

## Consultation on Pétanque at Burton Green Village Hall

Our new village hall plans approved by Warwick District Council included the option for outdoor space to be developed as a village amenity, and so we now wish to explore the proposal to establish a pétanque club to see if this would be of interest and benefit to the Burton Green community.

### What is pétanque?

Pétanque (pronounced 'Pet-onk') is also known as French Boule or boules. Originating in France in 1907, pétanque is a fun, sociable sport played in an outdoor setting, in which the goal is to toss hollow metal balls (the *boules*) and get them as close as you can to a small wooden target ball (the *jack*). It's easy to pick up and can quickly grow competitive as players knock other's boules out of play.

Pétanque is a friendly, fully inclusive and accessible sport, and people of all ages and abilities can play together for fun or in friendly team competitions. You can choose your own level of play, whether you just want an occasional social game on a sunny day, or to join a local league, or even play in regional, national or international competitions.

### A Burton Green Pétanque Club?

If there is sufficient support from the local community, a pétanque club could be established for Burton Green, based at the Village Hall. The club would provide a regular opportunity to play and learn the sport in the fresh air and would meet up to a couple of times a week (daytime and evenings / weekends depending on time of the year). The club would be run by a small group of volunteers and would be supported by the Coventry Pétanque Club who have offered to provide tuition and guidance.

As a village we may apply to this HS2 Community and Environment Fund to develop the grounds at the village hall with an area of hard-standing suitable for pétanque. This would be sited at the left-hand side of the village hall as you approach the front door, between the hall and the boundary fence looking onto HS2.

It is proposed that this would be an enclosed, fenced area, screened by planting and a seating area at the far end to provide shade and shelter, and to reduce any noise. There is also potential for a multipurpose hard-standing area to be used for other village and group activities.

### We need your views!

Please let us know your thoughts on this proposal to help shape the amenities and activities available for everyone at the Village Hall for the future, and to provide evidence of community interest in this initiative in support of a funding application. Responses should be submitted via this [online survey](https://forms.office.com/e/xcQxapJZtz) (<https://forms.office.com/e/xcQxapJZtz>) by 30 September at the latest.

