

# CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 19 September 2018

**REPORT OF:** Events, Projects and Tourism Officer

**SUBJECT:** Swan and Cygnets Information Display Board

## PART I

### Recommendation:

To consider and approve the purchase of a Swan and Cygnets Information Display up to the value of £1,100 (including VAT) subject to necessary regulatory agreements.

## 1. BACKGROUND

In September 2018 the Committee considered the design and cost of the display and resolved that subject to amendments to text and the inclusion of a QR code and the necessary regulatory requirements being met, the Town Clerk be authorised to implement the installation of the information board (Lectern) with costings in the region of £500.

Design of the lectern design):

**FitzpatrickWoolmer** 01634  
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### Chelmer double leg steel lectern



**Features**

Our Chelmer lectern is by far our most popular budget interpretive lectern. Manufactured from stainless steel it offers maximum vandal resistance and durability. Interpretation panels are presented at a low angle, ideal for children and wheelchair users or in areas where space is limited. Twin leg lecterns are available in a range of sizes to accommodate larger interpretation boards.

- Stainless steel construction
- Tamper resistant fixings
- Removable graphic panel
- Easy access for children and wheelchair users
- Size and colour to suit your application
- Delivered in 5 weeks\*
- 1 year manufacturers warranty

\* Subject to receipt of payment and print ready artwork or sign off of proofs. Large quantities may require a longer lead time.



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The location of the lectern is to be close to the Brook opposite the crazy golf course.



The draft design is shown in the image below and will have the previously agreed amendments made to it in the final proof.

# Dawlish



## Home of the Black Swans

In 1906, Dawlish became home to the first population of black swans in England. Introduced from New Zealand by John Nash, a Dawlish-borne emigrant, the swans persisted for over a decade before dying out following the first world war. The swans only returned to the town when Captain GRS Pitman, a Ugandan game keeper, gifted the town a pair of black swans in honour of his parents in the late 1940s. His father, Charles Pitman CBE, had been a County Councillor in Devon and lived in Dawlish. The Black Swans have resided in the town ever since and have been the emblem of Dawlish for over 40 years!

Picture by David Knight  
- Fade edges -

### Life cycle

Black swans exhibit parental care for between 4 – 9 months once a brood of young cygnets hatch. After around 9 months, the cygnets fledge to find a new partner and can start laying eggs at around 12 months old. A female can lay one egg per day in their nest before incubation, during which both sexes take turns incubating while the other feeds and defends their territory.

Cobs (males) grow slightly larger than Pens (females). Their wingspan can reach up to 2 metres and their neck S-shape neck is the longest in relation to body size of the swan family!

Black swans can lay between 3 – 8 eggs at each breeding attempt!

These two cygnets are only 4 days old after hatching in August 2018. They hatch with an innate ability to swim and spend the first few days in the nest under the guard of the parents.

\*Insert Waterfowl Warden Number and anything else contact-deets wise\*



## 2. COST

A revised quote has been provided by Fitzpatrick Woolmer for the board and graphic panel. This is attached and totals £771 including VAT. This is using their standard dark green colour RAL6005. If the green is required to match 'Teignbridge Green' green this will cost an additional £180+VAT.

## **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**

The proposed location and colour have been passed to the conservation officer and planning for their opinion.

In addition to keep costs lower there would need to be printing of the A1 panel via Vista Print circa £40 by the office which when then form part of a digital proof for the graphic panel.

The total cost is therefore between approximately: £811 to £1027 (including VAT) depending on colour options.

This does not include installation. For installation the unit is fitted directly into the ground. Each 300 x 300 x 600mm post backfilled with post-crete to within 100mm of the surface; there are no ground sleeves required.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

To approve the cost of a Swan and Cygnets Information Display up to the value of £1,100 (including VAT) subject to necessary regulatory agreements.