



DESIGN A BENCH FOR FORT ROAD REC

Imagine meeting your mates at your very own bench? Or eating lunch in the sunshine while resting against one of your own designs. Enter our competition and your idea could become part of our beautiful landscape. Two winners will have their design etched into a wooden bench that will be included in a community orchard as part of the exciting refurbishment of Newhaven's Fort Road Rec.

Take your inspiration from local plants and wildlife, the fabulous cross channel ferry, or Newhaven's industrial and maritime history. It's up to you. Celebrate our community and take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Newhaven. Your bench will be enjoyed by people using the rec for years to come.

Just follow the simple guidelines below. Entries are welcomed from groups or individuals, people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. You could collaborate with a family member or friend, collate drawings from a nursery group, or an art class. Most designs can be adapted!

Please send them to us at Hospitable Environment, Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven, BN9 9LH by Monday 2nd December, or join us for a free Soup & Social community meal and creative workshop on the 7th of November, 6.30-8.30pm at the Hillcrest Centre, and design one with us in person.



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Viewpoint bench backs are made at 220 cm long and with a height that can vary between about 35-40 cm depending on the shape of the top wavy edge.

If you are designing a single piece of artwork to fill the bench back then please ensure that it is supplied in an appropriate ratio size (see template below).

We can also put together a number of individual images to create a single overall scene if that works better for your idea. (We can help with this. Just send your individual drawings in together.)



Your completed design should fit into this rectangular shape below.

Remember that the top edge will be wavy depending on the piece of wood, so it's probably best not to have any straight lines or too much detail along the top. They might get trimmed off!



Some tips for designing your bench:

Think about the shape of the bench back rest. Either draw one long picture (see above), or draw several images that can be placed together to fit along the bench. (We can help to fit them together for you.)

Draw or paint using black or dark coloured pens on white paper. (Pencils and shading don't work well for this.) Relatively simple shapes with broad lines or brush strokes work best.

Black (drawn) areas and lines are etched into the timber, whereas the white areas are left unetched. The combination of both creates the textured image effect.

The best artwork for etching uses bold detail with clear space between features. Avoid shading or very fine detail as this doesn't replicate well when etching.

Remember - the top of the bench will be the wavy line of the wood edge.

To enter:

You can enter as an individual or as a group.

Don't forget to include names, ages, a contact address, phone number and email to the design so that we can let you know if you have won.

Post or take your design to Hospitable Environment, Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road, Newhaven, BN9 9LH by Monday 2nd December, or send a photograph/scan to hello@hospitable-environment.com (200dpi minimum please).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. hello@hospitable-environment.com

The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges and notified by 12th December. **GOOD LUCK!**

Design deadline is Monday 2nd December

An example of a bench by Greenspace Designs who will be making the Newhaven benches.

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This bench was designed to be installed next to a canal to draw the public's attention to the work being carried out by local groups to tackle the threat of non-native invasive species to the local ecosystem. The building detail depicts the view from the installation point whilst including imagery of the invasive species and the native species under threat. The dark black etched area highlights the underwater aspect. Etched text was added to the artwork to emphasise the message.

The bench is installed onto a concrete plinth using a pair of metal brackets bolted to the surface with resin anchors.