

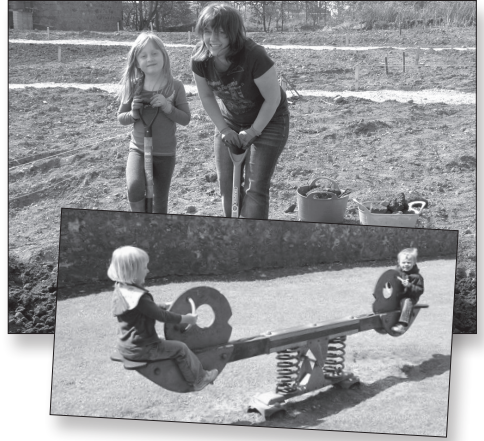
# Altens Recreational Area, space to relax and play

At time of writing, the lovely spring weather we are having has helped to lift the spirits and encouraged us to get outside and use our local open spaces.

The recreational area around Altens Community Centre, in particular, is a hive of activity. The many children who live nearby and those from Pebbles Playgroup (photos courtesy of Tracy Leach) play happily in the children's playground.

Large numbers of staff get away from their workplaces in nearby Altens Industrial Estate at lunchtime to jog through the trees in the fresh air.

The mountain bike track is zoomed around by both cyclists and remote controlled cars. Organised football clubs train and local youths have informal kick-about on the football pitch. The allotmenters in the new Community Garden/Allotments area have their heads



down digging and planting up their plots.

A multitude of dogs, with their owners, exercise in the tranquility of mature trees and walk the woodland path amid birdsong and a carpet of colourful wild flowers.

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