

Survey report – Improvements to Aireville Park in Skipton 2024

Aireville Park is a large open space with sporting facilities and play areas in the heart of Skipton. It has previously had some new facilities including the play area, skate park and pump track (thanks to the former Friends of Aireville Park) but the multi-use games area is currently in a very poor condition. North Yorkshire Council is looking to develop a new plan to further improve this much-loved local green space.

This public consultation will gather opinions from residents and park users helping the council to understand what improvements are needed. The consultation report will be used to inform the final proposals.

The money (£100,000) for this project would come from the S106 money (Commutated Sums). This is money paid to North Yorkshire Council by property developers when providing residential properties within the council area.

The online survey was open from Friday 15 March 2024 until Tuesday 30 April 2024, available on North Yorkshire Council's consultations web page. Posters were put up locally and details of the survey were sent to local schools, community groups, community centres and posted on various local Facebook pages. Hard copies of the survey were also available in Skipton Library.

Headline Results

- 531 respondents completed the survey
- The majority of respondents (74%) lived/worked within 20 minutes walk from Aireville Park
- The majority of respondents (78%) used Aireville Park more frequently than Monthly/less frequently
- The majority of respondents (93%) visit Aireville Park between 8am and 8pm (daylight hours)
- The majority of respondents (86%) spend up to 2 hours in the park on each visit
- The majority of respondents (56%) did not know about the quality of the **footgolf**; and of those who rated the quality of footgolf (37%) the majority (54%) considered it to be poor or very poor quality
- The majority of respondents (45%) rated the **MUGA** as poor or very poor; only 18% rated it as good or very good
- The **open space areas** of Aireville Park were rated as Good or Very Good by the majority of respondents (91%)
- The **play area** is rated as Good or Very Good by the majority of respondents (71%)
- Only 11% of respondents rated the **pump track** as Poor or Very Poor; however 35% felt they did not know about the quality of the pump track
- The quality of the **skate park** is considered to be good or very good by the majority of respondents (59%) with only 7% rating it as poor or very poor

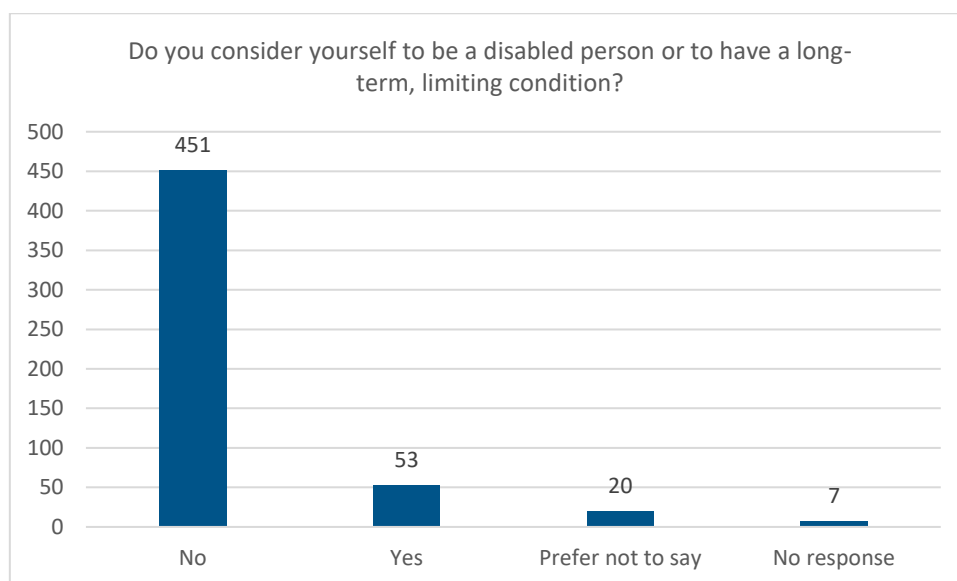
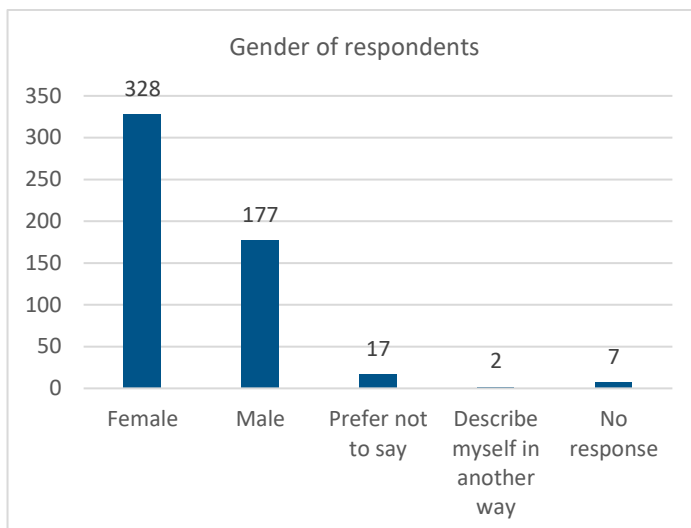
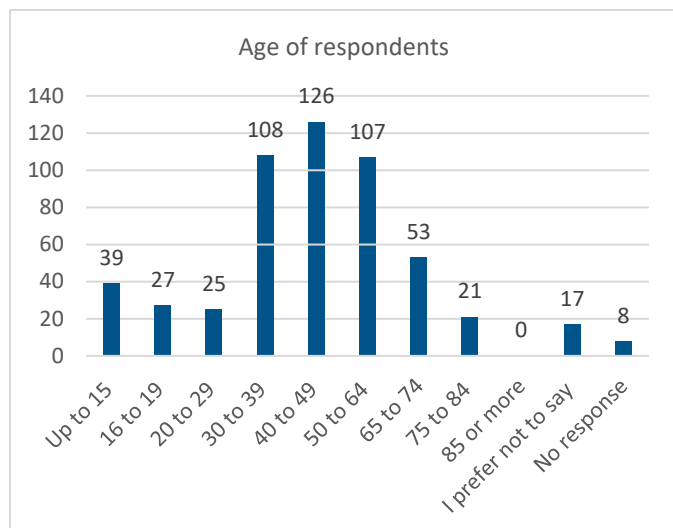
About the respondents

There were 531 respondents in total.

The majority of respondents were aged between 30 and 64.

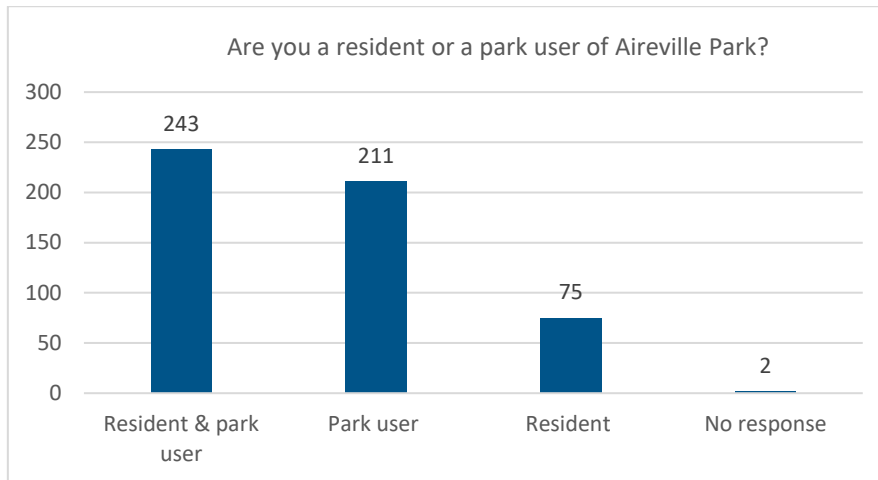
62% of respondents were female, 33% male and 5% described themselves in another way or prefer not to say.

10% of respondents consider themselves to be a disabled person or have a long term, limiting condition.



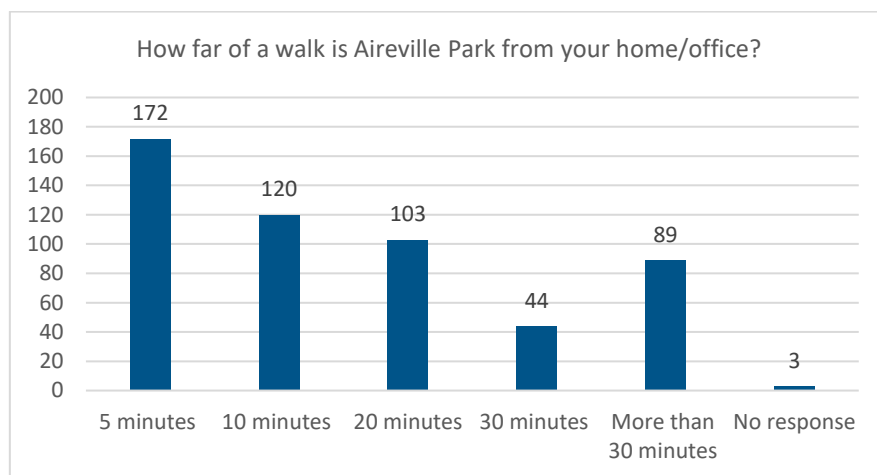
Are you a resident or park user of Aireville Park?

46% are residents who also use the park, 40% only use the park and 14% are residents who don't use the park.



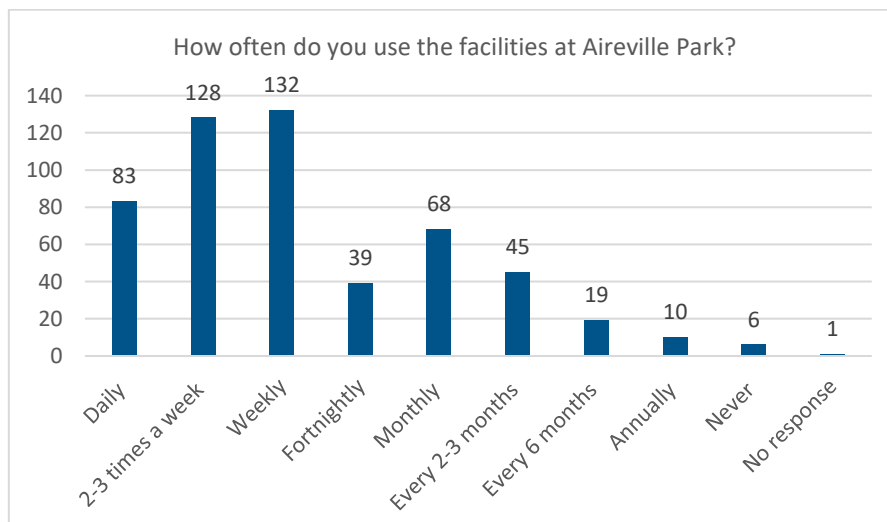
How far of a walk is Aireville Park from your home/office?

The majority of respondents live or work within 20 minutes of Aireville Park.



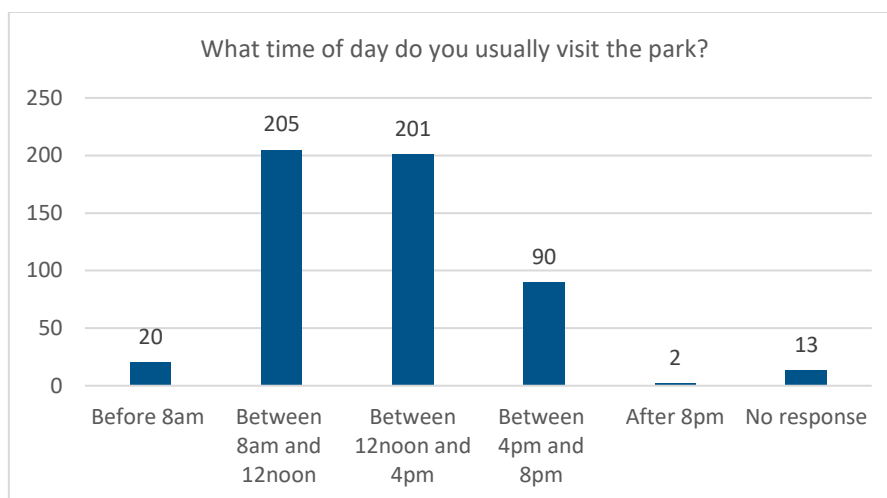
How often do you use the facilities at Aireville Park?

Over half of the respondents use Aireville Park regularly during the week.



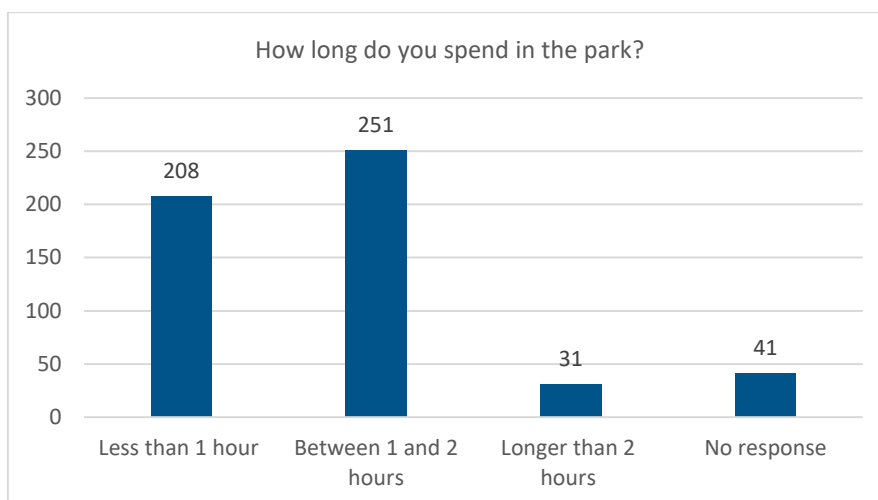
What time of day do you usually visit the park?

The majority of respondents use the park between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

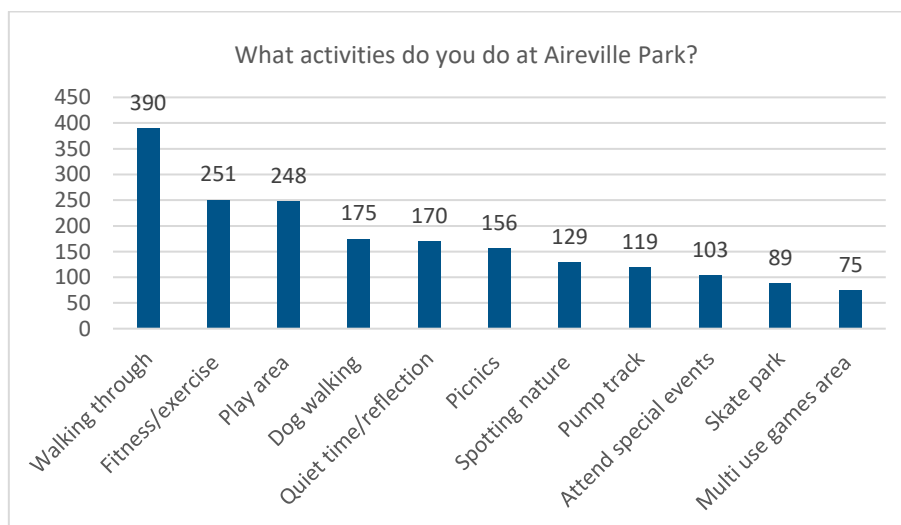


How long do you spend in the park?

The majority of people spend up to two hours in the park.



What activities do you do at Aireville Park?

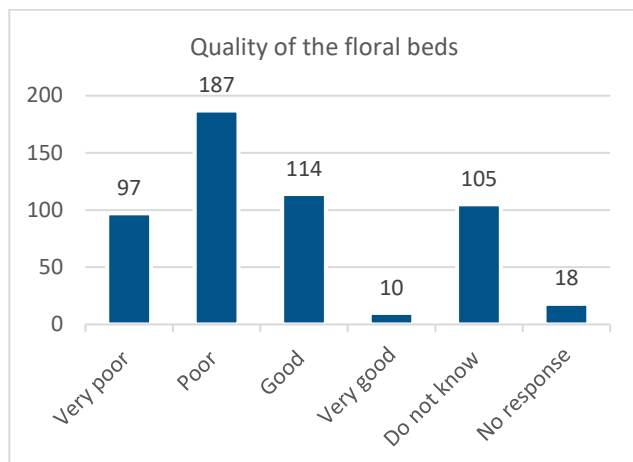


Other comments (about activities in the park) by respondents can be categorised as shown below with full responses included within the appendices.

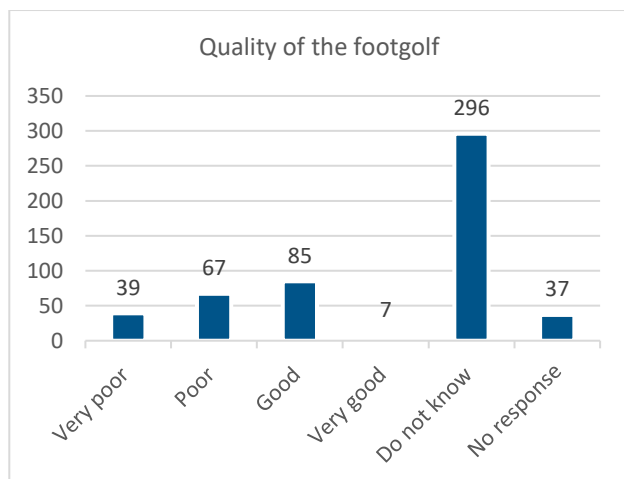
Parkrun	10
Leisure Centre/college	8
Meeting with friends	4
Cycling	3
walking	3
Football	2
Tree activities	2
Childrens play	2
Variety of times	2
Basketball	1
Car parking	1
Sports	1
Pitch and Putt	1
Litter picking	1
Poor Quality tennis court	1
Events	1

Please rate the quality of the following aspects of Aireville Park:

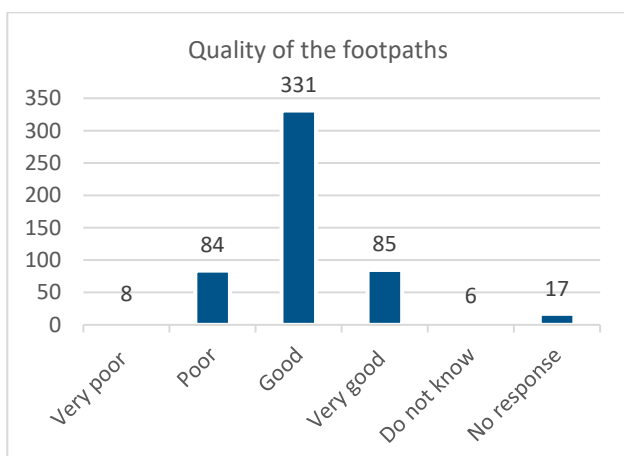
Floral beds



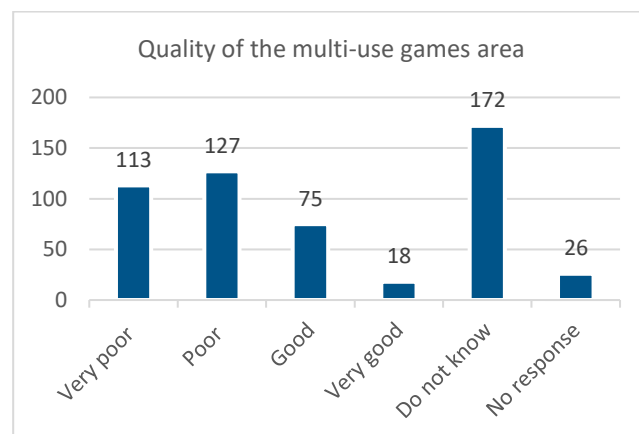
Footgolf



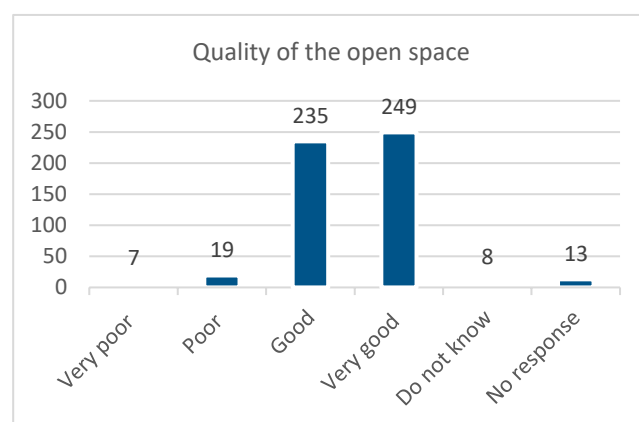
Footpaths



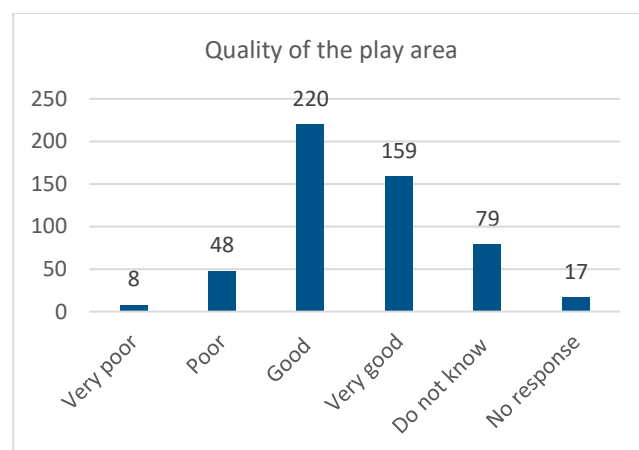
Multi-use games area



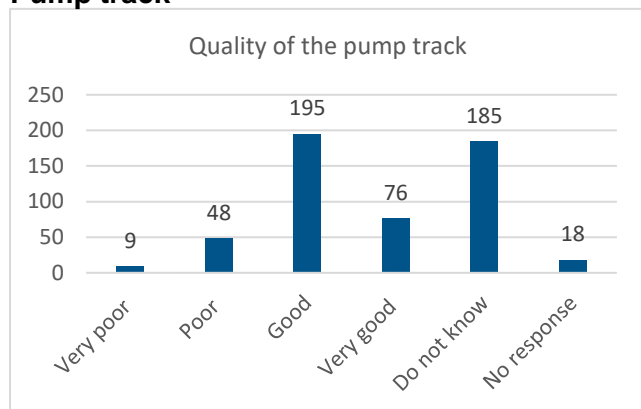
Open space



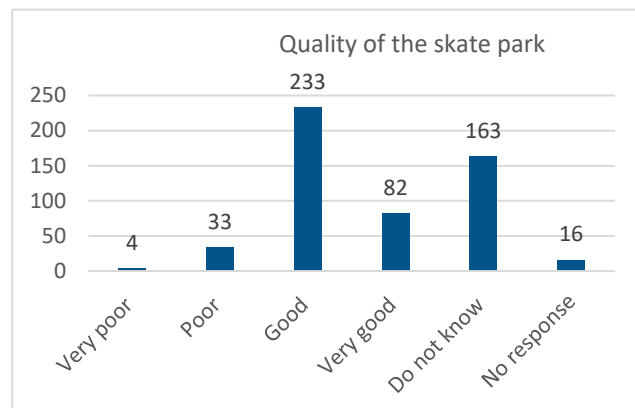
Play area



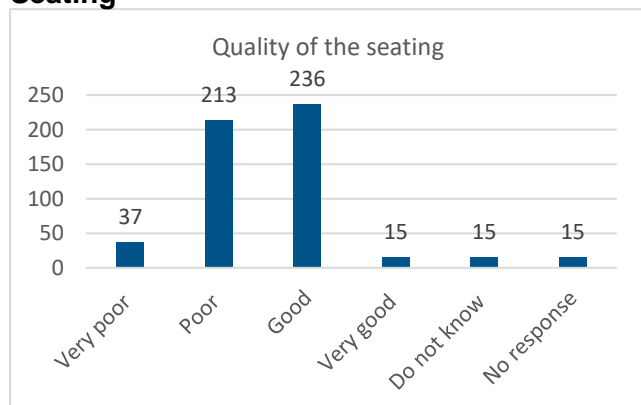
Pump track



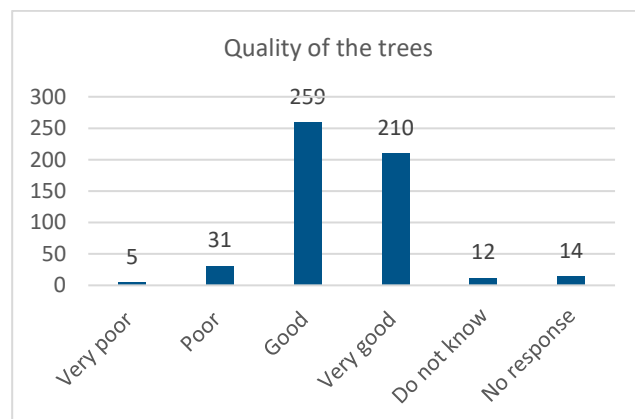
Skate park



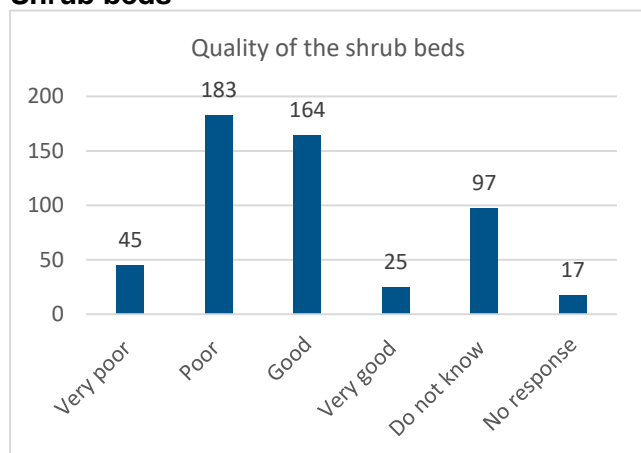
Seating



Trees

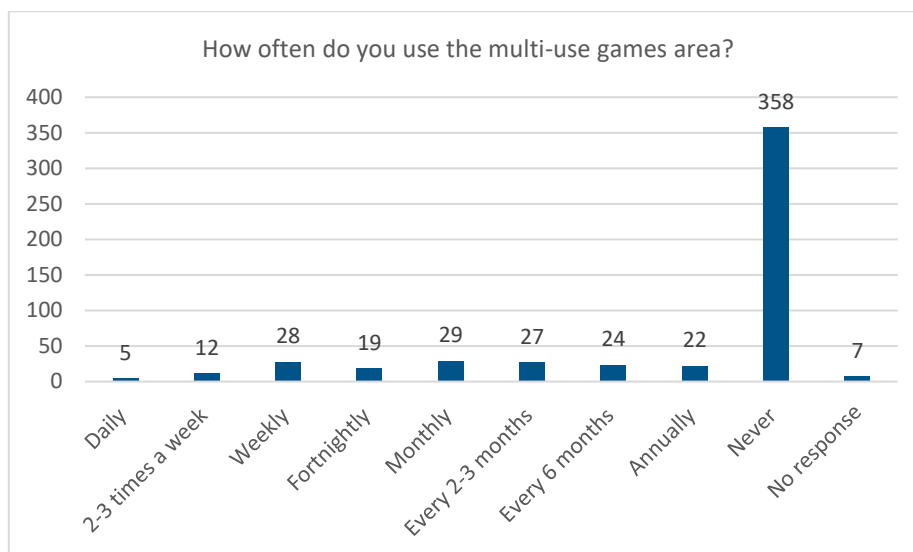


Shrub beds



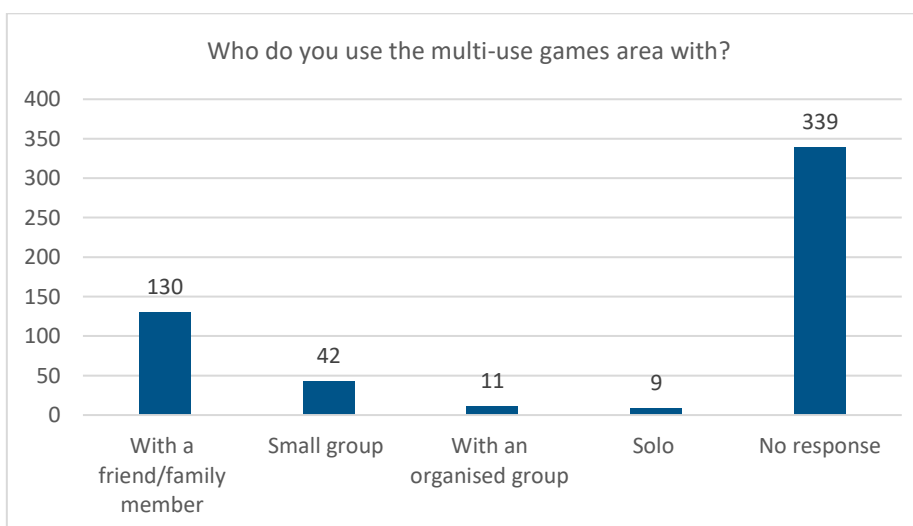
How often do you use the multi-use games area?

67% of respondents never use the multi-use games area.



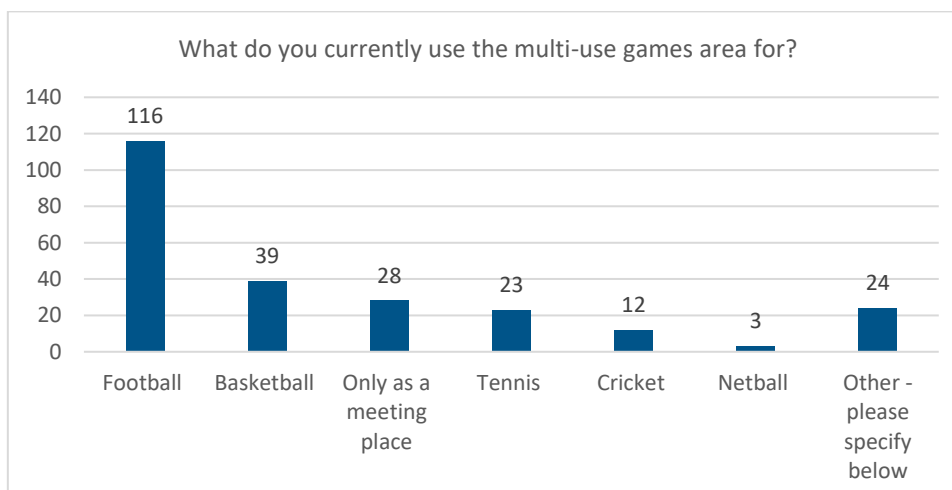
Who do you use the multi-use games area with?

The majority of those who use the multi-use games area use it with family and friends.



What do you currently use the multi-use games area for?

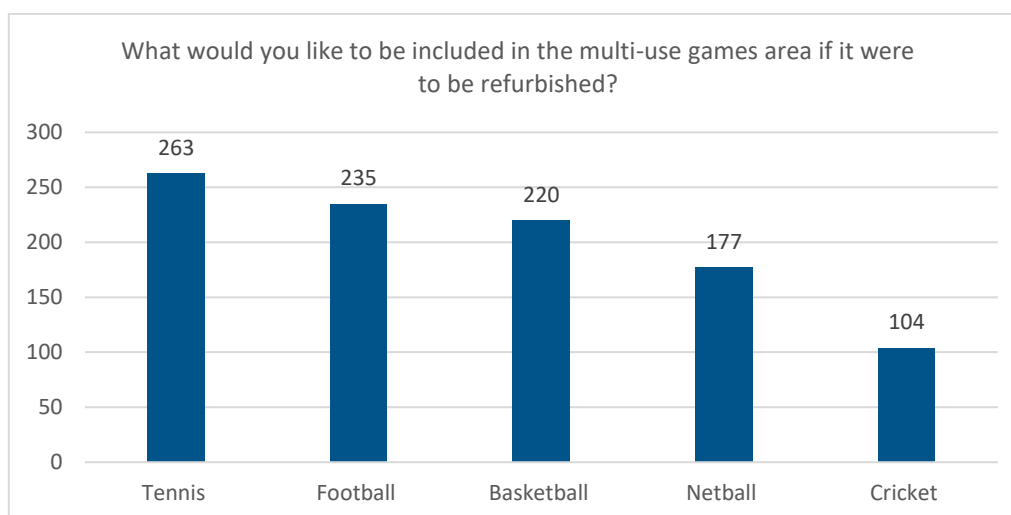
The majority of users play football in the multi-use games area.



'Other' comments by respondents can be categorised as below, full comments available in the appendices.

COMMENTS	COUNT
Cycling area for young children	13
Fitness Classes	1
Roller Blading	2
Rugby	1
Radio Controlled Cars	2
Running Around	1
Outdoor Gym Classes	1
Pitch & Putt	1
Chill	1
Calisthenics	1
Outdoor Gym Bars inc pull up & dip bars	1

What would you like to be included in the multi-use games area if it were to be refurbished?



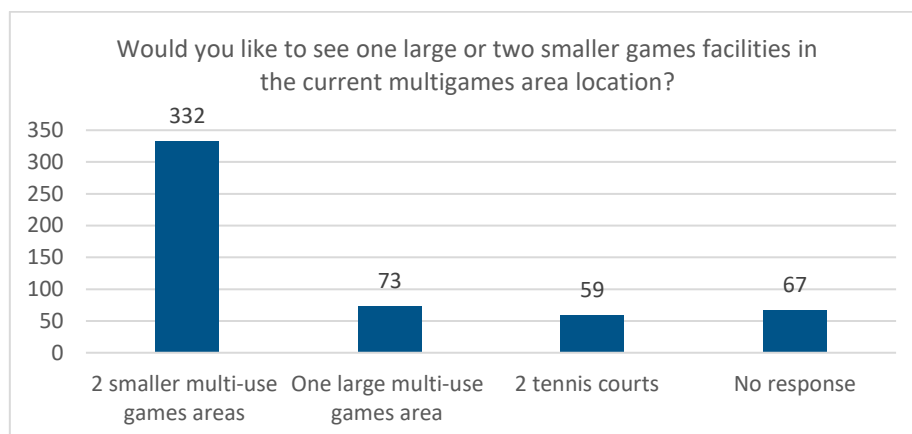
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COMMENT	COUNT
None/No Comment	10
Mini Golf/Pitch and Putt/Putting green	6
Outdoor Gym	6
Variety of sports	5
Badminton	3
Boules	3
Climbing Wall	3
Padel Tennis/Pickle Ball	3
Table Tennis	3
Trampolines	3
line marking	2
Marked distances for sprinting/running	2
Roller Skating	2
Rounders	2
Walking Football/Cricket	2

COMMENT	COUNT
5 a Side	1
Additional Skate Bowl	1
Astro Turf	1
Dogs in contained area	1
enclosed goals	1
Fitness Classes	1
Fully Accessible	1
Golf Driving nets	1
Hockey	1
Litter bins	1
Rugby	1
Shelter	1
Slack lines	1
Tennis	1
Volley Ball	1

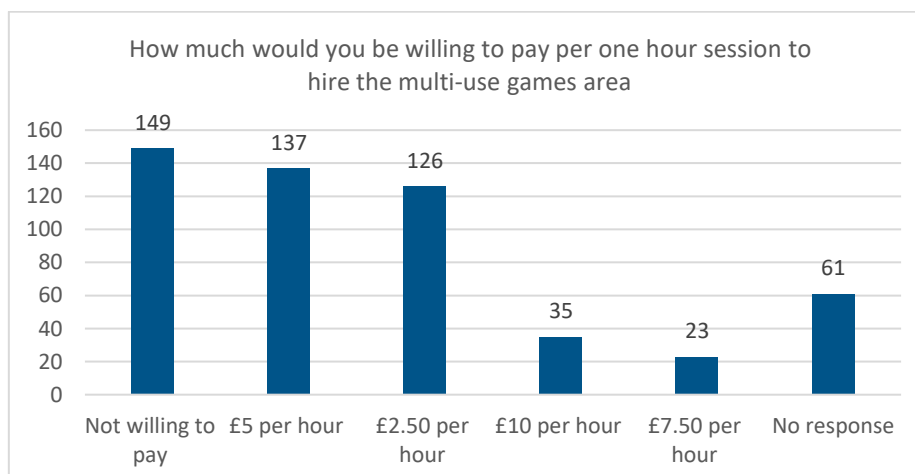
Would you like to see one large or two smaller games facilities in the current multi-games area location?

The majority of respondents (72%) would like to see two smaller multi-use games areas.



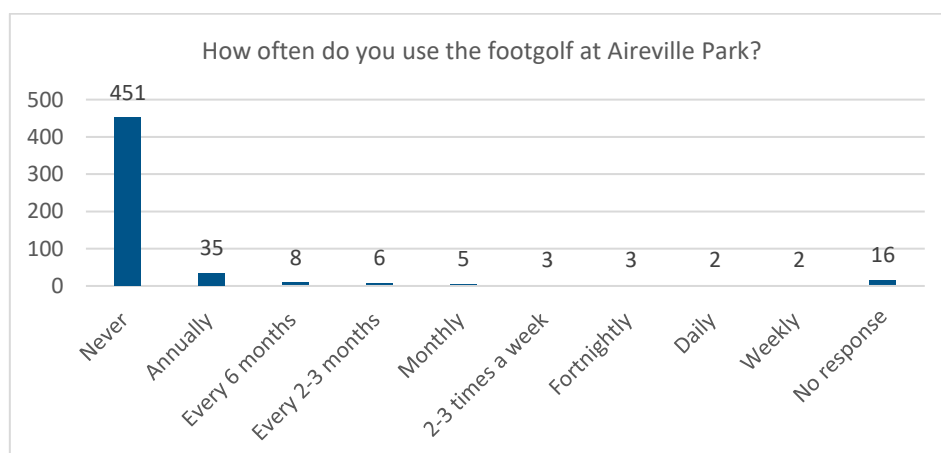
If we were to charge, how much would you be willing to pay per one hour session to hire the multi-use games area (not per person)?

28% stated they are not willing to pay whilst 26% are willing to pay £5 and 24% £2.50, a small number were happy to pay more.



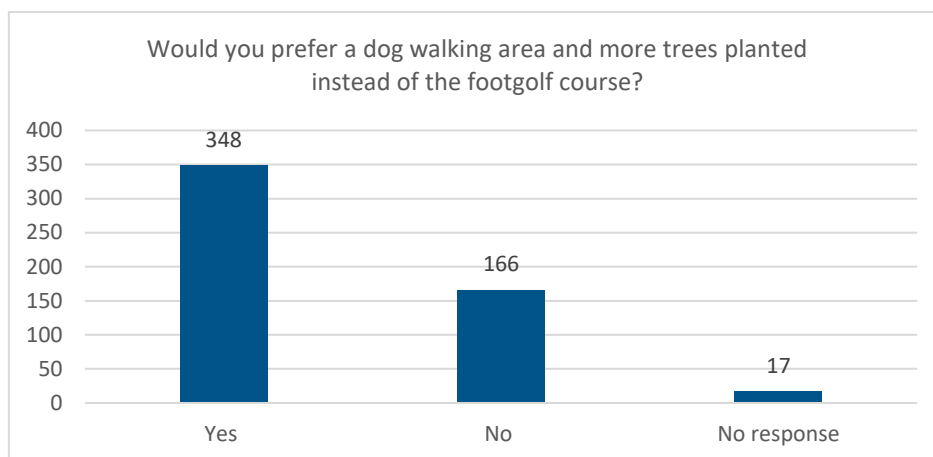
How often do you use the footgolf at Aireville Park?

85% of respondents never use the footgolf.



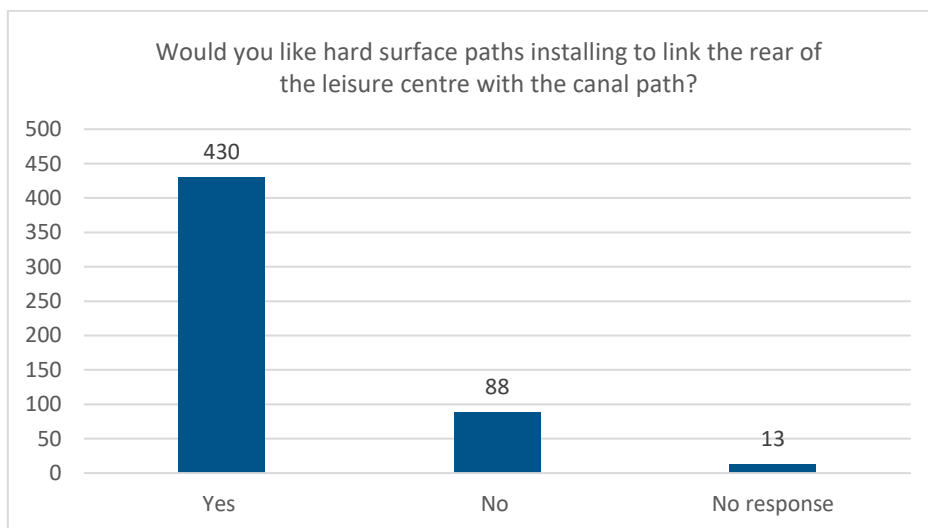
Would you prefer a dog walking area and more trees planted instead of the footgolf course?

The majority of respondents (66%) would prefer a dog walking area and more trees.



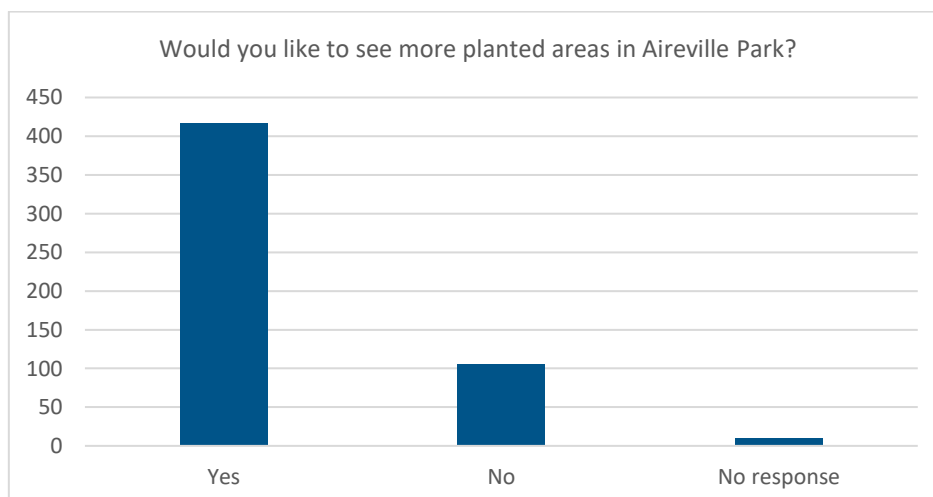
Would you like hard surface paths installing to link the rear of the leisure centre with the canal path where a pathway has already been worn?

The majority of respondents (81%) would like hard surface paths to link the leisure centre & the canal path.

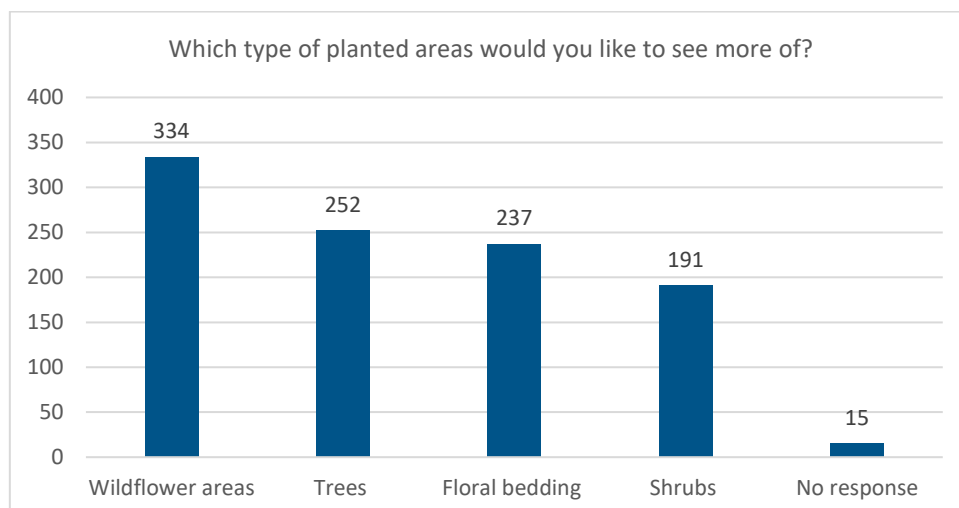


Would you like to see more planted areas in Aireville Park?

78% of respondents would like to see more planted areas in the park.

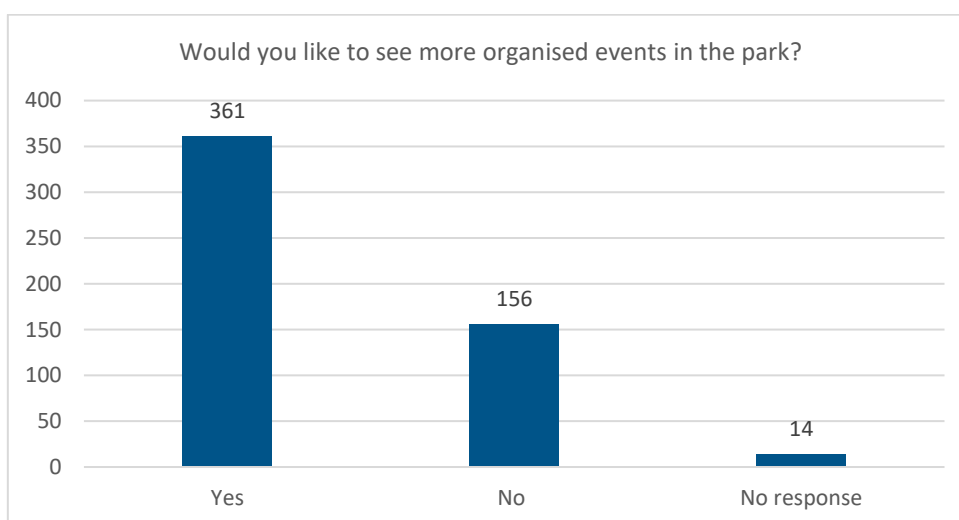


Which type of planted areas would you like to see more of?

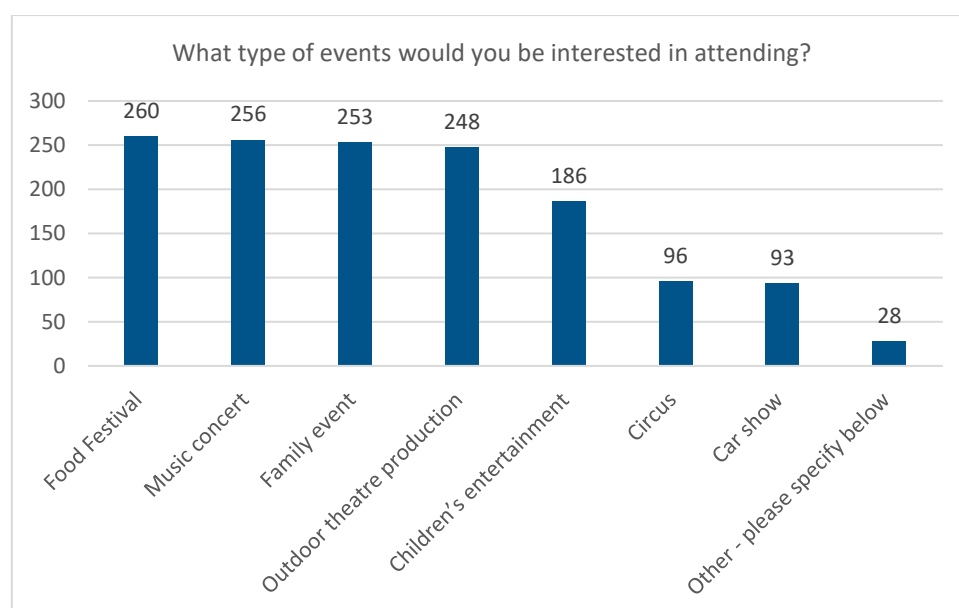


Would you like to see more organised events in the park?

68% of respondents would like to see more organised events in the park.



What type of events would you be interested in attending?

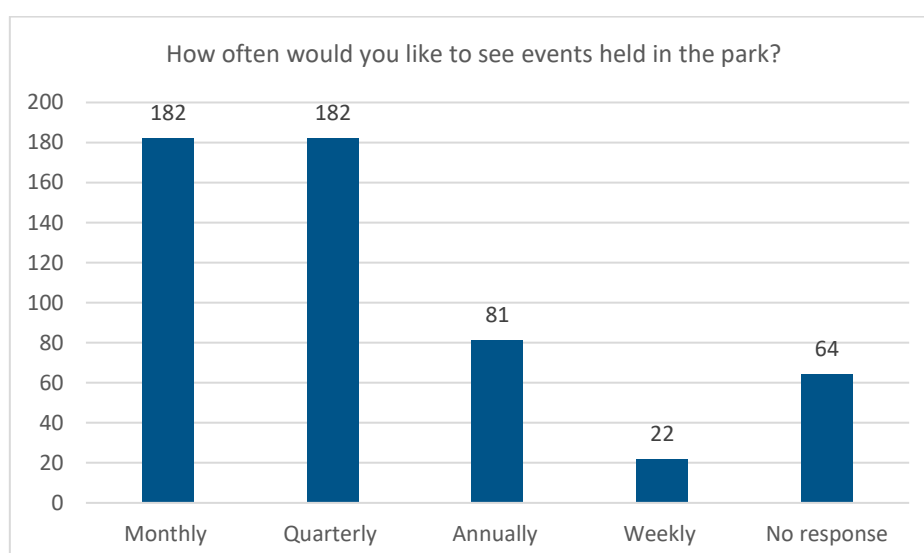


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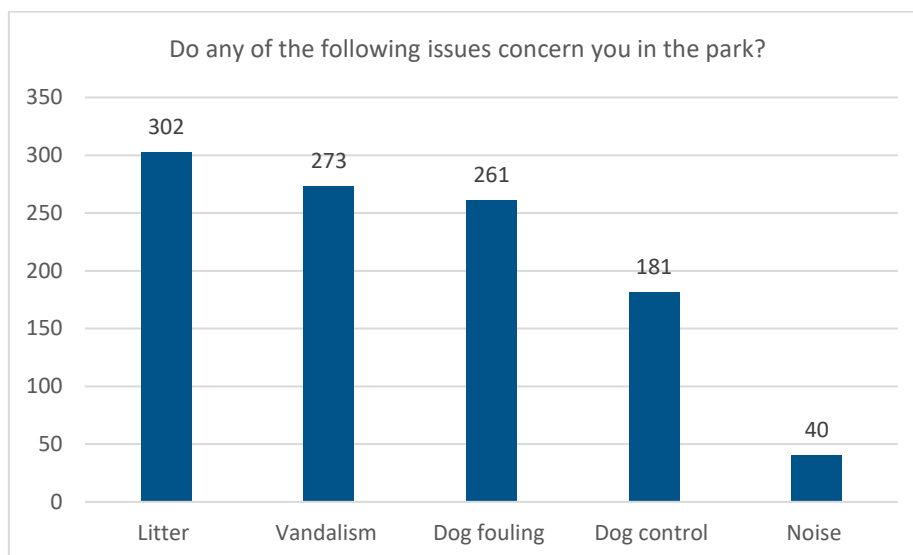
COMMENTS	COUNT
Outdoor Sport	5
Small/seasonal Community Events	4
Yoga/Exercise classes	3
Pride	3
Bandstand/Brass Band Concert	3
Wildlife Events	3
Cycling/Cyclo Cross Events	2
Running or Orienteering Events	2
Historical; Literature; Theatre; Music Festival	2
Dog Show	2
No Fireworks	1
Fireworks for Bonfire Night	1
Kite Festival	1
Outdoor Cinema Family Friendly	1
Eco Festival	1
Community Picnic	1
Open Air Virtual Reality	1
Mazes	1
Charity Events	1
Farmers /Craft Market	1
Ropes Course	1
Incredible Edible	1

How often would you like to see events held in the park?

The majority of respondents would like monthly or quarterly events to be held in the park.



Do any of the following issues concern you in the park?



Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about Aireville Park?

There were 285 comments/suggestions about Aireville Park which can be read in full in the appendices. The vast array of comments show the passion and care people have for this open space and the facilities in the local area.

Appendices

Q1 Are you a resident or a park user of Aireville Park?

Resident	75
Park User	211
Both	243

Q2 How far of a walk is Aireville Park from your home/office?

5 minutes	172
10 minutes	120
20 minutes	103
30 minutes	44
More than 30 minutes	89

Q3 How often do you use the facilities at Aireville Park

Daily	83
2-3 times a week	128
Weekly	132
Fortnightly	39
Monthly	68
Every 2-3 months	45
Every 6 months	19
Annually	10
Never	6

Q4 What time of day do you usually visit the park?

Before 8am	20
Between 8am and 12noon	205
Between 12noon and 4pm	201
Between 4pm and 8pm	90
After 8pm	2

Q5 How long do you spend in the park?

Less than 1 hour	208
Between 1 and 2 hours	251
Longer than 2 hours	31

Q6 What activities do you do at Aireville Park? (Please select all that apply)

Attend special events	103
Band Concerts	36
Dog walking	175
Fitness/Exercise	251
Footgolf	17
Multi Use Games Area	75
Picnics	156
Play Area	248
Pump Track	119
Quiet time/reflection	170
Skate Park	89
Spotting nature	129
Walking through	390
Other (please specify)	41

Comments provided are listed below:

Basketball and football area
Parkrun
I dontvusecyhe park very often as I dont have a car but would like ti bezabkecto go and have a garden walk to go walk/sut in and some appertus for older people's exercises as ive seen in other parks
Slackline between trees
Parking for leisure centre
Attend both Skipton Athletics Club and parkrun
Park run
Swimming / Gym / Cafe @ Leisure Centre
Swimming pool
meeting friends for coffee at the Leisure Centre
Litter picking. Take children
Volunteering at, and taking part in, Skipton parkrun most Saturday mornings
Parkrun
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To college
parkrun and I run a running group from there
Learning to ride bike
Raven tree top adventure.
Swimming
Freídnos
with friends
football
Sports
Biking on the trails
The swimming pool
Biking or going to the swimming pool.
meeting friends
Walking
Spend time with a children's group, collect my child from college
Trying to play wheelchair tennis on the court but it's in such a bad state we are spending more time hunting for the tennis balls that escape the courts due to the damage
Previously Pitch and Putt before it was removed
Playing with relatives
Use the park before 8am, between 12noon and 4pm, and between 4pm - 8pm
Visit the park at all times of day and evening
Getting exercise in fresh air etc.
Gawflatt meadow events

Q7 Please rate the quality of the following aspects of Aireville Park:

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Don't know
Floral Beds	97	187	114	10	105
Footgolf	39	67	85	7	296
Footpaths	8	84	331	85	6
Multi Use Games Area	113	127	75	18	172
Open Space	7	19	235	249	8
Play Area	8	48	220	159	79
Pump Track	9	48	195	76	185
Seating	37	123	236	15	15
Shrub Beds	45	183	164	25	97
Skate Park	4	33	233	82	163
Trees	5	31	259	210	12

Q8 How often do you use the multi use games area?

Daily	5
2-3 times a week	12
Weekly	28
Fortnightly	19
Monthly	29
Every 2-3 months	27
Every 6 months	24
Annually	22
Never	358

Q9 Who do you use the multi-use games area with? (please select all that apply)

Solo	9
With a friend/family member	130
Small group	42
Organised group	11

Q10 What do you currently use the multi-use games area for? (please select all that apply)

Basketball	39
Cricket	12
Football	116
Netball	3
Only as a meeting place	28
Tennis	23
Other (please specify)	24

Comments provided are listed below:

Kids cycling
Fitness classes with Craven Leisure during summer months.
Kids learning to rollerblade
Cycling on a flat area for the kids
Cycling classes
Teaching son to ride his bike
Problem is its not contained. Used to be able to take dog when noone using it
Pedal in the park
Good place for my children to practice cycling as it's flat and not too hard if they fall off
Cycling for children

Rugby, bike riding, roller boots and radio controlled cars
Take young child on bike/scooter in there.
For my son to run around with his friends
Sometime gym class can take place outside
The grandchildren use their remote control cars there when they visit
Pitch and putt
chill
Learning to ride a bike
cycling with little kids
Flat area for bike riding practice for the small children, only when this isn't being used by anyone else. We have tried playing basketball, football and tennis there but the current conditions of the area (the floor in particular) makes it difficult
To teach the children how to ride a bike
Calisthenics outdoor gym bars but need pull up bars and dip bars

Q11 What would you like to be included in the multi use games areas if it were to be refurbished?

Basketball	220
Cricket	104
Football	235
Netball	177
Tennis	263
Other (please specify)	57

Comments provided are listed below:

Hockey
Padel Tennis; fitness classes/yoga
Roller skating, climbing frame. Trampolines for young people as there's very little for them to do. Being the gate way to the DSKes we should have areas that help and encourage young people to learn about outdoor (and indoor) activities. Also apparatus for elderly or adults to use outside.
5 Slackline poles to the grass area next to it.
Don't know as never used the area. Don't know what it currently has.
Not appropriate
General exercise relating to running warm up, strength & conditioning
Pickle ball
Roller skating/roller blading arena
Boules. I'd love to see a thriving boules club here, perhaps operating from the cafe. It's a social activity which doesn't require too much space. Tennis for all would be wonderful - tennis courts charged at £5 an hour, maybe, accessed via a combination gate.
Volleyball
A contained area for fogs but ideally a different space. The multi use area needs better lines, net and goal area and to be enclosed
Marked out distance for sprint running ie 100metres
Astro turf type surface to widen possible sports use
open shelter, rubbish facilities
Walking Football/Five a Side
Petanque
Not have a football pitch as it will ruin the park. Proper mini golf Climbing wall Adult obstacle course Table tennis
I would like to see either an extension to the skatepark or a separate bowl/pool skateparks adding as it's the busiest part of the park and it's designed as a closed loop so it gets seriously overcrowded and needs either an addition route or a separate section to deal with the amount of people that use it
Have specified tennis but I know this used to exist and gets trashed unfortunately. Needs to be as simple as possible... pretty much like it is now but with improved fencing etc.

All weather stea
None
This area is not used that much - even when it was new so I do not believe this would be the best use of the money available
Not keen on it becoming too prescribed for certain sports only. The space to be better drained and well kept allowing a variety of uses by sports
Would also like to see pitch and putt course looked after again
Wheelchair accessibility
badminton
Pitch and putt
Golf driving nets
Climbing wall
Pitch and putt on the pitch and putt course maintained until 2020
Rugby
Running track.
I didn't even know there was a multi-use game area.
rounders
badminton
If it's multi-use it'll cater for a few of these !
Not interested
Table tennis, exercise facilities
Table tennis
All, if possible
Rounders Putting green
I think there is enough area in the park to build more than one area for different sports. There is also the area at the bottom of the park where the place area used to be that could be utilised for something, or even a smaller play area for smaller children or more swings. I didn't know there was a footgolf area - perhaps this could be better advertised
I don't use it so I can't comment.
Nothing I would prefer money spent on upgrading garden areas
trampoline
Badminton. Trampoline
I personally wouldn't use the area but I think it's important that you ask the kids and people who are existing users this question - I doubt whether many of the teenagers will fill in a survey like this - but they need to be heard too.
Padel
Walking football/cricket
The games area is fine. It is the natural elements of the park landscape that need more careful maintenance and attention
2 smaller multi use games areas or 2 tennis courts
Calisthenics frame
Please consider installing a calisthenics bars park so I can workout outside. There is a good calisthenics community and good for youth and health
Small boules/petanque area, crazy golf area

Q12 Would you like to see one large or 2 smaller games facilities in the current multi-use games area location?

One large multi-use games area	73
2 smaller multi-use games areas	332
2 tennis courts	59

Q13 If we were to charge, how much would you be willing to pay per one hour session to hire the multi-use games area (not per person)?

£2.50	126
£5.00	137
£7.50	23
£10.00	35
Not willing to pay	149

Q14 How often do you use the footgolf at Aireville Park?

Daily	2
2-3 times a week	3
Weekly	2
Fortnightly	3
Monthly	5
Every 2-3 months	6
Every 6 months	8
Annually	35
Never	451

Q15 Would you prefer a dog walking area and more trees planted instead of the footgolf course?

Yes	348
No	166

Q16 Would you like hard surface paths installing to link the rear of the leisure centre with the canal path where a pathway has already been worn?

Yes	430
No	88

Q17 Would you like to see more planted areas in Aireville Park?

Yes	416
No	105

Q18 Which type of planted areas would you like to see more of? (please tick all that apply)

Floral Bedding	237
Shrubs	191
Trees	252
Wildflower areas	334

Q19 Would you like to see more organised events in the park?

Yes	361
No	156

Q20 What type of events would you be interested in attending? (Please select all that apply)

Car show	93
Childrens entertainment	186
Circus	96
Family Event	253
Food Festival	260
Music Concert	256
Outdoor Theatre Production	248
Other (Please specify)	28

comments provided are listed below

No fireworks!
Pride in the Park was wonderful. I'd also love to see events such as yoga and exercise classes.
Fireworks for bonfire night
Sports events like cycling or running events which includes schools in the area
Outdoor sport - yoga, outdoor fitness, kite festival, small community events rather than large events
Outdoor cinema (family friendly)
Historical festival Literature festival Pride Eco festival Community picnic Dog show Seasonal events
open air virtual reality, augmented reality, mazes
Cyclo Cross and other sporting events
Brass band concert
Sporting events
Charity events
Bandstand, providing Sunday afternoon concerts by different bands each week during the summer months.
Farmers market, craft market
High ropes course events
The development of the mix of events we already have
Pride
Comedy show, dance shows, ballet on stage, open air opera,
Outdoor fitness classes
Rugby game
Football
Community use activities and ease of access for things such as incredible edible; an outdoor well-being timetable eg tai chi, accessible walks, nature conservation groups.
Gateway was a disaster and left a lot of residents out of pocket. I think there would be a lot of bitterness about this and although a music festival would be amazing, I certainly won't be risk being a paying attendee
Community get together like keighly a winter fair 2 times a year
Dog shows - agility, activities etc Wildlife events - bat walks, build a nest box etc.
Skipton is left behind by other towns that have good contemporary music festivals
Days inclusive of all ages, sporting events maybe and have a go days. Promoting outdoors an nature. Fun activities to get involved with e.g. orienteering

Q21 How often would you like to see events held in the park?

Weekly	22
Monthly	182
Quarterly	182
Annually	81

Q22 Do any of the following issues concern you in the park? (Please select all that apply)

Dog control	181
Dog fouling	261
Litter	302
Noise	40
Vandalism	273

Q23 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about Aireville Park?

There needs to be more effective monitoring of behaviour in the park
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<p>Would be great if there was a designated, fenced off, area for dogs to be off lead and not causing trouble for the children. Also, I'd like to see the play equipment properly fixed and not left half-fixed for months at a time (e.g. swing seats replaced). Good idea to pave the path down to the canal through the golf course. If planned well, it could be a new route for the parkrun that wouldn't have to use the narrow paths through the woods. The music concert in the park was great, but I don't think that the ground remediation afterwards was done well enough - it took the ground ages to recover.</p>
<p>Improve the red court fast</p>
<p>I love Aireville Park! It is used by so many different people. Dog walkers, runners, families, commuters, students walking to school and college. It's a great space. The bins and seating could be improved. The litter is bad in the play areas. I, along with other dog walkers, pick up litter daily from around the park.</p>
<p>It's an amazing space that needs some tlc and a bit of effort to get it back to the beautiful space it could be. Bit of footpath regeneration, sort out drainage and some shrub regeneration it could be even better. Get rid of footgolf. It's a lovely space but no one ever plays on it. I use the park at least twice a day every day and I have never seen anyone playing in it.</p>
<p>Old play area at bottom of park is an eyesore / needs investment and remodelling e.g. remnants in ground of old play equipment. Litter - even near the leisure centre where a member of staff does go out in a morning supposedly litter picking - has previously left broken glass etc around MUGA for days/weeks - could be more effective. Tree planting in recent years not always in great place - interrupting the open space needed for play or placed such that if they grew would take away / impinge on regularly walked routes - plenty of trees already need space for people. No police presence re.- as a regular park user I cant recall ever seeing a PCSO or similar other than when an event (or murder !). Have seen them one walk along the road outside the park but that's no use.</p>
<p>A specific dog run. Gates that are closable by dog walkers to stop runaway dogs</p>
<p>The remaining green spaces within the park need to be largely left alone. We do not need anymore facilities for children... the park is for everyone and not just dog owners and children/teenagers. Where trees have been lost alongside the existing paths mature trees need to be added as these sites are now prone to flooding. Trees that provide nesting habitat and food for birds/small mammals would be best. Where stone/dry stone walls are falling down these need to be repaired. I'm terms of the 'multi-game' site/old tennis court this needs complete refurbishment with though given to covering the facility so that it can be used year round and protected from the elements (thus increasing income potential and use and reducing the need for repair). This facility should be locked and administered by Craven Leisure with no access to children who want to play football or drink/cause social issues. A dual purpose racket sport facility would be great with tennis/Padel tennis being the focus. Local legislation/by-laws to ensure that dogs are kept on their leads would be a big win. Dogs currently foul anywhere and everywhere. Some owners pick up after their pets but either way it is not currently safe to sit on the grass areas or have picnics as there are often remnants of filth left behind. This was a horrible issue suffered by some in a 'Boot Camp' class run outside last year during warm weather.</p>
<p>Too many dogs - I would not want more dog walking areas. The footgolf is hardly used and is in a poor state. It would be better used as a walking area for people, with dogs prohibited. And some shrubs would be attractive without removing the views.</p>
<p>MUGA area Lighting for paths in winter ?drainage-always standing water on path near canal</p>
<p>The play area was not thought out before being installed. It is one giant mud pit most of the year making it very difficult to use</p>
<p>The park run is an absolute pain. Also people do not want to pay to use the car park so surrounding streets are now used as a free car park on a daily basis.</p>
<p>Regarding charges- I do not think putting charges on will help as this will exclude the very people you are trying to attract. I also think car park charges limits attendance and stops people visiting/staying longer in the great outdoors. The increase in council tax should be used towards this to help people stay healthy both mentally and physically thus reducing pressure on our local nhs. I look forward this this coming to fruition, along with a better and more reliable local bus services</p>
<p>5 Slackline poles to the grass area next to the bmx track! The leisure centre could rent some Slacklines out too! Kids and especially teens love this hobby. It is good for joint health, mental health and concentration and confidence and balance for literally all ages!</p>
<p>Car parking on a weekend is poor especially due to park run users. Unable to use leisure centre as a result of the park runners. Accessible equipment in the playground is required.</p>
<p>Paths get very wet / muddy especially at the lower end (canal). Would be good if there was a complete path all the way around the perimeter of the park. Since the play area has been moved the park is dis-jointed with nothing at the lower end.</p>
<p>Buckets and spades in the sandpit in summer months, bouncy castle/ archery in summer too, a lot of the grass area in summer isn't really used and the park isn't really advertised well, I'm from Stockport and the Cheadle Park Woodbank rents out to external activities to get more people in the park and raise extra funds for upkeep! Skipton doesn't have much for young children so the only option is the park, there's a canal for more dog walking should be a focus for families, my son loves the bike track though :)</p>

New lighting is a great addition, however the light by the entrance is still outstanding leaving a black spot which is difficult at night. The springs and water flowing down the paths is also hazardous when cold and icy creating a black ice run way.
Better drainage so it's not a muddy mess most of the winter!
A specific fenced off dog area would be amazing - similar to regents and raikes (from ages ago). Events in the park would be great, bringing more vibrancy especially during summer is great. The footgolf course is rubbish in its current state and is barely utilised. It would be much better if the whole bottom section of the area is fenced off to turn into a dog field area. The wild flower area in the footgolf (near to main park) is nice but doesn't add much in my opinion. If there were more events it would be ideal to have car parking at sandy lands rather than on local streets.
Really lovely park but would be great if there was more to do
The footgolf is good but would also like a separate dog walking area or large dog run, we used to have a pitch and putt course and golf course which for teenage children would be good to get them into more sports without having to go on a pro golf course that costs lots of money to join, a fitness area may also be a good idea for people who may not be able to afford a gym.
I think you need to consider how to engage more teenage girls in using the recreational areas. The pump track and skatepark tend to appeal to boys - as do cricket, basketball, etc in the MUGA - there is good research on girls use of parks and how they feel excluded - and also how to include them. I think Leeds Beckett university - public health has looked at this issue.
Maybe an all weather pitch due to lack of available slot times at Sandylands and lack of properly drained grass football pitches by yourselves.
There is nowhere for young kids to play football without being charged a fortune. The council should provide more Astro areas for the kids to play grass it's just unusable as so wet all the time. There is just no investment or interest from the council so only those families with money can access the Astro at sandylands
The multi games court is a must for the local children and local sports teams as they have nowhere to play in poor/dark weather. Sandylands is overbooked and my sons teams both have to travel to south craven to train with skipton juniors fc
Better layout of paths for taking a circular walk round the park.
Better litter pick up. Have seen staff just pick up litter at the front of play area and leave any that was further up
A secure dog field perhaps...with all weather surface ie artificial turf...with dog bins.
Please create some new tarmac paths around the edges of the park so you can do a full loop without getting so muddy.
I would like to see the fencing improved on the games area as it's helpful to keep the balls away from others using the park. I always enjoy seeing college students playing basketball and football in the area during their lunch breaks.
I would like to see something in place of the old playground at the bottom of the park, eg outdoor gym equipment or a dog agility area
The amount of broken glass is an issue in the summer, the weed smokers behind the multi use area needs tackling and the multi use area needs seriously upgrading. it is very well used but is lethal. Unfortunately the park doesn't have any other area's to play football and so if this was refurbished it would be popular.
The park is used for the enjoyment of everyone. I'm a dog walker and I know the vast majority of dog walkers who regularly use it are responsible and pick up after their dog. There are also a considerable number of dog walkers who as well as picking up after their dogs, clean up after humans and pick up litter.
Friends of Aireville park did a fantastic job however the play area has become a destination park for people coming from outside of the area. Consideration should be given to the residents of the surrounding terraced streets who have no gardens and for whom the Victorians provided Parks so they could enjoy the space. There should once again be a small play park for toddlers to include swings and slides so it is easy for busy parents to call by closest to the Granville st entrance. The biggest issue to me is the terrible drainage which makes most of the grass unusable in wet weather. If you are wanting to get rid of the foot golf then maybe that area could be fenced and the only place that dogs could be let off their leads so the rest of the park is not just a running track for dogs.
I think the park space is beautiful and we are so lucky to have it. The wildflower meadow is so special and the wooded areas are lovely. I'd like to replace the footgolf and keep it as a semi wild area, it's already got beautiful views and growing trees, you could have additional wildflower meadows, and incorporate Incredible Edible or similar to make it a real community area.
The park area is too muddy at times for kids to play the old park area was better.
I would not be willing to pay to use the multi use games area as normally it is just used by children who want to have a kick about with whoever they meet at the park. Charging would make it inaccessible for spontaneous play
I wish you would give more consideration to wheelchair users. We can only go on the paths for most of the year, because soft ground makes off-roading difficult. I'd like to see more paths to allow me to visit more of the park, instead of being

stuck on just the main one. Especially if you just go there for peace and quiet, it's nice not to be parked on the main highway through the park.
If there was a designated dog walking area there may be less off the lead in the main open space. With children around, eating picnics etc this is a concern. More floral areas would be lovely to sit and admire so possibly more seating to go with it? The children's sand pit area is a huge hit with my children as is the zip wire but perhaps more drainage to help with the mud? Thank you
better lighting
The bottom of the park needs sorting where the old park was. Its absolutely wasted and something should be done here. Maybe an outdoor gym. Or some sort of water area which may attract people in summer
Improved lighting
Please make the areas around every play item in the playground, safe and free of mud!
The drainage issues on the main path could be managed better, the bottom of the path towards the canal frequently has water running across it resulting in the path completely freezing over in winter and also causing the path to be covered in mud and debris at all times of the year.
Put a footpath where the cut through has worn a muddy path between the houses (Hayton Way) to the canal
Please continue to support parkrun. This is a great initiative in the park which has a positive mental and physical impact on lots of people.
I think a concession stand near the middle of the park would be great. Coffee during the day, beer on a summer evening
We need a coffe shop and another play area at the bottom where the old one was. A little boating lake too
The multi use sports area could be a real asset but in its current state it is unsafe and an eyesore in the heatt of a great park
A better pump track would be great.- this one is a kids one - the one in Barrowford is great.
It's a great space but we need some affordable tennis courts to use. The current facilities such as the pump park and play area are for young people. Tennis court facilities however would be used by all generations. The facilities at aireville should be accessible to all at the moment they're not. £100,000 isn't very much money will the council make a contribution as well to boost the funding?
As much as Aireville park is the bigger tourist attraction if money is being spent on parks the smaller community parks need money spent on them!
I would love to use the park more with the kids but amy time I've taken them to play in the open areas theres been too much broken glass and also found a condom by the picnic area which of course is gross and not safe.
I'd love it to be a space where people feel safe, where generations can come together, where wildlife thrives and where people can participate in group events.
I would like to see an area of grass next to the play area which is fenced off where dogs aren't allowed. This way kids can play and people can lay on the grass without worrying about dog mess. A flat area of grass/ amphitheatre area would be a good idea in this location for ball games and for people to sit. The football golf area has been a bad idea as it isn't a good game and nobody uses it. I liked the golf course but due to it being used mainly by dog walkers now I would prefer to see a few more trees or a pond at the bottom by the canal. I would leave the area at the top to maintain the views. Also the fitness centre needs to be extended as it gets too busy. Thanks.
I am a dog lover BUT the children's play areas need to be fully fenced off to stop dogs wandering in. The pathway are fenced but not the rear wooded sides.
The Park is a great benefit to Skipton and it is very pleasing to see funds from development being committed to its improvement. As a close resident (Harewood Road) I am very interested in the future plans for improvement of the park. I support the improvement of the MUGA area as this is in desperate need of improvement. I have noticed increased occurrences of litter and vandalism in the play area, and on occasions I have noticed that its use by younger children can be limited due the presence of older children and teenagers. Hopefully the improvement of the MUGA area might give these older children a space more suited to their needs that they can use. Generally I think the Park is an excellent attraction for Skipton and I support investment in its long term future.
Netball nets and basketball nets would be fantastic plus a safe, non-slip surface to play in would be brilliant. Thankyou!
We love aireville park but it really needs some love and attention, particularly thinking about litter and seating. Please can something be done with the remnants of the old play area at the bottom of the park. It would be nice to have something small for children there. Ongoing clean up is important too.
The multi surface sports area surface is shocking, huge amounts of children play in there on a weekend and needs a much better surface and ideally some sort of football goals. There is lots of broken glass around the back of it. Better or brighter lighting on the main path would be a good improvement.
It would be good to have a park ranger and educational facilities.Park also lacks sculpture and art.

Some play equipment is broken
Really appreciate living so close to it. Would be nice to have some sort of paddling pool for splashing in on hotter data as no suitable river paddling/swimming in the town.
Not enough his And need some outside toilets
I'm quite new to Skipton and the park to me is just the main path through the centre, a few fields, the leisure centre and the playground. It needs much better signposting for other areas, entrances and exits. It also needs better facilities for older people and for winter. There is the cafe at the leisure centre but it's not great so a cabin to grab a coffee and a cake on a winters day and with some seating outside for simmer would be a huge improvement. A few CCTV cameras here and there on the main paths should help deter anti social behaviour too
Better lighting at night would detract anti social behaviour and make it feel safer to use park in winter months
That the play area is better surfaced, some areas are very muddy therefore unusable.
The access road has some terrible potholes and urgently needs repair.
Please leave the majority of the wide open park as it is. It is great to see families together playing, having picnics and having sufficient space around them in good weather. Aireville Park is currently a good balance between activity space and beautiful open space.
It really needs a crazy golf
Not sure if something can be done about water drainage, but the paths can get very muddy due to water coming from the foot golf course. It's a shame as I avoid dog walking in the park as I can't be bathing my dog every day as he's caked in mud
As a person living adjacent to the park, it can be frustrating not to be consulted about events and to find that our entrance and exit from our garages is blocked by visitors when events are organised. Whilst I would be happy to see additional events, they need to be properly organised and consulted on and not take over to prevent daily users of the park accessing the green space. The park is used for unauthorised fireworks and this can be a noise nuisance. Having said all that - it is a great facility and I feel very grateful to have this on my doorstep. It is a shame to see things vandalised - gates, seats, footgolf signs, fences etc and I see many other dog walkers like myself, litter picking each day as a lot of debris is left on a daily basis, which is sad. I don't think that the park needs more flower beds or shrubs particularly and I also think that if more trees are planted it will limit accessible space. I was also not happy by the suggestion of rewilding which I heard a while back.
Needs a nice cafe/bar area
The gate ways between different areas of the park are in terrible condition, you have to struggle through deep mud which could be improved by adding hard core to fill in the holes and let it drain. There would be a much worse problem with litter but many of the regular dog walkers litter pick daily. The parking should be free for the first hour to encourage people to use the park to go for a walk or meet for a coffee at Revive cafe
Teenagers are causing problems in the park- swearing/ littering/ vandalising. It is putting people off using it. They have also damaged a lot of the equipment and it hasn't been repaired.
It's already lovely, but better developed dog walking tracks to the canal would be wonderful.
The fence separating the playground and the field needs wire or a barrier of some sort at the bottom to stop loose dogs running under and into the playground. Penalties need to be enforced for dog fouling in places where children play.
There are a number of drains in need of attention which cause the grass to turn muddy and flood the paths. Throughout winter the leaves on the paths combined with the surplus water have created a horrendous mess which hundreds of students have no doubt trailed into the school, college and their homes.
It would be useful to have a path that links the path that goes through the trees adjacent to the road to the first gate into the play area so if you are walking with a pram you can walk down there and then onto the main path as currently you with have to cross the road to walk along the pavement and then cross back again or walk along a short section of the road to get to the main path
Litter is a big problem. The school / college road is bad and loads of litter thrown over the fence and wall into the wood area /stream. I found fly tipped bags, metal rope and road signsplus countless plastic bottles, wrappers, glass etc. The play areas are fab but clearly the upkeep is the problem, the hard surface stuff is wearing well, but the swings/zip need input. An area to take dogs off lead would be good, fenced off properly. The meadow is amazing but would be good to have paths marked better, there is path creep and the meadow flowers dont come up there. I think its the upkeep that needs attention as much as the one off investment plan. Thanks for getting input onto the plan
Bring back the benches that were taken out please. The open space is great, and wouldn't want to lose that. Better lighting would be beneficial along the paved footpaths.
Paths need attention and cleaning especially in the autumn. Leaves become soggy, slippery and dangerous

In the recently installed play area the drainage beneath the zip line and the suspended revolving swing needs to be seriously investigated as both pieces of equipment are virtually unusable a lot of the time because of the quagmire beneath them. The multi use games area needs a serious upgrade as it is in a state of bad disrepair. The flagstones at the bottom of the steps by the skate park going down to the pool need realigning as they flood badly at the bottom.
Groups of young people using drugs and it's not been policed
Dog free areas
I used to walk through the park almost daily, walking from the entrance at Gargrave road to the Craven leisure centre (and back) as I used to go to the gym almost every day after school. I would say during term time 10 other people would do this walk almost daily from after school alone. Instead of using the hard surface paths provided, I would cut along the grass as it saved 3/4 minutes each way, adding up to a considerable time overall. During the summer, but especially during the winter, the 'unofficial' grass path that is created becomes very muddy. It would be really helpful to have a structured path linking the entrance at Gargrave road to the area next to the play area and the small bike track.
More facilities for disabled users, a wheelchair swing and roundabout
I would like to see better access to the stream. Clearing weeds and nettles along its length through the park. bushes, hedges are unkempt and uncared for. I would prefer Wild flowers and bushes rather than formal flower beds. I regularly litter pick in the park. There is some large items including tent and sleeping items left by homeless people which need removing. There are clear "paths" where dog walkers walk around the park. These need better drainage, similar to the bark path used in the Raven tree experience area. ALL gate areas are thick with mud and need hard surfaces..
Please add tennis court and football area. More flower beds. Please check with Silsden park
I love Aireville park, however, I am very concerned about the litter in the park.
Improve ground surface and drainage under zip wire
Drugs are the biggest concern- blatant drug taking and dealing taking place
It's too damp everywhere needs better drainage There's large amounts of litter that's been there for months There are groups of chavs hanging round smoking dope particularly after dark People ride their motorbikes around There really needs to be some planted flower beds to add some much needed colour.
Communication with skipton parkrun via skipton@parkrun.com to see how the improvements might improve the parkrun experience for the 150-200 weekly participants
A perimeter path would be good as would widening of the current path through the woods.
It would be a shame to turn the footgolf into another dog walking area, much prefer to see it returned to pitch and putt that it used to be, it was good but would have been more popular if it had been maintained. The footgolf would probably be more popular if people actually knew it was there, no one has ever heard of it including regular park users. Biggest issue with the park is litter, graffiti and dog mess. Cameras in the play area to act as a deterrent would be a good investment, not nice young children reading some of the inappropriate language and pictures graffiti on the equipment, broken glass and bottles also becoming an increasing issue. The park is looking more scruffy which after all the hard work of the volunteers in recent years is very disappointing can someone money being invested in protecting what we currently have before creating more areas to also be wrecked.
Lighting during winter months. Regular checks of lights needed. More opportunities for people to learn and care for nature
The drainage is awful. The whole park needs proper drainage installing. It floods easily and retains water far too long. It's unusable for many weeks of the year.
Please can the top path through the woods between the car park and Harewood road entrance be widened and repaired. The path is narrow and the wooden edges get very slippery and are rotten.
A small outdoor gym would be great .
Provide better security, such as installing CCTV cameras and improve street lighting. More litter/dog fouling bins around the park and install electric raise/lower bollards at every entrance to the park to stop unauthorised camping. The section of the park near to the play area and near to the footpath up towards Gargrave Road, this bit of land could be converted into a large botanical garden space to improve wildlife & nature reserve, add more wildflowers, shrubs and trees in this area. This will only leave one big green open space on the opposite side of the park for events and dog walking routes. Also make the park more family friendly by adding some fun, decorative features spotted around the park, whether this could be a treasure hunt to find clues and fun facts and also look to erect display boards for information. Also consider to add fun markings on footpaths to keep the children active whilst walking along the park, whether this could be hopscotch, number bubbles, characters etc. The footpaths along the park could be replaced with resin to make it more safer & less of a trip hazard. The park will need to be highly maintained at all times by appointing ground keepers, gardeners and possibly community wardens to supervise any dog fouling or anti-social behaviour in the area. This could be done with varied role from council officers to volunteers where they could benefit from doing the role with discounts from the leisure centre and other facilities in the area. By having this will ensure the park is kept well for the community to attract visitors and tourists into the area.

It's a fabulous area and I'm very pleased it's part of Skipton.
The kids park always has litter and glass in it.
The childrens play area needs urgent attention.Areas around the base of each apparatus are an absolute disgrace,these should all have rubber/resin flooring(see Sutton in Craven & Ilkley parks.The last time we took our grandchildren up they were in tears because they couldn't use the equipment because of the mud.
I would like to see more active policing - as it is a known hot spot for drug dealing and antisocial behaviour
People occasionally bring horses into the park. This should not be allowed and should clearly be signposted
I think a dog walking area or an area dedicated to dogs would be amazing. There are many leisure facilities in Skipton and I don't think the park is the place for them to go. I think local walkers, families and older people would enjoy a new area of wildflowers, better walking areas and specific areas for dogs
We only don't use the multi-sports area as it is so run down. There is a clear lack of all weather football pitches in Skipton, and the grass pitches available are very regularly waterlogged due to poor drainage. It is so sad to see wasted talent through lack of facilities for one of the most popular sports in the country. My daughter loves the skatepark but honestly it is limited in ramps - there could be alot more within the same space.
Measures to prevent members of the travelling community access to the park with motorised vehicles should be a priority. The last time the travelling community gained access, they were intimidating to park users, joy-rode around the park very late at night causing a disturbance (at the time I lived immediately adjacent to the park) and left a lot of waste behind, prejudicial to the health of park users. I would like to see more social and competitive sporting events in the park, encouraging social physical activity for all ages. Skipton Cycling Club offer 'Pedal in the Park' coaching children to develop cycling skills - the Council should support this. Park Run should also be supported. An idea would be to provide rounders sets that can be borrowed by the community in the summer to allow games of summer rounders.
I would like to see the footpath through the woods widened to make it safer for the parkrunners.
The park is fantastic in summer but in winter it is quite muddy bog. I would like to see this improved as it puts us off visiting more in the wetter/colder months. More seating for picnics would be good too.
Aireville park is ace, we need more gree spaces not just S106 money from crap developments to be spent on existing facilities.
Needs out door excersise equipment, especially pull up bars for all size people and more baby swings
Please have a designated dog walking area. I have been attacked by dogs on numerous times. I sometimes walk the long way around the park to avoid dogs. There should be signs placed around the park to warn dog owners to keep dogs on leads and also that not everyone likes dogs. Majority of dog owners have dogs on leads and are considerate. It's a tiny minority who have vicious looking bull terrier type dogs. There must be measure to protect people like me who are afraid of dogs.
We love the park but feel as though the multi games area needs some TLC and a few more trees planting
The play area and pump track are well used and need to be maintained better. There are frequently signs of vandalism and litter strewn about and the bins tend to overflow.
Having grown up in Skipton, I've used the park over 35 years. What always stood out about it, is that it is use friendly for whatever activity you want to do. It started life as fields, then a driveway to Aireville Hall. We should respect its history and not cover the park in trees. Of course, replace those that have been lost over the years. The play area is great, the best I've seen actually. But it is well used and you can tell. It needs improving to reduce erosion and mud but the equipment is great. The paths are tired. The path in the shrubs was last touched about 22 years ago. It is now cracked and needs new tarmac. The main path could do to have the leaves removed in the autumn/ winter months as it gets muddy. The shrubs at the Gargrave Rd entrance are really overgrown. They were always kept low when I used to walk to and from school and didn't hang over onto the path.
Anti social behaviour in the park early evenings
Planting trees that are protected from dogs while they are establishing themselves
No but i dont think the survey questions are great. Charges on multi use area. I would pay an amount that reasonable covered cost and development. Ie appricate LA want to maxamise cash, but if they could justiy it i would likley pay. It would be less than private sector. Question on footgolf asks how often it is used. I think its a novelty sport the options dont reflect this. If you live locally, use is likley to be more than once every once in a while [over a year]. However does jt attact people, possible. Last comment. Would i like to see more orgnaised events. This is to vague. Including the frquency question. I think the LA completly under uterlises the space. However the type of event dicates the apportiate frequency. The LA should look to have a team looking to promote small and large events in the green space to fund future devleopment. However the options are to vague and closed.
Please do not continue to plant trees randomly. More trees but think about where planted. Do not obstruct open areas where children can play. Consider needs of nearby residents. Play facilities in eastern area of park closer to majority of near

residents have been removed in recent years, much further to reach for young children. Do not concentrate everything close to leisure centre/pool at western end. Keep park simple and open. No flower beds please.
How about a paddling pool or boating lake similar to Harrogate park?
The pitch and putt course was so much better than the footgolf and I believe when it was actually a golf course it attracted a lot more users. Ideally the course should be returned to pitch and putt
Another small enclosed play park for children up to age 5 would be useful as the main playpark, though great, gets very busy and is very big. Maybe a small sculpture trail would be nice with wooden sculptures or posts with animals on that are seen in park e.g squirrels, birds, ladybirds etc. It would be good if the path was completed through the shrubs at the top rather than just to the cherry tree path. After that it's just a muddy desire path. An adult outdoor gym would be good and a daily mile route through the park (or similar trail). There's lots of potential for Aireville Park, but I feel it's massively underused, with just a lot of grassy areas and unused space. Maybe a small crazy golf, which could also bring money into the park by charging would help to create a bit more money.
Match up with other parks - make it Dogs on leads only. I have seen small children scared, it would stop most dog fowling & be allround safer. Its so wrong to have loose dogs in so many ways!
1. Make a hard-top official footpath from Gargrave rd entrance to Granville rd. 2. Make proper fence between upper Harewood Rd (a private road and grass area) and the park woodland. 3 Improve steps from Gargrave rd bus stop into park and make hard top path from base of steps to join with other paths. 4 Who is supposed to maintain the Memorial flower beds at Gargrave rd entrance?
I think it's outrageous to pay for parking when there is such an effort being done by others to help people get active. It's promoting health inequalities. I appreciate that you may not want people parking there to do others things but surely a walk in to town from the other side of Skipton wouldn't be a bad thing for some people. Access to use the park (inc. parking) should be free to help promote improved health and fitness within the community
It is a great dog walking space and great not to have to have dogs on leads
Broken glass in basketball court is a major problem also litter
It would be fantastic to have an orienteering course in the park for local schools to use for PE lessons and extra curricular
PARKING CHARGES ARE UNAFFORDABLE SO I NO LONGER VISIT. THIS IS THE ONLY REASON I COMPLETED THIS SURVEY. I AM EXCLUDED FROM USING THE TOWN PARK AS A SINGLE WOMAN WANTING TO WALK HER DOG IN SAFE SPACES.
A more varied usage would be great... Love the idea of having concerts, plants/gardens/more trees there...
As a family with a 3 yr old and a 7 yr old, we love how easy it is to park up before/after swimming lessons and have free access to the park, the grassed areas, Parkrun - it's great. We went into the multi sports area today for tge first time in years - its v well worn, but the kids didn't care! They just like the space to kick a ball about.
The play area is a disgrace compared to other parks - even in this area. The whole play area is unusable in the winter, I'm happy to get wet/muddy but that is far too much. There is not enough to do for the children and too spaced out to watch 2 different ages of children. Area frequently gets abused. The small fence they put around the drop to the toddler slide is not covering enough as there is still a drop and the gravel path is so slippery that if they run they fall over too easily. The tractor is in the middle of a mud bath and so is the zip line. The small single rockers got broke so only 1 had a handle. The wooden animals near the toddler area are pointless. The musical area frequently gets broken and not repaired so is also pointless as it can't be used. A small climbing structure that toddlers can climb up on and a bridge to another area would be good - and for the older ones too. Also, the bit where the tunnel is needs better closing off to the walk at the top of the park, as it's too easy for the children who don't get watched to go missing. Nothing at the bottom end of the park either where the old play area use to be. It's such a waste of space especially as many walk up that way from the canal.
More effort to be put into management of the trees. More security measures to be put in place to prevent abuse of our park by travellers.
Our family have benefitted from using the MUGA in Aireville park as an informal space to just turn up and play football and basketball in. We are not super sporty but enjoy the chance to play as and when. We have met people of a range of ages there and is a good thing for a range of people in the community. Foot ball games with Dads, kids, teenagers of very mixed abilities. Sport is often accessible only to those who are signed up to a team which involves money, prior organisation etc... it is good to have space still available for informal sport. Please leave us a MUGA that can be used for this. Otherwise sport continues to exclude us less sporty, less committed individuals. Please don't start charging, there isn't much in this area for teenagers and kids to do for free. I know at times the space has been vandalised but it is also used for good things. My opinion as someone who lives very near this park and when my kids were younger have spent lots of time in it that the positive impact the free MUGA has outweighs the negative. Re do it, make it very simple so it is not easily vandalised and keep it so people can just use it as and when they like. I think it has a positive affect on our community and should be tidied up but not made into a paid for resource.

Please sort out the drainage as it's so wet in grass areas, more bins are needed and seating also baths in wood and other areas need wood chip down to stop it getting so boggy and people fall
Please sort out the old play area near the canal entrance. This looks like a mess. It needs to be made into a better area with some feature planting, trees and more seating. Ask the local community to undertake a design challenge to create a theme for the area.
Park run is a nuisance as takes over pathways and make it difficult for everyone else Old playground area needs improving, just looks a mess and unsafe
Lotta drug dealings and drunks after 5 throughout the night allways a tonne of litter at the top near the benches along the tree line due to lack of bins benches are broken due to wear and tear and occasional vandalism some people have untrained dogs which have attacked on occasion but most of the time people are sensible small issue of dog poo being left on the main pathway from the canal to the swimming pool
The footgolf needs to be more obvious. When we moved to the area last year we did briefly investigate this but came to the conclusion it must have been taken away as we couldn't find any information or signage.
As a local teacher i hear what the older children get up to in the park, which scares and intimidates the younger children and puts off families. There is a risk of drug taking, sexual assaults and underage drinking. Im not sure how to tackle this. We are constantly talking to the kids about it and how its ruining the experience of the park for families and small children. Also i am sick to death of kids standing in dog poo. No one uses the bins. If its not hung in a bush in a bag its on the grass or in the scrubs. I have to stop class outings there as they cannot play on the grass due to dog poo. Twice small childrwn have come into school with drug bags that they have found in the park. Its such a shame as its all these kids have. Can we have police patrolling after school and on evenings to put the kids off and consequences for letting dogs foul there?
Public toilets are a necessity
The playarea needs improving as during the winter months large areas become unusable due to mud and soil erosion. More all weather surfaces are needed.
Fantastic facility but needs maintaining - the play park looks run down. A splash pad for use in the warmer months would be great. Small cycle read for younger children learning to balance bike etc
More swings in the park. More picnic benches/seating
Play area to be suitable for all ages, currently not really accessible to just walking toddlers. More sesting areas. Events in the park are fine as long as they are free (a voluntary contribution to even get in the park for the gala is not voluntary and we were made to pay) and that they aren't ruining the fields/flowers.
More lighting to make it safer to walk through and hold events in the evening
Ban dogs, the area is just used as a toilet. Too much access makes it unfriendly for others, dogs of leads running around, fouling.
Sort out where the old children's play area was as it is a complete eye sore. Don't do half a job! The new play area has ruined the top of the park! Don't plant trees in open spaces clumped together it looks ridiculous.
Toilet provision
Better lighting at the entrance gate next to the canal. In winter this gate and entrance is often in complete darkness.
There are some decisions around pedestrian access in the park which make no sense. The small entrance to the park near the bustop on gargrave road has no hard standing footpath linking to the small hill into the woods. Children getting off the bus to go to the academy have to traipse across mud to get to the crossing. The kerb opposite the path into the woods, where the children cross, isn't a dropped kerb. I've always been confused why there is no way to get all the way up through the park and beyond without going on, or crossing over, the intake road to the park. In my view there should be a path that joins the main path to the small hill into the woods and then continue to join that newly laid gravel area and then onto the pavement opposite the academy entrance. This would help people walking to premises at the top of gargrave road (computershare, keelham's replacement, greggs!) without having to cross the road into the park twice. Basically that whole section is an accident waiting to happen. The main path through the park gets awfully muddy with leaf mulch in autumn and winter. Why can't we send a road sweeper up there once a week? Some of the apparatus in the park, including the newly installed awning over the band stand are broken. It's a shame to see but there must be a way of ensuring this isn't the case. Better education of potenial vandals, better decisioning about what to install and what materials to use. The removal of the lower playground (much more accessible on foot) was a mistake in my opinion but i acknowledge that attracting paying customers to pay for the car park and buy food and drink in the cafe is always going to be a bigger priority.
A water feature would be nice. More seating areas/picnic benches and planted areas would enhance it.
More planting would be brilliant, we really enjoyed roberts park when we lived in saltaire and it attracted slot of propld yo it for walking around. There are less people that use yhis park for walking and exercise, unless theyre walking yheir dogs

We need better footpaths along the top of the park (adjacent to the road and from Harewood Road) and to connect the small road exit (at approximately ///tracks.swerving.diagram (What Three Words location) to the car park. I would like to see the park developed more to support nature and educate kids about the natural world. Better use/integration of Gawflatt Conservation Meadow.
Better lighting at night, more seating
Trees around edge park need attention. Too tall and obtrusive and may well be dangerous to people and property.
Car parking charges rate The locals i.e rate payers should not have to pay to park we are pensioners and often come to the park and feel the charges are too much. Aireville park was originally left for use and benefit of the locals
It will be good to make the park as accessible as possible all day and all year round, when residents/users are encouraged to make use of the park as much as possible, be it for an early jog or dog walk, morning walk to take in the scenery and fresh air, picnic lunch for office workers, after school playground, and early evening for anything else including end of day relaxation and use of the park facilities. Encourage organisers such as regular park run/walk, charity events, cardio lessons + more facilities for elderly such as a bowling green or simple exercise machines (air walkers, push bars)
I enjoy the fact that there are slightly wilder areas and would like these to continue to have trees and wildflowers rather than being over-cultivated or having hard paths installed
reinstate some play equipment at the canal end of the park. It's a long walk from the Broughton road area to the excellent but very muddy play equipment near the swimming pool
I would like to see metal benches installed instead of the wooden benches at the top of the park along the footpath in the shrubs, adjacent to Gargrave road. The wooden benches are nice but often they're vandalised and broken. It makes it difficult for when either myself or my elderly mother fancy a walk and a rest. At least with metal and more durable benches it makes it near impossible to break.
The current playground is nice but it often gets very muddy and parts of it cannot be used. Eg mud pit beneath the zip wire. Also, it would be better for the environment not to mow all the parkland, some areas could be left wild and paths could be cut through the grass which would make a fun activity for families. Please see what Doncaster council did - allowing grass to grow in areas and cutting only small sections of it. Planting wild flower beds would be lovely for nature to flourish in the park and the rabbits to embrace too!
I think your questionnaire is rather poorly written. Why have you linked a dog walking area with more trees being planted. I would request the following improvements- clear undergrowth under the trees throughout the park. Plant more trees and introduce a woodland trail. From the Granville Street entrance put in proper paths through the woods to the right and left so that this entrance can be used all year. Replace some bench seating but site it so that they are not used for anti-social behaviour or drug dealing. Address the drainage problems along the bottom of the park. Also improve the entrance from Gawflat bridge although there are new gates and fencing the area needs improvement and landscaping.
Better sign posts for Raven tree top adventure, better quality groundskeeping, regular litter picking (council or volunteer), more bins (more regular emptying of bins during holiday periods)
I would like to see a larger area left unmown most of the time, with paths mown through
Main play area should not drain onto main path (danger of icing in winter). General maintenance could improve. Otherwise, more trees, trees, trees, . . .
Yes, I would use some funds to develop the excellent play park further including adding at least two more swings - one for toddlers and one for older children. Take a look at Ilkley park and others and consider what else can be added, please
Bigger skate park and pump track a bowl would be really nice in the skate area
I would like to see the return of pitch and putt. This would benefit everyone, not just dog owners. The infrastructure exists already, and with better maintenance than previously, and good advertising, would be an attraction for Skipton, as is the course in Harrogate. It would also be likely to increase car park and Revive cafe revenue, which dog walking will not. The decision to replace the pitch and putt course with footgolf ignored the fact that many other local councils had failed with similar venues, and also failed to foresee that young children would be unable to cope with the hilly nature of the terrain. Thank you for reading!
It would be nice if people on the footpaths had their dogs on lead. There are lots of people that walk dogs off lead in the park without any recall skill which can be intimidating. It puts me off using the park as much. Perhaps a specific 'off lead' area would be good away from the walk ways would be great.
Please improve the swimming baths. Maybe a lido at the park would be a great attraction.
All the play areas are for younger people and I feel you need to reinstate the pitch and putt course for the older generation who may have been priced out of golf clubs over the years.
The children's play area is very run down. A lot of broken items such as swings, zip wires, the mud by the zip wires is a pain and a hazard! A lot of the seating in the park is unable to be sat on due to being broken.

I was thinking of an idea like having a water splash zone. They have got 1 in Carlisle park and other parks nationally , but havent seen one close to home. There is no where to go for children when the weather is warm, especially inland for a water splash zone. If you google /internet look at the 1 in Carlisle park in the town centre near the castle. It is really good for children. Just ashame their isnt 1 in west and north Yorkshire. Would be definetly fantastic if 1 was stalled in the park .
A larger off road bike area, Cricket nets, volley ball. Outdoor small kids water park, pond/pool. Boating pond. Fitness area
Under age vaping and drinking
I would especially like to see the drainage improved at the lower end of the park. I would also like circular hard paths routes suitable for the more elderly to extend the exercise potential in a green space. Maybe a link along the tree line from the canal to the main entrance, and a link from the leisure centre to the canal. Then it would be possible to walk a figure 8 through the park, enjoying nature, without getting stuck in a bog.
The pitch and putt was much better than the foot golf. I would use the pitch and putt if it were to return. I do not use the foot golf.
I was a member of Friends of Aireville & use the park daily to walk dogs. Majority of time most of the park is empty/other dog walkers - but there is so much space that few issues. Huge accessibility issue as all the 'unofficial' paths used (through trees & between fields) get so muddy most of the year makes it v slippery for walkers/runners-firming up these paths & gates like has been done along the go-ape route (woodchippings/hardcore) would be welcome. In the grassy area near the stream behind the school which nobody uses a simple dog agility area could be built using logs/simple wood structures/tunnels. The stream could also be opened up & made nice for paddling-v overgrown. In the trees on that very top edge bluebells could be planted, encouraging people to walk up there. But again very muddy & slippery on the grassy paths from the main park. A permanent path going from the new housing estate entrance to the canal (steps up) would be useful-people cut through the flooded field now & up the bank rather than doing a big V. That field is too wet and never used so could be planted with wet loving wildflowers? The park is generally wet, drainage all along the main path is poor. Also the meadow is being walked on because the paths get so boggy (top and bottom next to canal). Sign saying it is a meadow near top gate damaged. Fixing the fence to stop rabbits getting in to allotments (2 boundary edges) & more barbed wire/thorn shrubs to stop the thieves v welcome. Solar fairy lights in trees along main path would be pretty. In summary, better off-road paths needed-at least at all openings between fields. Dealing with poor drainage. More flowers under trees/wildflower areas like at the meadow. Events just make the mud worse, though the band stand could have small events! A coffee hut at the canal entrance would be nice. A big natural bug house near the entrance for kids & a fountain I could use to rinse the dogs of all the mud wishful thinking :) Thanks
I used to enjoy pitch and putt.
More durable benches would be lovely. The wooden ones are unfortunately vandalised and that makes it difficult to find suitable seating especially when it's busier over these upcoming summer months
As a former user of the parks pitch and putting area I would like to see it brought back, it is good exercise and at one time was very well used. It will also bring revenue to the centre and the cafe.
I THINK A THIRD OF THE CURRENT PATH FROM THE PLAY AREA TO THE EXIT GATE AT THE CANAL SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR BIKE RIDERS OR BETTER STILL A BIKE LANE MADE ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING PATH. IT CAN BE QUITE DANGEROUS FOR HARD OF HEARING ELDERLYPEOPLE OR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.
Reinstatement of free parking at the swimming pool would encourage more users. Also the Remembrance Garden has been neglected for a few years. Stepping Stones used to maintain it until the council stopped paying. This should be reinstated as they made it look lovely. I think the grass cutters do an excellent job.
It's a fabulous resource and the work of the friends was brilliant. The play area provision is excellent but.resources must be made available to maintain it to safe and functional standards. Definitely more tree planting and wild flower areas - Gawflat meadow needs attention to limit the access paths and restrict it to designated paths. The trees in the park are one it's best features and must be maintained carefully
An outdoor gym where the old play area used to be would be fab!
Stop putting travellers fairs in there. They stay for weeks and destroy the ground. It's a complete no go area when they're there with caravans.
I think the drainage in the park needs to be sorted out
Too many out of control dogs - dogs should be on a lead and preferably muzzled in public areas. Experienced numerous incidents of dogs approaching with no control from owners which puts us off visiting. If dogs are allowed, needs a fenced in area where they can be off lead - but on lead/ banned from the rest of the park. Too many owners do not clean up, especially on grass / play areas and woodland areas including paths.

<p>We are long term residents (60+ years) of Skipton. The pitch and putt course was once excellent but it is now terrible. It must be very costly to maintain. It would be great to incorporate it into the park . The conservation meadow is superb and must be preserved The play area is excellent. Do we need a multi use games area ? We think not when there are lots of facilities less than a mile away at Sandylands. As dog walkers who live over a mile away we used the park daily until,car park charges were introduced. It is currently 60p for one hour and we understand it is to be 70p. Daily use of it makes it cost prohibitive so we don't come as often now. We feel that the car park should be added to those that are on the ones available on the Annual Car Park Pass. At the moment it feels like an additional tax . We realise the charges were introduced because of the proximity of the large office premises but users of the leisure centre could get passes or refunds whilst we dog walkers have to pay. At Ilkley and Thirsk and Northallerton (all of which we go to often) there is one hour's parking for free. This should be investigated.</p>
<p>All weather table tennis tables always seem popular. In my dreams : a lido</p>
<p>Not enough recycle bins, shame on Yorkshire for that, we have none in town centre and a handful dotted elsewhere, but every rubbish facility should be one general waste and one recycling minimum the things I'm told are reasons for not having them sound like nothing but half naked excuses. Sort it out. The planet is already dying due to plastics and endless waste, Yorkshire council not giving us recycling in town centre is disgusting given the state of things in the natural world. How many fools who make these decisions have children or grandchildren? Don't they care about their futures. Shame on the fools who refuse to recycle it's like being back in time, not good enough. There is always money to increase Yorkshire councillors allowances but never to do an extra collection of rubbish or recycling, hence those massive ugly bins we've just had put all over town. The answer to extra rubbish is extra collections. But no we go for bigger bins, less collections, more rats and no recycling. Pathetic and borderline criminal considering the implications for future generations are ignored for a tiny saving today. Shame, shame, shame, shame...</p>
<p>The multi use games area is a great space for children all hear round to play ball games and get some exercise.</p>
<p>Improvements to footpaths and drainage of land. Park often too boggy to use.</p>
<p>Aireville Park is an excellent space.Perhaps free car parking would be beneficial.The multi games area needs rethinking and a band stand would be a lovely additional feature !</p>
<p>I think the multi use sports area is in dire need of attention. We are constantly highlighting the importance of sport and keeping fit for health reasons, but this isn't backed up with the facilities. Basketball is becoming more popular and it would be great to have 2 smaller areas so there is more choice for the younger generation. Myself and family use the park weekly on the weekends and have no issues with dog poo or bad dog behaviour. The only thing lacking is either more dog poo bins or larger ones as they can get quite full.</p>
<p>Great facility, grass cutting frequent, play at eas excellent, something for everyone. Great that lighting installed on path up to gargrave road. Improvements could be, drainage at bottom of park where water flows over the path, very unpleasant when also covered with leaves and icy conditions, suggest some diagonal drains under the path to get water where it wants to go. Unfortunately the trees along the uphill path to gargrave road are suffering from much fungus so I assume they are becoming unsafe? One at the bottom went over very recently. More benches/picnic benches would be appreciated. The area at the bottom where the old play area was? Needs some Tod, perhaps some shrub planting. What about a communal veg/herb garden, . I'm sure that volunteers, myself included would be happy to help with any maintenance of the shrub areas, eg outside the sports centre, and along the top path which gets narrowed with stinging nettle growth. Lastly, consult with young people how they would like to use the park, maybe they just want somewhere to sit in the dry and meet their friends, if they are involved, maybe in design and build they will feel,ownership which will deter vandalism? On the whole a great well used and looked after asset to Skipton.</p>
<p>Safety concerns me.</p>
<p>It would be great to have a community garden on the piece of land that's not really used and AP can be accessed to at the bottom of Hayton Way on the left of the path. It could be used for help with rehabilitation, to deal with loneliness and mental health. People could potter about and it would not only make that part of the park look nicer, plants could provide food and shelter for birds and bees. It would also be nice to have small parts of the park where the grass isn't mowed and wildflowers could be grown. I appreciate there is the meadow but you can't see that unless you choose to go there. There are already areas where wildflower seeds could be sown. The park lacks colour and I think the above ideas would bring lots of colour to the park and would help the environment too. Also in skipton there is nowhere for teenagers to hang out so they sit either in the park or the church yard and they're always getting moved on by the police and all they want and need is somewhere to go meet up. They're not looking to cause trouble but that's what they are perceived as doing. Perhaps a hub for them could be linked to the leisure centre but in the park. It would be good to have a survey for the youngsters to find out what they want. There's absolutely nowhere for them that is just for them. The park is for the community and therefore something for everyone should be considered. It would make me really happy to see colour in the park and something to make everyone happy.</p>

The foot golf pitch is too hilly for purpose, which is why it is hardly ever played. Young people from 12 to 16 who might play are at school 70% of the year's week days and from my experience rarely play of school hours or at week ends (partly lack of interest and partly because it is too hilly, the main reason smaller children don't play). The course should be cut more regularly and closely and pitch and putt golf encouraged, perhaps with publicised competitions. It is the only way the majority of youths can afford to learn the rudiments of real golf.
There are areas of the park which require improved drainage eg the point at which the path from Gargrave Road meets the main path from the canal bridge; out of use for more than 75% of the time.
Please do something about it. It's barely passing a pleasant.
Nope
I don't know if the zip line is gone because of the weather but it would be good if the zip line came back 👍
I love living near the park and would like to spend more time in there. The parks have lots of activities for young people but there are many older people in the area that like to use the park more. The footpaths definitely need improving and in particular clearing in the winter as wet leaves are dangerous and have been there for months. There is a water problem along the bottom path towards the canal in winter that needs addressing. I would like to see more maintenance going on throughout the year. Sadly, there is a beautiful flowering blossom tree on the floor at the moment - vandalism? More seating needed and work on the shrubs and flower beds, which are really non-existence. Bins are often overflowing with rubbish and need emptying much more often. The path across the top of the park would feel safer with some lighting or some clearance so it is more open.
In the past 4 years, I have repeatedly informed leisure centre staff that the multi use games area was being vandalized - I did in fact alert them as the vandals were in the act on more than one occasion: it is a crying shame the MUGA has been allowed to slip to the sorry and dangerous state it is now in - this area should be available to all to use - but would need CCTV for security
i would like the walls and ground to be fixed in the multi-use game area
We would like the walls, baskets, ground and lights to be fixed in the multi - use games area to make a safer and more suitable place for kids to play sport and do exercise free of charge.
Very nice park.
the youth have been brilliant, teenagers helping my children learn to skate and helping an old woman find her way, very nice teens.
dogs on leads and designated dog areas, more dog bins and emptied more often
We need a hard path through the woodland area in the East of the Park and also linking it to 'Cherry Tree Walk'.. We also need a hard footpath from Gargrave Road to the school and Leisure Centre at the West end of the Park.
More benches are required. there is There is only one picnic bench and that is falling apart and in a boggy area. The bins are only emptied sporadically and pooh bags abound as a result. The trees adjacent to the gargrave road from the war memorial are all overgrown with ivy that blocks the afternoon sunlight coming through. There is obviously a problem with drainage as water is constantly running down the path towards the canal which results in all the verges being waterlogged and muddy, can some channels not be dug to divert or take the water away from the pathways? The poor drainage would also impact upon the potential use of the park for other events i.e. you could not have heavy vehicles or machinery on the grass in its current sodden condition! In conclusion the park should be somewhere everyone in Skipton is proud of and happy to visit, however at present it is nothing more than an unpleasant and run down space that is only really used as short cut to get somewhere else i.e. School, Gym, Canal or Train Station so ANY improvements would be welcome.
Several people have tripped on the lip of the swing bridge over the canal causing serious injury. Although this is outside the park, it is one of the principle entrances . I have raised my concerns to the canals and river trust suggesting that warning notices and trip hazard markings ate applied.
A footpath of a bark-type covering from the top of Granville Street to Gargrave Road through the wooded area. However, I would be fully opposed if any trees were felled to accommodate this footpath.
No ☹
make a section for a dog run so they cannot get out at all
It's well used and generally respected : it should focus on being a 'green lung' providing informal exercise and relaxation space for residents - there are other active sports areas within the town and as much as anything creating a level multigames area would require alteration of the landform and be expensive. If any improvement of sports facilities is considered these should be focused at the west end, taking advantage of the existing cluster around the Sports Centre and the adjacent car park Improvements could focus on working towards a 'nature park' with a more diverse range of habitats, especially wildflower grassland and maybe a wet carr woodland area in the south east corner adjacent to the canal bridge - all low cost improvements. New trees could be more diverse to create an arboretum (perhaps sponsorship by individuals or organisations as commemorative trees ?) Improve lighting on footpath routes Integrate the Aireville Park Nursery as a more formal garden area Improve interpretation to celebrate the history of the park

Install some cameras and make sure the images are sent to the police. So that the people making life a little bit more rubbish for everyone else can be prosecuted
no
No I do not.
Please replace the zip wires and green swing and keep up to what was an amazing park.
Please fix the zip wire and rotation swing and more traditional swings made of metal would be a good investment. Wood structures do not last well.
The play area is very muddy and equipment now needs replacing as its been damage and is now unusable. More seaying needed
A wider path in the wooded area for wheelchairs to pass, also a wide path running round the large grass area would be beneficial for dog walking, running and bikers, especially for when park run is on so they are not taking up all the paths. Also might improve drainage too
Maybe a more obvious patrol to reduce the very open drug dealing.
Aireville Park is a special resource, the open space and ability to roam is fabulous. The play areas installed have been excellent though sometimes seem abused which is a shame. Flower beds would be lovely but would take a lot of maintenance so planted shrubs/wildflowers would be good or more planted bulbs. Litter and to some extent dog waste is an issue (would be willing to take part in communal litter picking).
Would like more seating benches high on the hill. At the moment there only seems to be one or two. It's such a lovely view from there but alas no seating.
Secure area for off lead dog training and exercise, provided dogs can be off lead in other park areas
The children's play area currently has a number of things missing from it which could be due to vandalism. Having two young children, we have often left when the older teenagers descend in the park. It would be beneficial if the play area could be separated into an age ranges. We are residents of Hayton way and to access the park with two young children requiring a double pushchair or wheelchair access, it is very difficult to access the park via the steps without additional support from someone else. If a ramp could be installed long term this would hugely benefit the family community surrounding aireville park and many who use the entrance from Hayton way to get to the park. We are proud of how well kept the lawns are and how clean the park generally is. To say it is such a huge space with a lot of footfall from people and dog walkers, there is very little dog fouling and litter which is fantastic.
Please bring events to the park, when Skipton Pride was held in the park it was amazing. Having pride in the tiny section of the high street was an insult, felt like pride was being hidden away. Live music in the park would bring in people to Skipton and boost local economy. Spend some money to make alot more money moto.
Please keep the play area, clean from litter and glass. And better drained, so it's not as muddy. Good drainage and people emptying the bins, this play atea needs to be so much better, so it's a credit to skipton
Yes cctv cameras put in for both adult and child safety
Lighting on the paths does not feel adequate during dark winter afternoons / evenings. I don't feel safe using the park later in the day by myself in the darker months.
The amount of teens that abuse and vandalise the area. And take control of the equipment which is clearly intended for children alot younger. And are intimidating and rude.
Its a fantastic park and offers a good mix of maintained and wilder space. Comcerns that when people have been camping on the old pitch and putt the abandoned tents have been left for months. Generally littering isnt bad - its that in particular. Be good to have an enclosed dog run area for dogs who cant be off lead.
Not allowed electric bikes and scooters on the grass areas
The park is one of very few places my dog can exercise off lead. Please don't change the current arrangements!
The play area should be more accessible to those with disabilities, having equipment that is only accessible if lifting is required is not actually accessible. A wheelchair swing and seesaw could be installed and more sensory equipment eg mirrors and tactile things
A smaller play are further down near the bottom gate? A cafe by the top play area would be superb and no doubt generate a lot of income as it would be used by all the visitors to the playground, with some outdoor seating. Also some more swings in the playground as there's always a queue for swings
The foot golf is great, but also used for dog walking. Kiddies playpark is excellent.
It would be nice to see some colour in the park, more flowers would be nice.
Concerns regarding off lead dogs whilst playing with my young children. Maybe a fenced area where off lead dogs are allowed would be suitable
Should beca dedicated dog walking area..i dont like dogs ruuning around pooing and weeing around alllover grass area and approaching people that not their owners
See previous comments

Concerns around unsociable behaviour and safety later in the evenings
Prevention of antisocial behaviour, particularly verbal and physical intimidation.
The park is a wonderful community space which is there for everyone to enjoy. As a regular user of the park with my dog, I have found that this is a large safe space for my dog to have a roam. It is also good to see a large amount of waste bins which can be used for dog waste. This is very noticeable as it is very rare that I have come across fouling in such a large area, so well done on providing this. Maybe some signage in the park for the cafe and toilet facilities in the leisure centre as people visiting and coming from the canal entrance may not be aware of what is at the top end of the park.
The play area is often littered. I think the landscaping is poor, a lot of worn grass. More swings. It became tired quickly.
The 'den' area in the play park is a lovely idea but isn't well maintained. On busy days, the bins are overflowing throughout the park, but particularly in the play-area. With a toddler who picks up anything, this is dangerous and I do think the council could do a lot better
I would love to see an area of flowerbeds and shrubs with seating. It's quite a soulless park in that respect
More things for wheelchair users to do?
Toilets A larger cafe area More play area thats off grass More pump track whichbis for the bigger kids Bring back a play area at the bottom of the park
We need to use the space more events the community are more than happy to help
Aireville Park is very prone to night time antisocial only this weekend one of the benches has been removed from its base and on nice evenings will be littered with broken alcohol bottles, I know policing it or any form of security will be out of the question but just putting it out there. Wild flowers would be lovely as would plant beds however I think beds would be vandalised. It is a very underused park apart from the children's play area, I hope that the dog walkers won't be picked on and restricted to a small area as these are the buggest users of the park and the ones that pick up the broken bottles early morning
More security in the park to deter the misuse of the park. Even the odd model camera, sign and securing the entrance points could be enough of a deterrent. I frequently visit the park with my toddler, and its disheartening to have to pick up nos canisters, clear glass and empty vapes from the play park so that they're not a danger to my child or anyone else's.
Wouldn't go near it in the evening, doesn't feel safe with the drug dealers. No patrolling in the area.
Please develop the park so that tourists could walk through and sit and enjoy it. Look at other parks like Sutton and Harrogate and take inspiration from these. The play areas have had enough spent on them
Get rid of the footgolf and get the pitch and putt back.
A more visible police presence would help at times to reduce antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Similarly a staff presence from both the Aireville Academy and Craven College at certain times of day would help.
There is ALWAYS litter in the children's park despite the bins, and often it's dangerous like broken glass. I don't know how you go about tackling this but it's such a shame as it makes a lovely park harder to use.
Lighting and running exercise track safe to use even on dark nights
There are a lot of issues with youths damaging equipment, being obscene and abusive in front of younger children, bullying and drug dealing. The park will only be enjoyable for everyone, when this is brought under control.
The updated play park has deteriorated rapidly
I believe that the park is for everybody at any time, day. The Park Run is an obstruction to normal park users on Saturday mornings. There is little respect for pedestrians who are expected to either walk through the mud or not use the path. Runners have little regard for other users. It would be better if they were restricted to the path through the wooded area around the grassed perimeter as a circuit. Or in the golf football area. Payment of nearly £3000.00 a year council tax is too much to pay for being unable to use the paths for fear of ones safety. There are alternative ways of allowing wanna be runners to practice their exercise. I am not trying to deprive them of their fun, but I am mindful of the dangers and potential of law suits because of injury. The Golf foot ball idea was always a bad idea and should be discontinued immediately It could be used for part of a park run or dog walking. I have never seen anyone use it and can't imagine why anybody would want to.

It would be helpful to note that the Harewood Road residents assoc would like to be consulted as some of the residents most affected by developments in the park. The Remembrance Gardens which were on the CDC asset register have not been maintained for some time which feels a bit disrespectful and I hope this maintenance can be reinstated as they look messy and overgrown. With the new contract for grounds maintenance the bins have been fuller because they seem to have been emptied less which is a bit of a retrograde step- and could be more problematic in good weather. I hope there can be some reassurance that some of the bins will not be allowed to overflow. The park ground is very marshy in places and it would be good to confirm that there are no leaks from the water pipes. Although more trees are being planted it's important not to encroach too much on the central space as it reduces options for usage. There has been an issue in the past about the published post code for the park as it's not always the same as the leisure centre and can lead to people taking wrong turnings it would be helpful if this could be addressed. The park is a great asset for all and it would be reassuring to know that all age groups and communities who may not usually respond to consultation exercises such as this are heard as well and that spending is not influenced by just one set of views.
Splash park would be good- charge to use. Miniature train- charge to use. More picnic areas. Make more use of space where old park was.
Filling in gaps within some of the hedgerows would be beneficial for wildlife. Maintenance of the relatively recently planted trees such as removal of tree guards and stakes. Leaving larger areas of uncut grass for insects and wildlife. Removal of footgolf 'holes' as these are full of rubbish and also pose a risk for hedgehogs and other mammals to become trapped in.
needs to be a astroturf football pitch and a better pump track
Dog walkers are the biggest users and it all works well, we do not need special treatment, just to be able to roam freely with well mannered dogs
Would like to see more footpaths linking various entrances to each other and/or main "roads". Preferred pitch and putt to the foot golf.
Well being / nature group walks - weekly inc weekend so people can join in Volunteer maintenance / gardening / wildlife group at weekends.
Its a strange park because it lacks enough benches op tables/picnic facilities
Floral beds non existent. More tree planting would be beneficial. It is a lovely park but I feel the necessary balance between landscape and entertainment is in danger of being lost. A park should, i believe be first ad foremost a natural or naturalistic area in which one has the liberty to think and feel.
Drains are needed as paths become over flown with water and mud
Definately not events. I don't think events are good because the damage the grass and disturb wildlife. The bottom end where the play area used to be is very neglected. I would like to see a nice picnic or seating area there with some flowers and shrubs and a covered pagoda.Somewhere to sit and chat.
Would love calisthenics bars rack. Street workout.
either one large multi-use games area or 2 smaller ones. Calisthenics park would be great for community. popular street workout.
Didn't even know there was any foot golf. Wildflower areas very important (also signage about nature/habitat may be useful) Also litter pickers being available to freely get involved. Playground equipment that is suitable for adults so they can too enjoy classic 'childrens' playground fun such as swings and slides etc. (even making used of the hill space with a slide as a fun reward for climbing the hill. Also some bedding plants could bring some needed variety of colours with seating around. Even a maze, natures stepping stones, very fun and exercise. Also a geocaching trail to encourage learning and exploring
need seating on the top path through the trees
Dogs are dangerously out of control in the park. Mercifully I only go to the park with visiting grandchildren these days. When my children were small there was a playground at the canal end. the playground should not have been taken away from the canal end. People down there do not generally have a garden or room for a swing. The playground was moved to the rich end of town where everyone has a garden. It is too far for small children to walk and if you drive you are charged for parking. It is very WRONG.
The park area is spoiled by dogs being let off their leads and running around. Difficult to find a space in the open to have a picnic without disturbance from dogs.