

OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS GUIDANCE NOTE (IDEAS FOR PROVISION OF BATS AND BALLS)

Park ping pong (informal table tennis) is fun, active, and usually free to play!

Anyone and everyone can and does play; all you need is a table, bats and balls.

Once the initial outlay has been made to install the table(s), it can last for up to twenty years – consider it an investment! Players should be encouraged to bring their own bats and balls however provision that is near to the table, easy and inexpensive WILL quickly stimulate activity and bring the table to the public attention increasing its usage and value. It is even better if a local activator (player, coach) could supervise.

Loan/Hire

Instigate a deposit system by using the Park Ping Pong – equipment loan sheet (OTT2) downloadable from www.etta.co.uk/outdoortabletennis
 A deposit encourages the return of equipment and can be almost anything from cash, keys, credit cards, (school) ties, item of clothing etc.

Sell

Purchase a supply of inexpensive bats (from £1.50?) and balls (from 10p) and sell them cheaply.

WHO?

Service - Council park office/ranger

Commercial – incentivise a cafe, kiosk or local shop to sell/hire/loan equipment by allowing them to make a profit.

Where to purchase equipment from the trade

Most educational suppliers sell sports equipment as well as specialist table tennis suppliers such as Bribar TT, UK Table Tennis and Tees Sport.

2 top tips to help make Park ping pong work:

- Equipment – make bats and balls easy and cheap to access, near the table
- Promotion - advertise the table & organised activities