

**PING Stratford-upon-Avon
Update to Town Council Meeting - January 2020**

PING Stratford-upon-Avon finally hit the streets in October 2019 in the following locations.

- Hodgson's Green
- Cottage Lane
- Knights Lane
- Bell Court
- Henley Street
- Waterside

Bats and balls freely available and our losses have been minimal and still in single figures. However, we now have huge stocks in place on both. The tables were incredibly popular between October and December especially considering the colder weather conditions.

Henley Street definitely was top of the activity analysis outstripping the more established location in Bell Court.

The four rollaway tables are currently mothballed in Bell Court. However, we will soon be moving one to Thomas Jolyffe to use on the latest Table Tennis England incentive TTKidz. Thomas Jolyffe is one of the first schools in the UK to participate in this initiative. Another table will be moved to Foundation House to provide a Table Tennis activity to Warwickshire Pride.

In spring we will re-launch the outdoor programme and Table Tennis England are very keen to have a very well publicised launch and are willing to come along and participate to ensure its success. Hopefully we may also be able to obtain further funding to increase the number of tables around Town.

The PING project has helped publicise the sport and Stratford-upon-Avon on a national level and I have recently negotiated with 'Everyone Active' that the Leisure Centre will hold its first national ranking competition in July 2020 with potentially 300 competitors plus officials and supporters. We are also currently in negotiations with Table Tennis England in an attempt to bring a full International "England-v-Spain" to the Leisure Centre in October 2020.

Councillor Kevin Taylor