

Young Inspectors Report - Acomb Green Park.

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What we were inspecting and how we did it

We went to Acomb Green park on the 31/08/11 to observe and also ask young people to take part in our survey. We went to the park for 11:00am and stayed until 12:30. The day was bright and dry and people were using the park for dog walking and playing.

We hope that our inspection of Acomb Green park helps with the development and we look forward from you on our recommendations.

Important points

We thought the park was good for lots of young people. We felt that some of the equipment could be improved and this would increase the number of young people visiting the park. Adults that we spoke with also said that it was about time some improvements were made and they would like some more places to sit.

Recommendations.

Recommendations including clear action points:

- If funding allows, look at freshening up/updating play area for young children and creating an area for young people. Possibly some goal posts.
- More seating around the green area and in the play area. Possibly picnic benches.
- Notice board telling of activities that are on in the park and who to contact if any problems.
- Continue with the family fun days at regular intervals.
- Address the issue of access for disabled young people.

Strengths:

- Plenty of equipment for young children.
- Dog walkers lots of room and dog bins.
- Lots of litter bins that are used.
- Is open all the time.
- Global hold events and evening stuff there.
- Held a family fun day in the summer.
- We like that it is a green area for with trees.

Areas for improvement:

- Possibly some seating on the park and around the green area, maybe some picnic benches.
- Equipment and fencing around the area could do with freshening up or possibly updating.
- Make an area for young people with appropriate equipment for them.
- Where the tree's are they could do with being looked at as people could walk in to branches and be injured.
- Lots of bins around the area but not one in the play area, so there was lots of litter in that area.
- Need to survey people who are using the park.

What we found:

Physical.

- Not accessible for people in wheelchairs.
- Only one path going through the park and at either end of it there are stairs.
- Equipment for young children to play on.
- Tree's and flowers around the area.

Atmosphere.

- Friendly people, chatted with us when we asked questions for the survey.
- Memorial kept nice and respected by all.
- No signs that lead us to believe young people are not welcome, ie No ball games.
- Young people we talked to all liked the park.

Information.

- No notice board or information about the park.
- 1 poster about a family fun fair that had happened over the weekend.

Involvement.

- The people that we asked all said that they had never been asked for there opinions on the park.

Acomb Green survey results

Gender: 3 Male & 4 Female.

Age: 8,10,11,12.

- 1) How often do you come?
- 1 everyday, 4 once a week, 3 not often.
- 2) What do you use the park for?
- 6 play, sport 1, walk dog 2.
- 3) Is the equipment suitable for young people?
- 2 No, 3 Yes, 2 sometimes
- 4) Do you get bored of the equipment?
- 2 No, 3 Yes, It gets trashed.
- 5) Are there spaces to sit?
- 5 No, 1 Yes, should be more.
- 6) Are the sitting areas nice to eat/sit on?
- 5 No, 1 Yes.
- 7) What do you like about the park?
- 3 Nice that it is local, 1 space for dogs, 3 big area/space, 2 slide, 2 fun, 1 hills.
- 8) How do you know about the park?
- 3 live close, 3 walk past, 2 Mum.
- 9) How do you know what goes on in the park?
- 2 global, 4 adverts/posters, 2 parents/mates, don't 2.
- 10) Do you ever get surveyed about what goes on in the park?
- 8 No.