Windyknowe Park, Bathgate



Survey Results

















Summary

In July/August 2022, a community consultation was held in order to gain feedback on what the public thought of the park and what suggestions the community had that would enhance Windyknowe Park, Bathgate. The survey was conducted on-line. Information was provided about the park and feedback then sought via a simple questionnaire. 33 responses were received by the deadline.

How people rate the park

Users were asked to rate the Park using the Council's Park Audit criteria. Scores of 1-5 were allocated against 15 criteria. Overall, respondents scored the park below average. The overall average score of 39.8 means that users do not think the park is "fit for purpose". (A minimum quality score of 40 is necessary to be considered Fit for Purpose). The categories that scored lowest were Community Involvement, Biodiversity, Economic Benefits and Network with wider area. Quality of materials, Adaptability, Easy to walk to and access, Entrances/boundaries, Maintenance and Does it feel safe, scored the highest, above average.

What people like about the park

People appreciate the central location of the park to their homes and the school. It is easily accessible and well used. The flat, open, large grassed area is liked. It is safe, fenced and there is a good division from the main road. The football area/grass is liked with space to play, run and walk. People like the play area and equipment. The park is regarded as well-kept/maintained/clean.

What people don't like about the park

The size and unevenness of the pitch/grass and condition of the goals were a recurring dislike about the park. The broken fencing was also highlighted. Many are concerned that there are irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up dog fouling. Some mentioned the lack of biodiversity/plants. The lack of a path around the park was raised and some suggested updated/additional play equipment. The limited seating and number of bins is also disliked.

Recommendations for action

There was an overlap of suggestions between low-cost and long-term enhancements with the following items being most commonly mentioned:

- More seating
- Level/upgrade/improve football pitch
- Fix fence
- Additional activities
- Additional paths
- Upgrade/expand play area
- More plants

A number of options are possible which would potentially deliver these suggestions. Not all suggestions can be delivered within the available budget.

Next steps

A further consultation is required to identify which enhancements are most wanted by the community. The most "voted" for option will then be costed, and if within the park budget, implemented on site.

Introduction

Windyknowe Park is located in the west of Bathgate and lies between Glasgow Road and Windyknowe Crescent. It is recognised as a Local Park by the Council and designated as Land Safeguarded for Open Space in the adopted West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018.

Access is available from the northern and southern boundaries of the park from Glasgow Road and Windyknowe Crescent, respectively. These two entrances are connected by an asphalt path running north-south through the eastern half of the greenspace. There is lighting along the path edge. No vehicular access is allowed onto the site by the public.

The site is roughly rectangular in shape and relatively flat. The majority of the park is amenity grassland. An equipped play area is located in the east which is fenced and accessed via two gates. Two goal posts provide the opportunity for informal football games although a pitch is not marked out.

The northern boundary of the park is formed by a mature tree and shrub strip which is separated from the grassy areas by a low fence. High metal fencing delineates the western and southern park edges and the boundaries of residential properties form the eastern/south-eastern edges of the park.

A number of mature broadleaved trees are located near the southern and north-eastern boundary edges and off the western edge of the path, all in linear formation. A litter/dog waste bin is situated within the play area and another on the path.

The park's flat nature results in the whole site being visible from within the park and outside from the south, off Windyknowe Crescent. A number of houses look over Windyknowe Crescent into the park.







Information gathering

An on-line survey was used to gather comments and feedback from local stakeholders. This was posted on the Council's website and available for completion between 15 July 2022 and 7 August 2022. Emails were sent to the local ward members, Bathgate Community Council, Bathgate Community Development Trust, The Friends of Meadow Park Group, Council officers and the Council's Media team.

6 posters were put up within, and around, the park which highlighted and gave the link to the survey along with a QR code connecting you directly to it. A copy of the poster was posted by hand through 17 properties who were adjacent to, or overlooked, the park.

There were 33 surveys completed by the closing date.

Feedback

Full responses to the survey are available in Appendix 1. A summary of answers to each question is as follows:

Name of the park

The majority of respondents call the park Windyknowe Park. Some shorten this to Windyknowe and others call it The Park, Glasgow Road Play Park Area or Pirate Ship Park.

Rate the Park

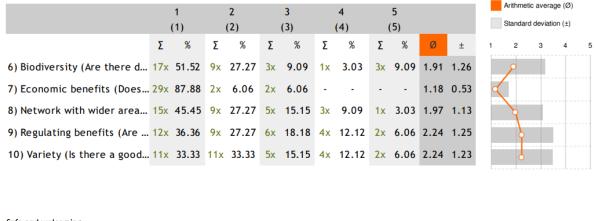
Participants were asked to rate the park as it currently is, using the council's Park Audit questionnaire. An explanation of categories covered by the audit is shown in Appendix 2. Each category could be scored 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being good. The results are shown in the charts below.

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Number of participants: 33

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The survey respondents scored the park below average, overall. The park's average, community-rated score is 39.8, which rates at just below 'fit for purpose' against the Council's quality assessment. (The Council uses a standard survey methodology to determine the quality of a park. In summary, each site is given a score between 1 and 5 (low to high) for each of 15 quality criteria. These scores are then totalled, giving an overall score out of 75. A site with a score of 40 or above is considered 'fit for purpose'). The park scored about average overall for Quality, below average overall for Multi-functionality and above average overall for Safe and Welcoming.

The categories that scored lowest were Community Involvement, Biodiversity, Economic Benefits and Network with wider area. Quality of materials, Adaptability, Easy to walk to and access, Entrances/boundaries, Maintenance and Does it feel safe, scored the highest.

What people like best about the park -

When the feedback for this question is pasted into a 'word cloud generator', the resulting size of each word shows how often it is mentioned. The 'word cloud' for Windyknowe Park is shown below, quickly indicating which elements of the park are currently most valued:



People appreciate the central location of the park and how close it is to their homes and the school. It is easily accessible. The park is well used and enjoyed by many people. The flat, open, large grassed area is liked. It is safe, children are visible, there is a good division from the main road and it is fenced. The football area/grass is liked with space to play, run and walk. People like the play area and equipment, particularly for younger children and the fact it is fenced. It is regarded as well-kept/maintained/clean.

What don't people like about the park -

If a "word cloud generator" is again used to capture the feedback from the survey for things people don't like about the park the following is produced –



The size and unevenness of the pitch/grass, no markings and condition of the goals were a recurring dislike about the park. The broken fencing was also highlighted. People don't like that there are irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up their dog's mess. Some mentioned the lack of biodiversity/plants. Others said they don't like that there isn't a path around the park and some suggested that there could be updated/additional play equipment or more things for older children to do. The limited seating is also disliked. A few mentioned that there are only a few bins in the park.

Suggestions for improvements

Survey users were asked to suggest 3 really low-cost things to improve the park. They were then asked what changes they would make in the long term. There was an overlap of suggestions between low-cost and long term with the following items being most commonly mentioned:

- More seating
- Level/upgrade/improve football pitch
- Fix fence
- Additional activities
- Additional paths
- Upgrade/expand play area
- More plants

All survey suggestions can be viewed in Appendix 1 of this report.

Recommendations

The park is obviously well used and enjoyed by the local community but there are features that could be improved or enhancements made that would increase enjoyment of current users and which could attract new users. By considering the survey feedback (scores and comments) a number of suggested features/areas for improvement are identified:

Existing grass field/football area – This area gets a lot of use, particularly at the goal ends, but the size of it appears to be too big for children to use for a football game. There are issues with the playing surface. There are no football clubs leasing the site for games, probably due to the pitch being too small for league games (at only 60m in length). Suggestions have been put forward to provide 5-aside and other ball games provision. There are also suggestions for additional paths within the park and additional seating to enjoy the space.

Draft proposal: A surfaced playing area with goals and hoops. This would be smaller than the area between the existing goals but offer more opportunities for active play for individuals, small groups or teams. Depending on the chosen surface (within budget) an all-weather play surface would extend the use of the park and be more accessible for those in wheelchairs.

Draft proposal: A new path, and entrances from the west and south, connecting with the existing path in the east. At the moment the park is probably underused as there is only a surfaced path route in the east and the grass surface doesn't allow easy access for those with a pram, wheelchair or mobility issues and is not very attractive to use when wet.

Draft proposal: **New seating areas.** New benches would provide opportunities to rest, supervise children, enjoy the park and socialise.

Draft proposal: **Bulb planting.** This would add colour and interest to the park but also improve biodiversity.

Not all of the ideas suggested by survey respondents will be possible to implement within the existing budget. In addition, not all suggestions are the responsibility of Open Space or could be added/upgraded using the currently available Open Space capital budget. This includes the following:

- If park users see dog fouling then there is a Council webpage that can be used to report it at https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32095/Report-a-Dog-Fouling-Issue
- The Council no longer fits dog waste only bins (the red ones). The black bins are for all waste including dog fouling. There is a webpage to report litter/overflowing bins at https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32091/Report-Litter
- Grit bins Information regarding gritting and grit bins is available at https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/30888/Gritting-and-Winter-Maintenance
- Play equipment receives a separate budget to parks. The comments regarding the play park will be given to the relevant officer and if resources become available in the future then consideration will be given to community suggestions. There are no plans to invest in Windyknowe Park Play Area within the next 5 years.
- Lighting in not generally fitted in parks. Where there is an adopted path running through a park then this may be fitted with lighting as is the case with the current path. There are no plans to fit additional lighting in Windyknowe Park.

Next Steps

This report will be posted on the parks' webpage at www.westlothian.gov.uk/parkinfo

Based on the feedback and recommendations in this report, a number of options are possible but unfortunately, due to the available park budget, not all can be implemented in the near future. A second consultation is needed to identify which proposals are a priority for the community. This will be carried out shortly. Proposals that have the most support and that can also be implemented within the budget will then be delivered, ideally within 2022/23.

The 18 people who opted to join the park email list will be kept updated about the park improvements. Anyone else who would like to join the list can request to do so by emailing Carol.Campbell@westlothian.gov.uk

Appendix 1 Park Survey Results

1. Number of participants: 33

2. What do you call the park?

Number of participants: 33

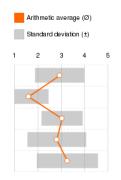
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3. Please rate the park against the measures - with 1 being poor to 5 being good

Quality

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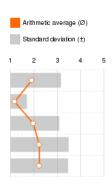


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7) Economic benefits (Does an	29x	87.88	2x	6.06	2x	6.06	-	-	-	-	1.18	0.53
8) Network with wider area (Is	15x	45.45	9x	27.27	5x	15.15	Зх	9.09	1x	3.03	1.97	1.13
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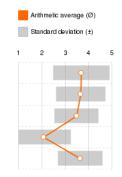


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Safe and welcoming

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6. Opportunities

What do you like best about this park?

Number of participants: 32

- -Central to residents of Hopetoun park, Windyknowe and Glasgow Road Residents.
- -Like to see people enjoying the park. Kids playing in play park, or playing football, running around within the park. As it should be. Just having fun, and enjoying the space, as it usually is.
- -Its used by a lot of people and I look onto it.
- -Its easy accessible and garhers society around.
- -The size of the grass area is large so it makes good use when a lot of people are on the pitch, the park is close to school and my house
- -football pitch
- -Football Field
- -It's very open, safe and green. Good pace for football and kids are visible in the park. It's flat, easy access and well kept
- -Grassy area is well maintained. It is flat and good area for dog walkers . Lots of kids use it for kick about with footballs. Nice big space to run around in for children and dogs.
- -I think it's great that there is both a park and football pitch
- -It has good division from the main road by the well established tree line.
- -Good play park
- -It's close to the primary school
- -Space for the children to run
- -Large green space. Football pitch and infant park used regularly. Also used by dog walkers.
- -It is nice for younger children.
- -Close to home
- -Kids can play in the park as well as play other activities on the grass field
- -Fenced, spacious
- -Green open space
- -Good little park, and equipment well maintained. Has a good section for the under 2's just learning to walk (beecraigs have sadly removed this from their park revamp, an age range sadly overlooked in a lot of parks.
- -How close it is to home. The enclosed kids play park.
- -It's very large and open
- -Location
- -Large open space
- -Good for dog walkers. Good children's play area.
- -Easy access and very clean
- -It is on the way to and from school so we can pop in if the weather is nice and meet friends there.
- -Play area is ok. Good size
- -It's a short cut to Glasgow road!
- -Play Equi[ment area is good for small kids is the best bit
- -It's a great area for children to play and dog friendly

7). Is there anything you don't like?

Number of participants: 31

-The large football field is generally unused and the pitch is far too big for the young kids to play football on. This requires rethinking per my comments in point 3

Because of the large expanse of the football pitch this attracts a lot of dog walkers, which is fine but

there is constant evidence that a number of these dog owners are not picking up their dog foul. this is a concern to a number of parents and grandparents whose kids use the park currently.

- -Fence boundary always broken, which is dangerous. Kids squeezing through the bars.
- -The bins are always full, its just a big piecee of sloping grass. It doesn't have a track around it.
- -Litters around . Uneveness at the field.
- -I don't like that park is fenced without gates and there are holes in the ground in various areas of the park, especially near the goal, the goals need painted and possibly have nets.
- -holes in the pitch and park is less fun
- -For a park that is easy access and on a main road, it's a bit bereft of accessible and varied play equipment
- -Trees and bushes on roadside boundary need some upkeep. Inside of grassy area the trees have not been cut back for some time and are very overgrown.
- -There's only one bench in the full area, the football pitch grass could be getting cut nicer as some parts are missed
- -The Constant dog mess on the grass. The fence on the left is broken in places.
- -Uneven grass pitch
- -Outdated play area. Grassed area is used by dog walkers and dog foul is often found
- -No benches
- -Nothing much to do for older kids not into football.
- -No
- -Wasted ground around the park
- -There is no older kids slide and no one can stay on the roundabout as it's at an angle
- -Football pitch never used as this uneven, dog mess, not marked ir maintained to use as a pit h
- -Better fencing as near road
- -Fencing round park run down, not many bins.

Not much biodiversity round field, just feels a bit neglected like the housing in the area.

- -The play equipment could be updated. Maybe more signage about dog waste or a dog poo bin but I suppose that's down to the owners!
- -There could be so much more to do within it
- -Some areas hard to see needs better lighting in the dark
- -Metal fence is broken in places and slightly dangerous
- -No seating / benches in main park area.
- -At the path side gets extremely muddy during the autumn winter months. More seating would be really useful here.
- -It can be quite muddy in the wet weather and there are no plants or bedded areas. It is very basic and could benefit from a few more seating areas and possibly different areas of interest.
- -Needs more things to do
- -Low quality maintenance, no seating, goal posts badly maintained, grass cutting sub standard
- -Football pitch dominates the park the trees along the main road are overgrown and there is no paths around the park to encorage walkers runners or cyclists or spectators no seats or picnic tables
- -No I could not find anything i don't like about this park.
- 8) List three really low-cost things that could be done to improve this park straight away: -
- 1 Half the football field and use the half of the grass at the west end to create a smaller grass football field with goal posts at the north and south ends.
 - Few benches
 - Update bins so birds can't get the dog poo out. Fill in holes in middle of park.
 - Maintenance upkeep of play and other equipment
 - To even up the ground at the pitch
 - Fix the puddles
 - net for goal post
 - Remove chain from gate
 - Benches

- Cut back trees
- Planters
- Paint the entrance fence in Glasgow road
- Fill in holes in grass pitch
- Dog waste bin
- Benches
- Running/cycle path around perimeter
- More flowers around the edges
- Basketball court
- Benches on the field
- Level, and lined
- Fencing
- Repaint playground fencing
- Updating play park
- Sand pit for kids
- Painting
- Have football field fully enclosed
- More shrubs along the fenced sides.
- Seating
- Add plants.
- Coffee van
- Better maintenance
- more paths
- Keep grass cut
- 2 Use the other half of the football pitch to install and enclosed 5 a side all weather football pitch and basketball court to attract the younger kids to play in the park all year round weather permitting!.
 - Lighting
 - Add a jogging track around the perimeter.
 - Paint goals
 - paint the goal frames
 - Fix goals
 - Add some benches
 - Picnic benches
 - Fix and paint the fence on the left of the grass
 - Remove graffiti in play park
 - Litter bins-more
 - Better drainage
 - Recycle/dog poo bins
 - Picnic benches
 - Flowers
 - Benches outskirts of pitch
 - Benches
 - General tidy up
 - Some flower beds
 - Flower beds
 - Recycling
 - Plant flowers
 - South facing seating in the main park area.
 - Signs
 - Add benches and bins.
 - More paths and entrances
 - Some seating/benches
 - seats or picnic tables
 - Maintain play park
- 3 Fix and reopen the north gate to the existing play area which has been padlocked for a long number of weeks! Not sure why or what the problem is here!
 - Grit box
 - Add benches in the park and not just in the kiddies park, see meadow park
 - Triim trees
 - basket swing

- Add a flower bed
- Better lighting
- Add a dog waste bin and signage
- Plant some flowers
- Instal a bug hotel!
- Larger climbing frame & picnic area
- Flowers
- Better lighting
- Planting
- Edge between grass and tarmac
- Basket ball hoops
- Community Litter pick
- Add dog park
- Access gate at top of the park.
- More enclosed
- Include a gravel path around the football pitch.
- More events
- Addition of swings
- signage and information boards
- Just happy the way it is
- 9) What changes would you make in the long term that would have the biggest impact?

Number of participants: 29

- -If you implement the points in 3 above, i believe that this would be a better use of the space and attract more users to the park regularly.
- -Somewhere to sit, that would a big plus. Grit boxes, as there's only one in windyknowe at the moment. One in school grounds that I know of. And a few more bins. There's only one, people do use it, but in need of maybe another few.
- -Add bins. Benches, jogging track, level it off, update goalposts.
- -Put up the poles for valeyball.a bascetball basket for basketball at the park. Get the path done around the park and do a skateboard track...maybe q ramp at the side of the park
- -I will put some benches along the park, improve lighting, set up basketball or badmington net.
- -smaller goals. change park. basket ball option. or golf option.
- -More family friendly.

Benches etc

Cut all the grass and remove cuttings

Football pitch outline and new goals

Make play park bigger

- -There are quite a few parks in Bathgate, and people go to their favourite because they have features or playgrounds they especially like. I don't think all types of equipment need to go in every playpark, but it would perhaps be good to have at least one of the parks provide play features for disabled kids, that way parents can connect (it can be lonely being the parent of a disabled child)
- -Level off some of holes close to football goals area . It is a great park which could be used for football but uneven surfaces close to goal area make playing there difficult.
- -Add picnic benches for more parents and for those who wish to bring food etc, fix the fence that's broken around the perimeter of football pitch and possibly do something to give the football goals a bit of refurbishment as they are very old now and extremely rusty
- -Extending the play park
- -Improve football pitch
- -Update the play area, area dedicated to wildflowers with a bug hotel!
- -Netball/basketball/sports area could be used more by local schools during term time and community clubs & activities after school, in the evenings weekend and during holidays.
- -Some activities for kids to bring them together locally and make friends.
- -The play park could be extended to make it bigger as there's loads of grass at the back and sides of the park
- -Make the pitch usable

-Improve biodiversity around field, or even have a wildlife style trail that could be used by the local primary school, whilst still preserving use of the field.

Link a good walking trail up between other play areas such as meadow park and the westerinch scrub land. Currently have to cross the busy hard hill road to connect to bog hall nature reserve etc.

- -Probably just updating playpark
- -More in the way of climbing/play activities
- -More accessible for buggy, disabled and better lighting
- -Fully enclose the football field so this can be used securely in evenings for dogs
- -Seated area / benches. More shrubs and foliage.
- -I think seating one of them but also potentially a path around the field as the one outwith the fence is always covered in glass. More events and the kids not walking at the end of the grass which makes the mud unbearable when it's wet.
- -Add more seated areas and bins.
- -Bigger climbing frame. Flying fox, small kids area, picknick tables, little cafe, regular events and meet ups.
- -Opening on Windyknowe crescent to the west side, landscaping between the play area and the football pitch separating it into two defined areas, removal of full size goal posts and change to 5 a side pitch to create room for a multi use section rubberised surface with multi markings and inclusion of basket ball hoops
- -Big conversation about the design or redesign of the football area to make it more multi functional
- -To be honest I would keep it as it is, just needs to be kept maintained.
- 10) Are there any local groups who could help put your ideas into action? (Please name them e.g. 'Hillside Primary Parent Council')

Number of participants: 18

- -not sure, but you could ask the local residents to help to reduce costs to make these changes happen.
- -LOCALS
- -Don't know.
- -Windyknowe school community

Local residents - Friends of Windyknowe group formation?

- -I am not sure but maybe windyknowe primary school could help...
- -west lothian council
- -None known
- -Maybe the parents from the school?
- -Windyknowe Primary Parent Council
- -Windyknowe Primary

Bathgate Thistle Communitg Club

- -No idea
- -Not sure
- -Windyknowe parent council maybe
- -Unsure.
- -School council local girl guides.and scouts
- -No idea, perhaps liaison with Windyknowe primary school could be useful
- -West Lothian Council
- -No

Explanation of *Rate the Place* categories

Quality

- 1) Attractiveness / Character (Is the park generally attractive? Does it have a consistent or unique character)?
- 2) Community involvement (Does the community help to make decisions about the park? Are there frequent community events? Is there evidence of community involvement)?
- 3) Quality of materials (Are features and facilities robust and long-lasting)?
- 4) Sustainability (Is weed killer used in maintenance? Is every bit of grass cut short? Recycling bins on site? Are there signs that materials / resources are reused on site? (e.g. grass clippings on shrub-beds)?
- 5) Adaptability (Could spaces within the park be changed easily to suit different uses over time)?

Multi-functionality

- 6) Biodiversity (Are there different shapes, sizes and types of plants within the park? Do you regularly see different insects / birds / other animals in the park)?
- 7) Economic benefits (Does anyone charge for activities or events here? Does anyone sell things here? Do people collect wood or berries? Do people fish? Do people grow food here)?
- 8) Network with wider area (Is the park connected to other green areas nearby, or rivers/burns? Is it connected to walking/cycle paths)?
- 9) Regulating benefits (Are there trees / shrubs / plants at different heights? (to filter air/water, soak up rainfall and store carbon) Are there areas that visibly hold water when it rains? Are there flowers to support bees and other pollinators)?
- 10) Variety (Is there a good variety of things to do in the park? e.g. sport/ walk/ sit/ learn/ play/ watch wildlife / picnic/ cycle/ eat/ run / climb / socialise / walk dog / good views)?

Safe and welcoming

- 11) Easy to walk to and accessible for all (Is the park easy to walk to and get around? Is most of the park accessible to buggies / wheelchairs)?
- 12) Entrances/boundaries (Do you know you're in a park? Are entrances and boundaries well defined? Are they attractive)?
- 13) Maintenance (Is the park well-maintained? Is there much litter, vandalism or areas of neglect)?
- 14) Clear information / signage (Is it clear who looks after the park and how to contact them? Is there any information on wildlife/ history, etc)?
- 15) Does it feel safe? (Do children and older people regularly use the park? Can you see across the park? Are there areas that feel unsafe)?