



## **Youth4U Young Inspectors Report.**

### **Inspection Report**

Hull road park.

### **Date of Inspection**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**Inspected for  
Mr Dave Meigh.**



## **Youth4U Young Inspectors Programme.**

### **What we were inspecting and how we did it.**

The place we have inspected is Hull road park in Tang Hall York.

- Observation.
- Survey.
- Interview.

We have also looked at the inspection which other groups of young inspectors carried out during the summer. We wanted to look at these again and give you a better idea of what we think young people feel about the 3 parks.

### **Inspection Team Members.**

- Chelsea Bass.
- Leah Hall.
- Kane Heald.
- Harry Radcliffe.
- Crew Elliotte.



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### Overall view of Hull road park and an attachment of Westbank and Glen gardens.

#### Hull road park.

It's a really big park but there is too much open space and not enough equipment. There's tennis courts, a bowling green and mud ramps that are all good but it would be good to have somewhere to play football and extend some of the play areas. There's not enough seating areas but the park-keeper was very friendly and most of the young people we spoke to said that they felt welcome and they all knew Sean's name. Overall, we felt that it was popular with young people who mostly told us they enjoyed being there, but there's quite a lot of things that could be done to improve the layout of the park equipment. The young people said that sometimes they could have a go on the bowling green something they all enjoyed.

#### Westbank park.

Had a kids park and a teenagers bit, big open space. Had like a flower garden that you could walk through. A information point what shows you what was on and when and where. It had a bowling green for older people and didn't look like they would have let young people. There were toilets but they were locked. I thought that Westbank park was better than Hull road because it was as big but the space was used better.

#### Glen gardens.

There was spaces to sit all round the park near the bowling green. There were more things to do in the play area. It looked nice because of the flowers and the gardens and the paths were better than Hull road because they weren't muddy. There's more space in Hull road park, Glen gardens is much more compact with everything closer together. Park-keepers in both parks were really friendly.



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**Observation Questions.**

1. Is it wheelchair and pushchair accessible?
2. Is there a lot of things for people to do?
3. Are there good things to do?
4. Do you think the size of the park is acceptable?
5. Is it well looked after?
6. Are dog walkers allowed on here?
7. Is there places for people to sit?
8. Are the toilets open?
9. Are the toilets clean?
10. Is someone always available?
11. Are the opening and closing times appropriate for the young people?



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#### Observation Results.

1. Yes it is accessible to all.
2. Yes for younger children but not really for older youths, 14 up.
3. Not really for 15 and above.
4. Yes a good size park.
5. Yeah definitely, it seems very looked after.
6. Yeah dogs walkers are allowed and dog bins are provided.
7. Yes there are some benches.
8. There are toilets and they were open.
9. And the toilets are clean.
10. The park-keeper and at times the gardeners.
11. Yes for this time of year but we felt that if they had some lighting in certain areas they could be used better.



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**Interview Questions.**

1. How many people use the park?
2. What are the ages of people in the park?
3. How do you treat young people and is it different to how you treat the older generation?
4. Do young people get a say in what happens or what gets built in the park?
5. Is the park enjoyable for young people with disabilities and is it easy accessible?
6. Are there any organised activities in the park and how do people find out about them?
7. Do you get the same regular young people coming to the park?
8. How do you think the park can be approved?



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#### **Interview Results - Sean the park keeper.**

1. Per-day about 100, depending on the weather.
2. Ages are wide ranging from babies to pensioners.
3. Yes, try to keep the young people and older people separate. The reason why is because older people complain about some of the young people swearing.
4. Yes they do get a say but nothing really gets put in to place.
5. Enjoyable yes and it is easy accessible.
6. Yes there are some organised activities and they usually get posted on the notice boards.
7. Same kids from the local area.
8. There should be more stuff for the young people and some improvements to things.



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### Survey Questions.

1. How old are you?
2. Do you like the park?
3. What do you like about the park?
4. Are the people at the park friendly?
5. Do you feel welcome?
6. How do older people in the park treat young people?
7. Do you get to say what goes on in the park?
8. Are there activities planned in the park and how do you find out about them?
9. How often do you come to the park?
10. Is it obvious what you can do in the park?
11. How do you think the park could be improved?





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### Survey Results.

1. Age range: 10-20 year old.
2. 8 yes, 3 No's.
3. In order of popularity.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Water.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wide open spaces.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Play area swings and mud ramps.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Ducks.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Can just sit.
4. 2 yes, 5 no's, 3 some people and 1 don't know.
5. 6 yes, 5 no's.
6. 6 badly, 2 okays, 1 look at you funny, 1 ignored.
7. 6 no's, 2 yes, 2 not really, 1 don't know.
8. 2 didn't know, 3 friends & park keeper – posters, 1 Global, 3 yes.
9. 5 everyday, 2 2-3 times a week, 1 twice a month, 1 first time.
10. 10 obvious, 1 no not obvious.
11. ideas for improvements.

- Spiderman net.
- Can't be improved.
- Cleaner water.
- Longer opening hours.
- More play area.
- Goal posts.
- 3 x more for young people to do.



### **Inspection Conclusions.**

- In our opinion Hull road park seemed very friendly. When talking with the young people were chatty and open to questions. The park-keeper who we interviewed answered the questions and appeared to be friendly and all the young people know his name.
- It was good that it's so big so there's lots of space for people to be.
- It's in the middle of Tang Hall which means people can easily get there and it's very popular as there were lots of young people there and the park-keeper said they had loads of young people in during the day.
- There is too much wasted space which could be put to better use. They could have separate park area for young people 15+ with equipment for them. Somewhere to play football as it says you cant play ball games.
- The water needs cleaning and there was loads of litter in the river.



### **Inspection Recommendations.**

- Update the play area by having more things for older young people to do (like swings) perhaps at separate ends of the park.
- Extending opening hours and putting some more lighting on in the evenings and more security to stop things being vandalised.
- There needs to be more places to sit (benches etc) all round the park including play areas.
- The field by Alcuin ave, could be a good place to put a football pitch because its not too close to the water and there are railings.
- The water was really unclean and had litter in it. It would improve the park if this was cleaner because litter gets caught up at the edges of the river and it might be dangerous for the ducks.