fontmellmagnavillagehall@mail.com)