

Dunblane Development Trust

Environment Group

Play Park Survey – Wednesday 9th June 2010

The following sites were visited and “Pros” and “Cons” for each were noted. Photos were taken to be added to the report.

Mill Row Estimated age range : Nursery to P3

Pros

- Plenty bark under the equipment. This had just been put down.
- The equipment was all in working order and safe
- Litter bins seem to be emptied regularly
- Fence in good order



Cons

- General amenities poor
- Very little adult seating and no picnic tables
- No dog grid
- Flower beds need tended
- All poles need paint
- Train is good feature but needs clean and paint
- Litter bins need to be closed



There is a hard surface where it would be possible to paint a game e.g. peevers.

Generally the area lacks any signage to direct visitors to the riverside walk and Laighhills.



Rylands Avenue Park Estimated age range : Nursery to Teenage



Pros

- Notice about Area and where to report faults. (It is 0845 number..could it be free?)
- It caters for different age groups
- Some new bark
- Litter bin in evidence
- Some interesting items for older children including a climbing wall



Cons

- No seating for adults apart from one picnic table
- Climbing wall needs refreshed. It looks dull.
- There was no liner or cover in litter bin
- Younger climbing frame needs some cleaning and painting.

The area could benefit from more toddler type equipment such as “rocking “ toys and smaller climbing frames. There is little vandalism

This park was donated in 1998 by Association of Playgroup Industries

George Street Estimated age range : Nursery to Teenage

Pros

- It has a dog grid
- It is a good open space
- It has one bench and 1 picnic table
- There is a good see-saw
- There are good fences and the grass is being maintained
- One litter bin which is being emptied



Cons

- The Shute/slide needs painted
- The swing poles need painted
- The see-saw needs painted

This area would benefit from more climbing frames/ walls for the older youngsters.

There is no provision for the youngsters here to be able to “kick a ball about”.

There is little vandalism.



Argyll/Braemar Play Park Estimated age range : Nursery to Teenage



Pros

- Nice sand area for younger children.
- The model of dividing the areas into age groups was liked
- Good fence and dog grid
- The area gave possibility for football.

- Good seating areas for adults
- Refurbishment of equipment has been ongoing.



Cons

- Swings , shute/slide etc need repainting
- Picnic table needs replaced as it is badly burned
- Adult seating needs cleaned and painted
- Litter bins need replaced

There is little vandalism.

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Dunblane Primary School Estimated age range : All primary Youngsters

This offers a very good play area in the main field. The equipment is relatively new and well kept. It offers opportunities for climbing and exercising beyond the 'normal' swings and slides.

They also have a sensory path for the youngsters.



Laighhills Park Estimated age range : Nursery to ten years

Pros

- Football areas
- Sand Pit and equipment in that area offers entertainment for smaller children and climbing frame for those a bit older. It has good fences and a dog grid.
- There is no evidence of litter



- Excellent Chutes/Slides built into the hillside

Cons

- Entrance passed the changing rooms and derelict toilets. Changing rooms in very poor state.
- Old paddling pool area has been left to become overgrown
- Swings need painting and some replacement seats
- Old bar-b-cue has been left and looks dangerous
- Only one litter bin and it is open
- Benches and picnic tables need refurbished.



This area is not stimulating for youngsters. It could benefit from more equipment for older primary early secondary pupils. For example a Trim Trail and climbing areas.

This area could benefit from signage for walks and the development of trails e.g. Wild Life.

Play Park Survey(Continuation) – Wednesday 23rd June 2010

We visited Newton Play Park to continue the Dunblane sites and “Pros” and “Cons” for it were noted. We surveyed King’s Park Play Area as a guide to what can be achieved. King’s Park is after the local survey. Photos were taken to be added to the report

Newton Play Park Estimated age range : Nursery to teenage

Pros

- Good grass area with cut grass
- Litter bins
- Basketball net
- Open area for playing football
- One good climbing frame
- Toddler’s slide and activity area
- Swing basket



Cons

- Not enclosed
- Some refurbishment of equipment needed. The roof of main play area for toddlers needs repaired
- No sand play for young children
- Only two litter bins and they are open
- No seating or picnic tables
- Poor drainage at edge of playbark surfaces



Play Park Survey(Continuation) – Wednesday 4th August 2010

We visited Ashfield and Barbush Play areas in order to complete the sites and “Pros” and “Cons” for it were noted. We surveyed King’s Park Play Area as a guide to what can be achieved. Photos were taken to be added to the report

Ashfield Play Park : Estimated age Group Nursery to Teenage

Pros

- Interesting shape
- Good grass area with cut grass and small football goal posts
- Litter bin
- Basketball net near Hall
- Sandpit and young playframe
- Swings and Chute



- Trees and Hideout



for free play

- Overlooked by housing so no damage

Cons

- Not enclosed
- Only one adult seat in need of repair
- Litter bin uncovered
- Weeds growing under swings and roundabouts.
- No dog grid.



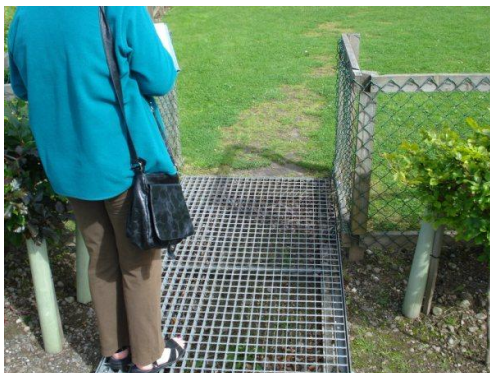
Barbush Play Area : Estimated age Nursey to early teens

Pros

- Good grass area with cut grass
- Enclosed with dog grids
- One good trim trail
- Toddler's chute and activity area
- Climbing Pyramid
- In good condition, overlooked with no damage

Cons

- No seating
- No litter bins





King's Park Play Area

Pros

- Totally enclosed. All entrances have dog grid.
- There are lots of benches and picnic benches.
- There is a variety of picnic areas with some in shaded areas with trees.



- There are separate garden rooms for adults in particular a dry stone walled garden
- The play areas were well designed

- For older youngsters there is an area with slides, climbing wall, sand, music walk rope bridges



- For younger children there is a pirate climbing frame, a cycle, sand and water play
- Traditional swings and double swings
- Trampoline area.

Cons

- Litter





Other Interesting Ideas

Some towns are developing play for all ages.

This takes the form of an outdoor gym.

This is a photo of one at Leven.

At the last meeting of the environment group the decision was made that priority should be given to Mill Row and Laighhill Patks. There is a need now to put jobs into types that can be achieved quickly, those for middle term and ultimate goals that are longer term.

It was decided to contact Stirling Council and ask where their priorities lay and what their future plans are.

It was decided that involving young people was necessary. This would be from nursery age upwards.