

Galley Hill Tree

A former SSTC Councillor Mick Allsopp thought it would be a good idea to make the fallen tree, which was over 200 years old, in the Galley Hill Caterpillar Park useful by making a decorative bench out of the trunk, for use by residents and visitor to the park.

A local wood sculptor Ian Freemantle was commissioned to undertake the project.



With the support of the SSTC and funding from mkcommunity foundation the project was managed by the Galley Hill Residents Association Treasurer and now SSTC Councillor Roy Adams.



The tree rings at the side of the trunk have been marked to show important dates during the tree's life including the foundation of Milton Keynes.

In turning the trunk into a bench, Ian removed quite a bit of timber and was able to create a small bench from this surplus timber.

Today, David Tavener , Chair of Galley Hill Resident Association presented the smaller bench to the children of St. Mary & St. Giles School, the local primary school on Galley Hill to use, so that ,what had been one of the oldest items on the estate is now benefiting some of the youngest



David Tavener

Chairman Galley Hill Residents Association 18th July 2018