

DATA RESULTS OF COLTS CLOSE RECREATION GROUND
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE 2012

Members of Burbage Parish Council realise the importance of listening to the views of people who elected them and the questionnaire was designed to encourage and inspire the community's ideas, comments and views.

An invitation to attend an on-site drop in session was mail dropped by hand and addressed to the occupier of properties within close proximity of the Colts Close Recreational Ground. The consultation event was also advertised through the Parish Council Newsletter. Local residents and park users had the opportunity to have a discussion and/or fill out a questionnaire onsite with a Parish Council representative between 3.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 12th July 2012.

The purpose of the consultation was to determine the local community and Colts Close Recreation Ground users' views, needs and priorities for improvements and future development of the site. This is to ensure any future expenditure is in accordance with the community needs.

This stage of consultation was also an excellent opportunity to create a 'Friends of Colts Close Recreation Ground' group to monitor the site and to be involved with voluntary activities and the day to day running of the recreation ground.

The questionnaire asked for views on a range of development options which had been identified by The Colts Close Working Party and residents were also invited to add any further suggestions.

THE RESULTS

A total of 110 invitations were delivered.

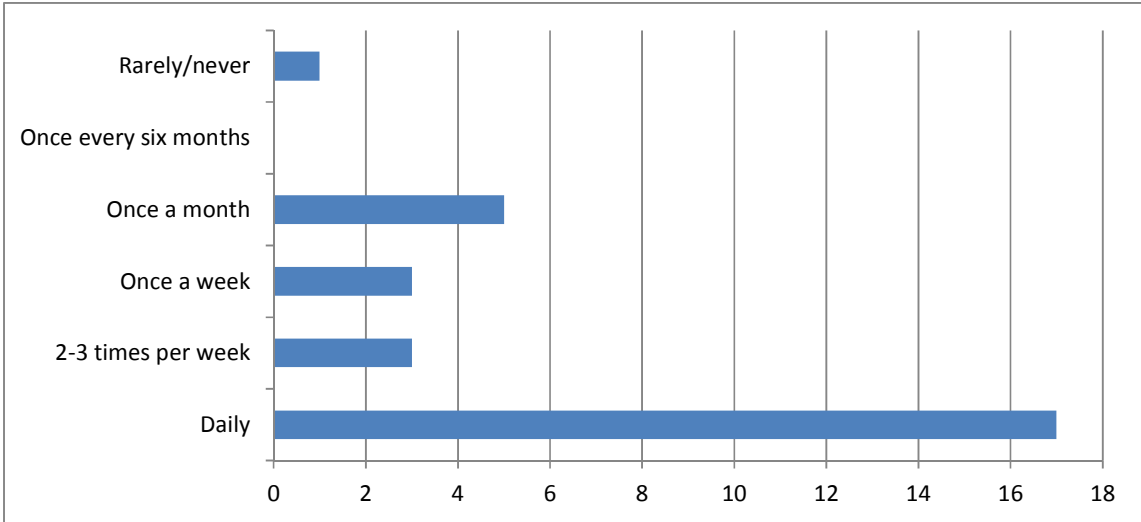
29 questionnaires were completed and 1 email was received.

2 further members of the public attended the onsite drop in session but declined to complete a questionnaire.

Data results from the completed questionnaires together with any comments/suggestions given are listed below.

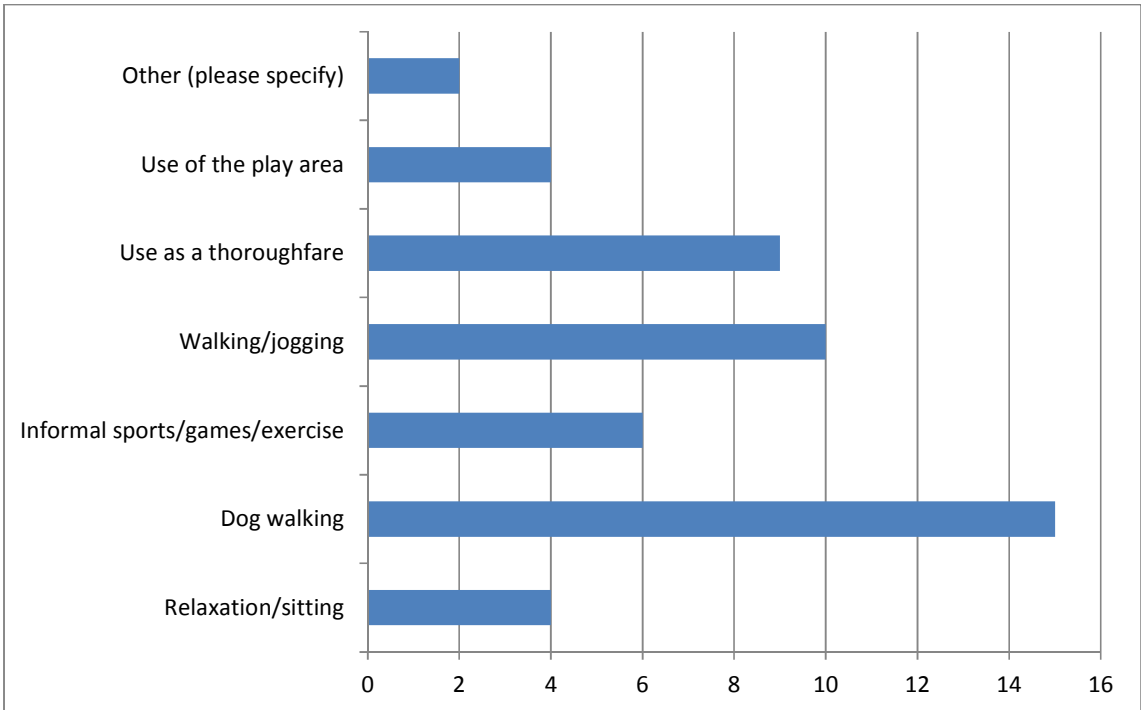
1. How often do you visit Colts Close Recreation Ground:-

Options	Number
Daily	17
2-3 times per week	3
Once a week	3
Once a month	5
Once every six months	0
Rarely/never	1



2. What Activities do you undertake during your visits:-

Options	Number
Relaxation/sitting	4
Dog walking	15
Informal sports/games/exercise	6
Walking/jogging	10
Use as a thoroughfare	9
Use of the play area	4
Other (Please specify)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing out with friends • Would sit if there were benches 	



3. Please rate the following improvements with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest. Please add additional suggestions if something you would like to see is not listed:-

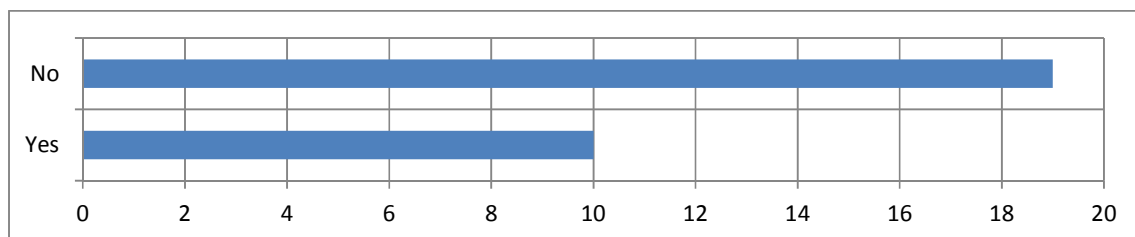
The table below illustrates the order of priority from the community consultation. This was determined by multiplying the number of votes (a) for each priority (i.e. 1 to 5) by the weighting (b) to give a score (a x b) for each priority. The score for each priority within each option (i.e. option 1 to 8) was then totalled to give a total score for each option. The overall order of priority was ranked based on the highest score descending (i.e. the highest total score received the highest priority and the lowest score received the lowest priority) The weighting is a balanced scale to give a fair representation of respondent's views (i.e. a very high score must receive a higher weighting than a very low to give a fair representation of the overall respondent views).

Improvement Options	Very high priority (1)			High priority (2)			Neither high or low priority (3)			Low priority (4)			Very low priority (5)			Total score (all scores added along row)	Consultation results order of priority (highest total score to lowest)
	Votes (a)	Weighting (b)	Score (axb)	Votes (a)	Weighting (b)	Score (axb)	Votes (a)	Weighting (b)	Score (axb)	Votes (a)	Weighting (b)	Score (axb)	Votes (a)	Weighting (b)	Score (axb)		
Retention of junior football pitch	19	5	95	5	4	20	2	3	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	124	1
Additional benches/seating	9	5	45	8	4	32	4	3	12	1	2	2	3	1	3	94	2
Additional bins	3	5	15	12	4	48	9	3	27	0	2	0	2	1	2	92	3
Installation of a goal end	5	5	25	6	4	24	9	3	27	5	2	10	1	1	1	87	4
Hedge laying carried out to hedgerow dividing the two recreation areas	4	5	20	8	4	32	8	3	24	2	2	4	3	1	3	83	5
Installation of formal gardens	0	5	5	4	4	8	5	3	15	7	2	14	10	1	10	47	6
Maintenance and Grass Cutting	1	5	5	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	5	7
Tennis wall marked with serve line and astro turf area	1	5	5	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	5	7
Junior Play area (7-14years)	0	5	0	1	4	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	8
Climbing Wall/Frame	0	5	0	1	4	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	8
Changing Facilities for Sports Teams	0	5	0	1	4	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	8
Gym Trail	0	5	0	1	4	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	8

The table above clearly illustrates the respondents overall highest priority is the retention of the junior football pitch with 124 points, 30 points ahead of the second priority for additional benches/seating and very closely followed by additional bins (92 points), installation of a goal end (87 points) and hedge laying to divide the two recreation areas (83 points). The improvement option that the respondents rated lowest priority included installation of formal gardens (47 points). Other improvements raised by respondents are listed in the table above and scored on a one vote basis.

4. Would you be interested in joining a 'Friends of Colts Close Recreation Ground' group to monitor the site and undertake voluntary activities such as planting, weeding, tidying etc:-

Options	Number
Yes	10
No	19



Additional Comments/Suggestions Received:

- Move the dog waste bin to each entrance to encourage people to use them
- Please keep wide open space for dogs to run about on
- Benches to be positioned as far as possible away from residents gardens to avoid antisocial behaviour
- Mark out a running track with two lanes and sign post to indicate route
- Area to remain more or less the same to allow 'free' recreation
- Pleased to know the land has been retained
- Additional benches (metal) to be sited away from houses
- Swings etc to suitable for senior citizens
- Create 'wildlife' areas, replacing grass areas with native wildflowers benefiting pollinating insects and other creatures. This benefits wildlife and council as the area would only need one cut at the end of the year
- Benches similar to those at Fosse Meadows i.e. some form of composite plastic
- Keep play area and park separate
- Dog walkers to have dogs muzzled if allowed to run off their leads
- Rounders/ Baseball pitch for summer use
- Senior equipment like Brookside
- No formal garden but planting to attract/help wildlife
- Use the space without damaging wildlife habitats
- Bins could be installed at each entrance
- A seat in a sunny spot would be nice
- Two layers of hedgerow and tree screening
- Careful positioning of benches – position behind garages and avoid residents back gardens to discourage antisocial behaviour
- Provision of play equipment for older children – aerial runway, basketball post and play wall if space permits
- Provide a Junior football pitch
- Careful consideration to be given to the siting of the equipment as it will generate noise
- Once a plan has been decided upon by the council it should be discussed with all residents whose properties adjoin the recreation ground to ensure that future complaints are kept to a minimum
- The community needs to be fully on board with the development