

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

“A long-term reminder of community giving during the pandemic.”

Eleanor Evans and her sewing team created a Bishopdown Mask Tree on the corner of St Teresa's Close and St Clements Way on Bishopdown Farm Estate. Through this Mask Tree the group has raised over £1500, £700 of which was donated to the Castle Hill Country Park for a memorial bench.

The Bishopdown Farm Sewing Group gave their time and efforts willingly and the local community gave back generously through their donations.

On Saturday 19th September, Councillor Nick Baker, Chair of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, accepted the memorial bench which is strategically placed to honour those who contributed to this successful and caring project overlooking both Bishopdown Farm and Laverstock.

Nick Baker said:

"The work of the sewing group is a great example of how the community have come together in the face of the COVID pandemic, with a small group of people using their time and skills to support many others. To raise over £1,500 while doing this is a great achievement and shows both the appreciation and generosity of the Bishopdown Farm community."

Eleanor Evans, leader of the Bishopdown Farm Sewing Group said

“This will serve as a long-term reminder of some of the more positive aspects of community life which have resulted from the pandemic, and the efforts of the sewing community specifically”.