## Media Release

## **Refreshment Kiosk**

## **Ilminster Recreation Ground**



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At the Town Council Meeting on 23 September 2014 Cllr Sophie Storey reported on the opening and initial operation of the kiosk. The kiosk is selling drinks, ice creams and sweets and is open weekends and most weekday afternoons. The idea for such a facility emerged during the lengthy consultation that took place last summer. After some discussion the Councillors agreed to trial the idea.

Cllr Storey who led the project said "We have had so much help to make this project happen, the conversion of the storage area to kiosk which was done using local tradespeople, and local businesses. Volunteers helped with the pre-opening clean up and will be staffing it. The first 4 weeks have been very busy and initial indications are that the trial is a success and Ilminster residents are very positive about having a place on the Recreation Ground to get drinks. Some customers have even told our volunteers that they have come from neighbouring towns because they appreciate the large open space where children can play safely and where they can get a drink."

The Town Council's new facility was officially open by the Mayor, Emma-Jane Taylor, at the Party On The Park on 24 August 2014.

The Town Council has covered the set-up costs and at a recent Council meeting it was agreed that the revenue from the kiosk would be used initially to recover those set-up costs. Afterwards any profits would be put towards new play equipment.

A competition to name the kiosk is being held and entry forms are available at the kiosk until the end of September.

More volunteers to help with the running the kiosk would be very welcome and application packs can be downloaded from the Town Council's website or requested from the kiosk or the Town Council offices.

## **ENDS**

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