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Adderbury Theatre Workshop – Bench Application

Adderbury Theatre Workshop would very much like you to consider our application for a bench, to be more specific – a Talking Bench.

ATW has always raised money for charity through bar profits and raffles and most recently we have been raising money for MIND, a charity very close to our hearts, supporting mental health, men's health and talking more to one another.

Over the past 48 years we have always thought how nice it would be to have a bench outside the Institute, possibly to the right of the doors (as you look at the Institute). Somewhere to sit, get a breath of fresh air and just escape from whatever function is happening in the Institute. This has become even more apparent of late when we notice daytime users sitting outside on the curb having a cuppa and a sandwich.

We wish to buy a bench where people can sit and talk, especially as we believe social media and phone use have all but killed talking skills.

We appreciate the Institute is not the nicest place in the world to sit and talk but it is also such a hub in the village and it is also a great place to watch the world go by while having a drink or a sit but most importantly it has been ATW's home for 48 years and we love it with all of its faults.

I personally have done 47 of those 48 years in ATW – 3 shows per year, that is a lot of sitting on a curb in all weathers, where a bench would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards

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Chairwoman
Adderbury Theatre Workshop