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Okebourne open space is a community facility for all age groups. It is often used and viewed as a natural focus point for the community and is regularly used for numerous activities, leisure and relaxation. A number of local “community” events have been arranged for residents to participate in and is a main viewing point for Filton air displays, firework displays and similar events that can be seen by local residents due to its elevated position. The views at the upper end of the site are magnificent, looking over the Severn estuary, both a green and industrial landscape towards Wales.

Okebourne green space has, evolved over a number of years and has a unique character of its own within a wider urban setting. In 2002 the woodland area was developed in partnership with local residents, trees being planted by local children, many who attended the local School. This was designated as part of the “Forest of Avon”. Friends of Okebourne were formed at that time, it was a group within the community who cared passionately about their park, they worked with the local police to eradicate antisocial behaviour many years ago, in 2009 the group became official. There is a specific area designated for Allotments which is being renovated in partnership with BCC for community allotments. The Friends of Okebourne philosophy is to protect, enhance and develop the green field site for Brentry residents and those living within neighbouring areas and other users of the entire parkland area.