



Werrington Survey 2019

1. Background and Fieldwork

Werrington Parish Council launched its resident survey for the purpose of using their opinion to inform its decision in relation to the provision of services to young people at its Meigh Road site. The Parish Council is committed to seeking the views of residents beyond those who are able to turn up at a formal Parish Council meeting. Whilst all views are valid it is important we widen involvement.

To this end all residents were delivered a leaflet encouraging them to complete the online Council survey. Alternatively they could, complete a hard copy available in the local Library or contact the Parish Clerk. We publicised the survey through our Council meeting, the local Library, all resident leaflet, Parish Council website and the 'All Things Werrington' Face Book site.

The survey was designed and managed by Cllr Shipley on behalf of the residents of Werrington.

2. Number of responses

There are around 2,400 households and around 6,000 residents. We received 374 (368 with non-eligible responses removed) completed surveys from residents in the Werrington Parish area. We had asked people to provide their full name and address to verify they were eligible and 6 surveys were removed as being 'out of area'.

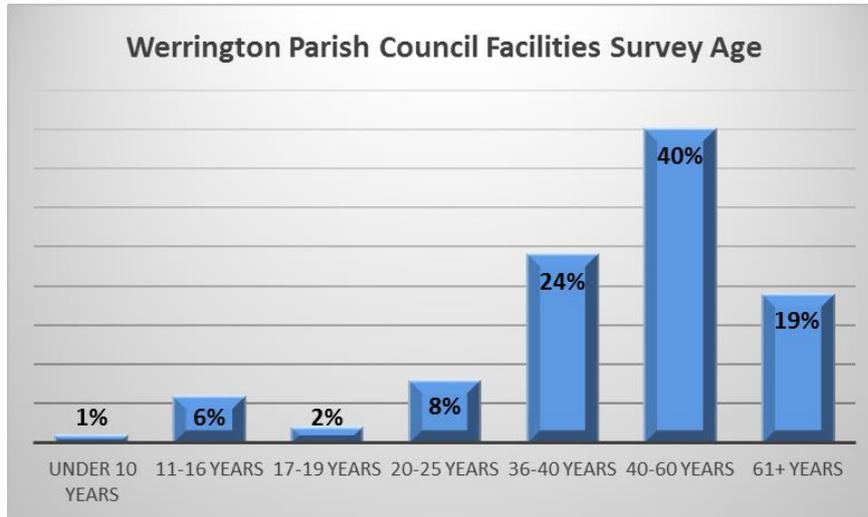
Just under 16% of households completed the survey. This accounts for **368 more people expressing their view than would have been able to without the survey**. This is a great achievement for the Council's first online survey.

There is a 95% **confidence level** with a 4% +/- variation. This means we can be 95% certain that if we repeated this survey we would get the same result within 4% either way.

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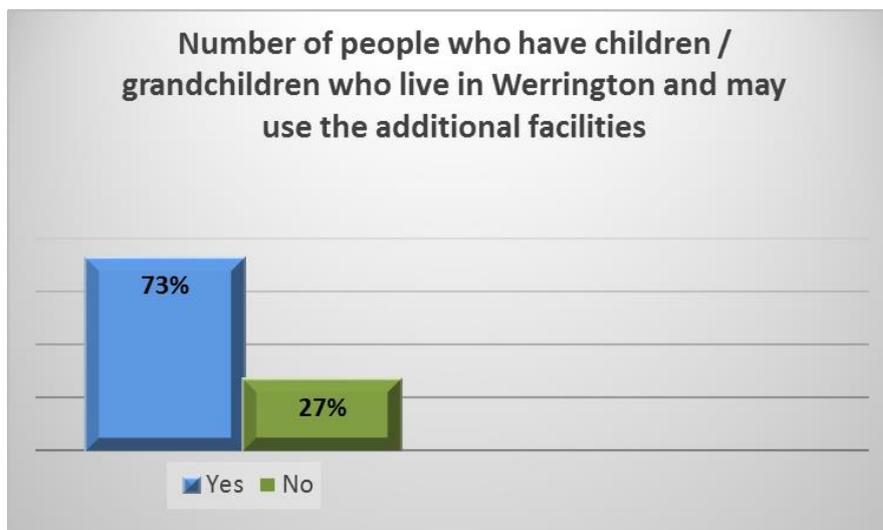
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3. Age Profile



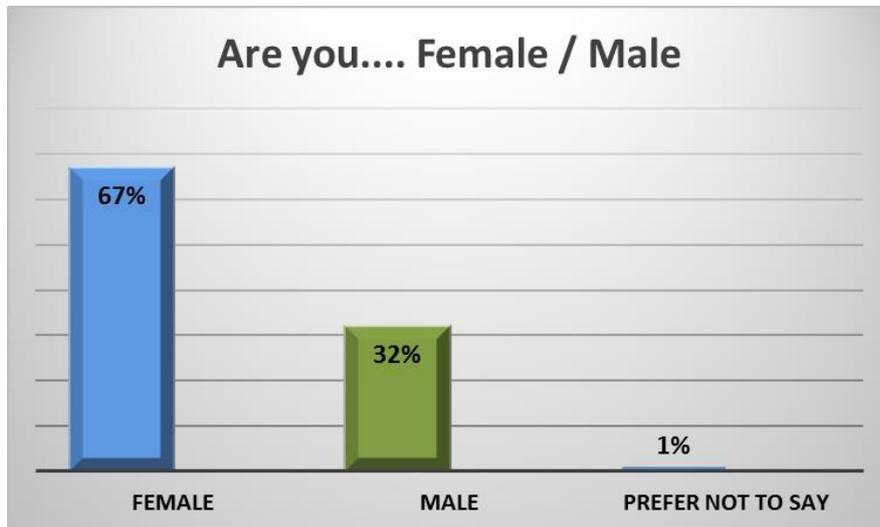
The largest 'age' group to complete the survey were aged 41+ years. It is encouraging that 9% were 19 years or <. The majority of respondents could be considered to be of active parenting age (72%).

4. Adults who have children / grandchildren in Werrington



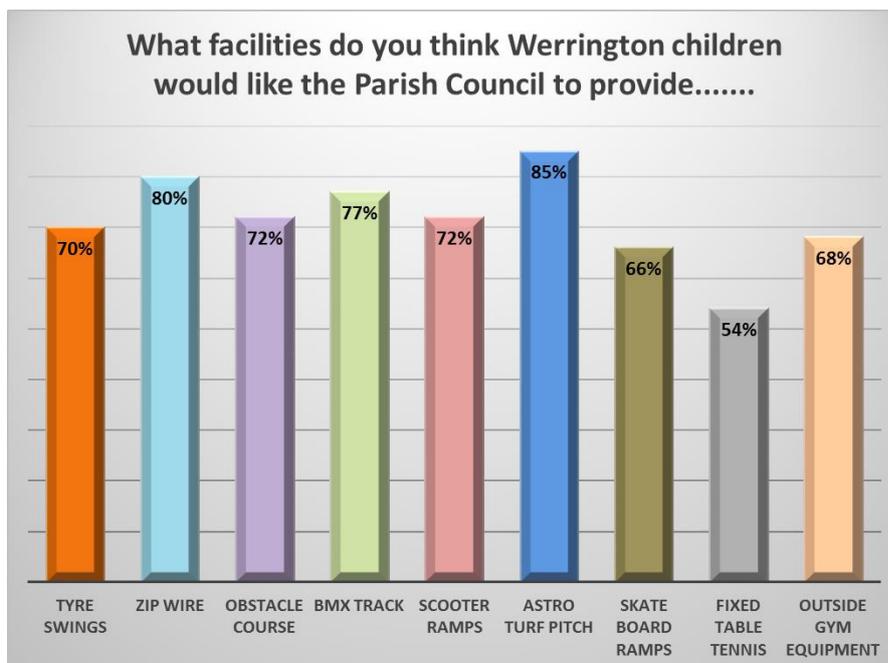
Of those who responded almost $\frac{3}{4}$ quarters state they have children who would use the facilities.

5. Age Profile



The majority of respondents were female and just 1% preferred not to say.

6. Choice Preferences



The top 3 expressed choices (based on a weighted average) are:

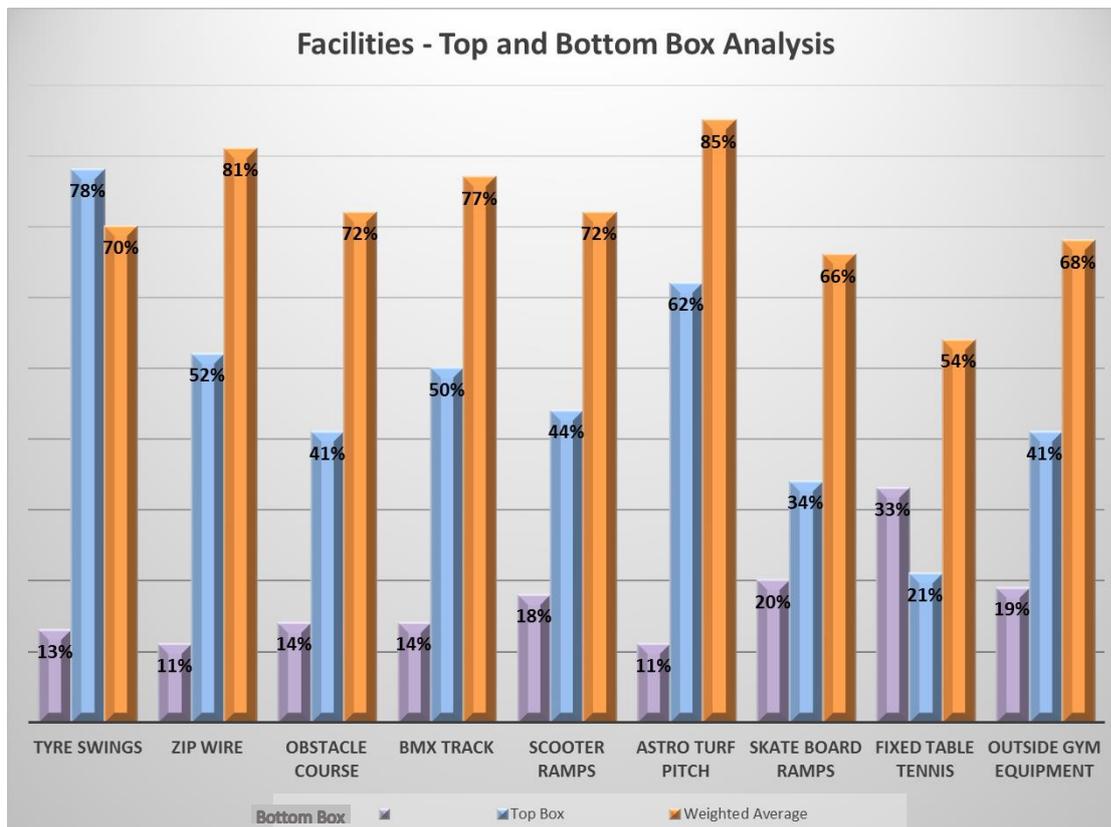
- Astro Turf Pitch (85%)
- Zip Wire (80%)
- BMX Track (77%)

The 3 choices with the least votes (based on weighted average) are:

- Outside Gym Equipment (68%)
- Fixed Table Tennis (54%)
- Skate Board Ramps (66%)

Choice Preferences - Top and Bottom Box Analysis

Rather than look simply at those facilities with highest or lowest weighted average we have analysed the results by those residents who awarded a 5 or a 1 to the options. That is, those who gave the most and least votes in the Top (5) and Bottom (1) boxes to each of the options. This allows us to appreciate better peoples' preferences.



The most popular options change when the data is analysed by Top and Bottom Box and are different to the weighted average:

Top Box (most popular)

- Tyre Swings (78%)
- Astro Turf Pitch (62%)

- Zip Wire (52%)

The least popular options when data is analysed by Bottom Box (least popular) are:

Bottom Box (least popular)

- Fixed Table Tennis (33%)
- Skate Ramps (20%)
- Outside Gym Equipment (19%)

Analysis

These results reinforce that the:

- Tyre Swings
- Astro Turf Pitch and
- Zip Wire

are the first choices having received both the most 3 Top Box votes (85%, 81% and 77% respectively) and least Bottom Box votes (13%, 11% and 11% respectively).

7. Would you be interested in attending a meeting

45% of respondents said they would be interested in attending a public meeting; 19% said they would not be interested and 37% said were not sure.

Appendix One. Comments (sic)

- please consider the teenagers that can gather there, and the safety of younger children as a result, especially with the rubbish that can be left behind by the older children.
- I've seen the outdoor gym equipment in other areas and it had always got someone on them. all age groups too.
- Would also be good to consider the facilities at Moorside Road as this park is also accessible to us. A slide would also be good.
- Something for the older children to help reduce antisocial behaviour by having something else to do.
- Some shelter area
- Better lighting!
- The kids need some play equipment for older children as the stuff the park has is only for the younger ones
- Picnic area would be nice
- Zip wire would be fun but it is only for one person and it takes up a lot of room where we could have more things for more people
- Anything that is put in place needs to be monitored to check no gangs are hanging around causing problems for the children who wish to use the facilities
- Any added facilities will be great for the local area and the large amount of teenagers that live in Werrington.
- Although an affluent area Werrington for many years has been deprived of good facilities for children. I grew up in Werrington as a child and the park has always had the basic of facilities in comparison to other parks within close proximity. The park facilities have more than sufficient land to accommodate many of the facilities stated in this survey and whilst many appreciate there is a huge cost associated to this development what better investment than a childhood. The additional facilities will also hopefully help to reduce the amount of anti social behaviour in the area to some extent caused by bored teenagers. This type of development has been considered now for 30 years, it's about time some investment was finally made.
- Just need something for the kids to keep them occupied and interested
- Parking and surveillance
- Tuck shop
- Not just about BMX the park needs updating for the children aged 6 up who don't BMX
- Any of those activities would be good for the children because there is currently nothing for them to do.
- I think cctv & lighting would be good

- Lighting and CCTV needs to be installed to ensure safety and to enable any trouble to be stamped out quickly. Also lots more bins and specific dog poop bins are needed.
- I couldn't possibly comment on whether the children would be interested in any of the above or not I would say definitely interested in all of the above which is great for them I genuinely wish them well and hope they get all of the amenities.. but I do hope that when all of these things are put into place they consider the residents that live immediately within the vicinity of the playing fields and the children it may attract from outside the local area as it has historically.. the trouble and orders that police have had to put in place... we've had young adults jumping in & out of our garden at night using our garden as a cut through to the main road and nearby shops... there's no mention of any of these questions or those concerns of the community on this questionnaire.
- Is there any Grants we can apply for?
- A small play area needs to be kept separate from older kids. Yes I know can not stop them but older ones take over the swings etc when smaller ones want to play and daren't ask! Cameras to stop anyone trashing the place.
- for a long time now children living in this area have been ignored on what facilities are needed and wanted, eluding to the fact that it appears to be a wealthy area and dosnt need funding, but Cheadle,cheddleton, leek, have had far more spent on them than the kids in Werrington,
- You dont need to just think of what the children want or would like but you also have to consider the needs of the local residents..... there is no information collected on this survey about the abuse from the children, children jumping into the road in front of cars, rubbish thrown around on the footpaths, roadway and into gardens etc, obstacles placed on the road to obstruct traffic. As well as footballs kicked around peoples gardens, with cars and garages damaged etc as well as parents/guardians dropping older children off with packs of alcohol especially in the summer.... We live opposite one of the entrances and and these things happen on a regular basis. We also have gangs of youngsters hanging around - and we also have to put up with music being played (on the fields its not a problem) but they do tend to hang around the entrance - obviously these are problems that happen in nicer weather but not just the summer months..... If you are going to install extra facilities you also need to provide security for local residents etc and better lighting as the field/space is used after dark..... Not all of the children and youngsters are locals but many are
- Something for All family's so much space picnic benches sandpit
- Meigh Road playing fields have now become defunct and not fit for purpose. We have the superior Malthouse playing fields. How do the Parish Council propose financially supporting both sites. What should happen to the playing fields is they get drastically reduced in size and just retain a small playing area. The rest can be used to provide sheltered accommodation to the elderly residents of Werrington like what Bagnall Heights is over in Bagnall. This is an excellent opportunity to start planning for the

ageing population of this village which is getting greater as each year passes. To ignore this fact and I am going to question the competencies and the motives of what is going on here!

- Tbh we are happy with the facilities there already, we have two children who use it regularly, but it would be nice to use the football pitch for more than two months of the year - why not fix what is already there so it can be used properly. Oh and please consider those residents whose properties join into the fields when making your decision - thank you
- giving the kids somewhere to go would help to keep them out of mischief and off the roads and help them to stay fit
- I feel you need to consider the residents that back onto the playing fields as they have had some terrible experiences lately maybe move the facilities away from the properties and patrol the area in an evening. I know firsthand the issues that the park creates for the residents as my mum lived in a property there for over 40 years and the last 5+ have been the worst by far.
- A CCTV camera would be good to prevent anti social behaviour in the park and vandalism.
- Lighting would be great and toilets
- Would need CCTV and action would need to be taken if criminal damage occurred
- My property is by the entrance to the park. I am slightly concerned that with the anti social behaviour we have had recently this may attract more.
- DRAINAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- There is no point in spending money on anything nice for the 'children' in Werrington, they purely want somewhere they can drink and smoke and if this is not allowed things will be vandalised. Majority of the people who vandalise things are teens from other less fortunate areas that are jealous and want to hurt what people in Werrington have, and therefore anything nice will be vandalised.
- We feel that a bmx track is needed in Werrington in order to deter the children from vandalising the woods on the common. This makes them very dangerous for other users of the woods and is destroying the natural environment
- We think some facilities for the mid teens would be good as at the moment there is very little for them, also it would be nice to try to make better use of the lower area (football pitch) as it doesn't appear to be used much as it gets waterlogged easily. It also would be nice if the foot path was extended to bottom entrance.
- Please consider options for children with disabilities and autism.
- The existing playground is a credit to the village

- Only thing that considers me would be vandalism as the railings around the Court didn't last long before they were damaged, would there be any possibility to have cameras installed so that these people who thinks it's ok to ruin things for everyone else can be caught
- Facilities that are hard wearing and not easily broken. Plenty of bins, food and drink kiosk for the parents haha.. more seating.
- I think this will help to curb the anti social behaviour in the youngsters in werrington
- Please put in the Bmx track you can use the forest
- Perhaps outdoor volley ball/badminton net. We are in favour of more facilities however what ever is planned this should not impinge our residents well being , ie noise and anti social behaviour.
- Late night use of the playground by teenagers is a problem. Equipment which is vulnerable to abuse and vandalism should be avoided
- Facilities need to be secure and vandal proofed to make sure that the intended children can use them. Also improved security is needed at the park, e,g, gates, lights and secure fencing to prevent teenagers from being able to access out of hours
- Meigh Road playing field is often turning into a Motocross track. Recent example would be motorbikes on the field at 6pm on 19/01/2019. A BMX tracks and scooter ramps will only encourage this to happen. If the proposal goes forward I hope there will be a dedicated police response team or someone will get killed. Careful consideration needs to be given to the chosen facility to ensure it is not going to be abused by teenagers causing anti social behaviour. A BMX track will encourage this while doing little for the smaller children.
- The meigh road site is a good outside space which could be better if any of the list are added.
- Please please please consider unsocial behaviour/vandalism. Discussions with PCSOs are totally in agreement with CCTV installed on the park area. It may be expensive but would be more successful a deterrent and cost effective in the long run.
- teenagers and young people are our future so anything we can do to keep them from turning into problem teenagers should be a priority and they tend to go Meigh Road especially in the summer so if there was proper facilities it would go some way to keep them off the streets also could the waste bins be updated and more of them
- Forest park provides a good template, skate park and climbing frames etc and it needs to be indestructible because of the older youths that congregate
- Because the area is surrounded by residents the noise level of the facilities should be a priority, and security of the "park" almost like the old fashioned position of a "parky" that I remember a'a a kid just to keep a eye on things
- More signs to say that the park is for children not teenagers kicking football's around the small space where small children are playing

- 17 years ago three children died from this parish and we went through a consultation process to provide extra facilities at the playing fields. One of the options was to provide a teen shelter but it never happened, we still think that this should be considered.
- Outside gym could be used by youngsters and adults alike. Encouraging adults to have a presence in the park could impact on anti social behaviour.
- It would be great the the children of Werrington to have more equipment however I do have massive concerns about more children coming to the area who don't belong here and the chance of even more anti social behavior from the older youths who disrespect everything.
- I think it would be amazing to have something like this in werrington. I take my son to Cheadle or Longton park rather than Meigh road as there is much more to do. I would not have to do this if it was down the road we could even walk
- Younger children, the park doesn't offer alot. A built in floor trampoline would be amazing
- More for young children is needed as there is more for the older children , we currently go longton park as it has more to offer than our local park . The current climbing frame is disintegrating and I think is a danger hazard it's been there since I was little and the wood is rotting and there is holes viable on it I think it would be really good good have an older climbing frame but also a smaller one for younger children. I think would be a great benefit updating it as would encourage youngsters to be at the park rather than the local shops and would be fantastic for families to take there children. Picnic area with some benches in an enclosed area would also be ideal I feel. Also at the park in wetley rocks by John pointons the park there has a tarmac track going around think this would be great to for running on!
- To consider all ages and the impact some equipment might have on the type of people then using the area. To make sure that any older areas are secured so younger children can still run freely without worry.
- The problem with the youths is not them but their parents not teaching them right from wrong.
- Being a former resident of Meigh Road in a property that backed into the park we found that any equipment that is provided is used wonderfully during the day by age appropriate children. Come night time this becomes a place for kids to hang around and congregate causing unwanted noise and disruption by kids climbing into gardens and shouting and swearing near our own child in our own home. As this area is not supervised how is putting additional facilities going to help residents and how will it be ensured that the children use the facilities appropriately? I understand that children need somewhere to go and in the daytime these facilities would be fantastic, unfortunately in the evenings and after dark, these facilities are not used appropriately and cause distress and discomfort for residents.
- These facilities need to be locked at night or treated correctly by teenagers
- Lighting. Parking. CCTV. Shelters.

- Please remember the little children as well as the disruptive big ones
- Any improvement would be appreciated.
- Baby swings
- EQUIPMENT FOR AGE 11+ WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL
- I think more facilities are needed for the youngsters in Werrington, particularly teenagers. A decent youth club would be nice.
- Looking forward to seeing an area that will have something for all ages and abilities to use! Hence the community should continue to stick together!
- Any facility would be of benefit to the area and to the children to promote healthy lifestyle and encourage exercise
- Lots of different facilities for all age groups
- Ensure lighting is good all around the park for children's safety
- The facilities at the moment are dated. Children would benefit from much needed improvement
- Great having new equipment if it's policed at night time and doesn't get vandalised like some of the current facilities have.
- More dog Poo bins
- The community needs to come together to ensure the youngsters don't ruin the facilities but let other make the most of them
- Baby/toddler children's play area away from the older children's area
- Children need more things to do in Werrington, there are not enough facilities
- We have the park for younger children so I think it would be fantastic to have something for the older children too.
- The BMX track could provide a sheltered facility for the young people they are not asking for heating etc just a sheltered area from the rain somewhere they can be together, and be aloud to be children, hang out...
- There needs to be more things for children of Werrington to do, a lot of children live in the village and would get a lot of use out of these
- Lighting and some form of shelter and seating
- Flood lighting would make it a safer place to be
- As this area is a park, should the older residents (the council tax payers) also be considered. I personally use the new path as an extension of my walks around Werrington and occasionally have seen adults jogging. Areas for older people could be provided as a meeting place in summer and a stroll around the new path could certainly be promoted as a fitness task.

- With the continued anti social behaviour on the park, this needs addressing and policing before any additional facilities. Additional facilities will encourage and bring even more children from outside the area. Already my children won't go to the park on an evening. Friday evening is a well known problem, so unfortunately at the present time it isn't a good idea.
- Council in 40 years as only ever built houses on land its about time there was something for all new and old
- Engage the children and get them involved in whatever you decide to install. Hopefully that way they will respect this more
- Ensure park not subject to ASB as a result of other kids coming to the area. Often take my kids to the park late Saturday evening to be met by groups of teenagers acting the fool . Intimidating for the young children
- nothing
- Long over due. We need more things for teenagers.
- More group/team games and interaction with the young and a place for them to use in the evening
- in the summer months it would be a nice idea to host community barbecues in the evenings. Residents could be bring their own food and get to meet and make new friends with other residents.
- A BMX track through the woods would be good
- SUITABLE DRAINAGE TO THE LOWER PART OF THE PLAYING FIELD BELOW MEIGH ROAD PARK, TO ENABLE AT LEAST A DECENT PLAYING AREA
- We do not live in werri gton yet however our xchildren go to werri gton orimary so we often use the meigh road park more son in the summer A BMX track would be brilliant for all and there is plenty of room for a decent size track with not much maintenance needed
- Just remember residents who's homes back on to play ground. Lock up secure at night to stop disturbance/noise in local area.
- Toilet block
- Often only the car park entrance is any good to use as the ground is so boggy. Have to walk all the way round despite living very close to an entrance.
- Years ago we had a park attendant who kept the park and surrounding area pristine, mowed the grass etc. If possible an attendant could do the same and keep an eye on the park in general. Potentially supervise a working party from the YOI or supervise volunteers from the local schools which in turn MAY ?? serve to reduce ASB and vandalism.
- I am concerned that the facilities being offered are for older age children. What about younger children? There are very few swings etc for infants and primary school age children there now. Added facilities for older children would attract older children from other areas as well, not just werrington residents.

- The children/ teenagers in this area have plenty of facilities as it is, which they have abused and vandalised on numerous occasions. Why should we provide more facilities that attract antisocial behaviour, not only in Meigh Road park but in the surrounding neighbourhood of Werrington. I myself have a toddler and refuse to take him to that park, instead driving to Dilhorne Park due to feeling intimidated by gangs that lurk around the area looking for trouble. The litter, broken glass, dog mess. It's horrible as it is and I am totally against wasting money on further facilities that will attract more teenagers, more noise and more antisocial behaviour to the area. Try spending the money on the state of the pavements along Meigh Road and other roads. Trying to manoeuvre a pram or wheelchair is an absolute hazard. This would benefit all people, not the teenagers who don't deserve it. They live in a lovely area and abuse it...why waste more money for them to ruin that too
- Any new equipment would be welcome but how will this be maintained as in safety, standard & quality of the park & the equipment
- young people also need something to do on dark nights when the park is closed
- Outside sheltered area with bench where kids can hang out under
- I am very concerned about having any of these facilities due to the trouble and noise that could be caused especially young people coming from out of the area. We have enough anti social problems. This all sounds good in theory but I can see what could happen especially in the summer months. It's ok for people who don't live Meigh rd area but judging by past experience when you have facilities, it attracts gangs of young people drinking and causing trouble.
- Paths on the lower part of the playing fields would help as this area gets very very muddy
- Cameras overlooking the play areas to discourage bad behaviour and act as a deterrent.
- Lighting
- Maybe consider lighting for winter evenings and it gets darker quicker. It will also make people feel safer
- I think that the children who live in Werrington and their friends who come to play with them from out of the area need something that will occupy them to stop them being bored which can lead them onto antisocial behaviour, which is having a very negative affect on the whole of Werrington and its wider reputation.
- Benches
- For the residents of Meigh Road and surrounding area, what guarantee would there be that their well being would be taken into consideration regarding noise/ disturbance / distress?
- the children of Werrington need somewhere they can let off steam and call there own
- Make a BMX track!
- I love riding my bike and all my friends do to so we would really want a BMX track or pump track as the one we built was destroyed by the council and we put a lot of effort into it

- As well as additional facilities it is essential that youth workers are employed to organise activities
- Low maintenance equipment
- This would be great for the kids
- The park has been destroyed/ vandalised many times over years, should the suggestion for the park go into the schools, and encourage the younger generation to participate in making the park what they want. Then they might not vandalise it !
- Important to have the facility monitored to avoid vandalism and dog fouling
- The drainage on the football pitches needs to be improved as the ground in the winter is very wet .
- Generally speaking the type of person that causes problems is not interested in play equipment and any sort of shelter or seating would ensure that the hours of anti-social behaviour would increase. I suspect that you will get similar views from people who live in the immediate vicinity of the playing fields and a more liberal view the further away that people live.
- Over 40 years ago I was told that we were 10% over populated for the facilities we had. Since then the population has grown with all the housing estates that have been built since then and the facilities have not changed. Building more houses only adds to the problems.
- An outline of what is already there would have helped as I have no idea
- Consider perceived noise of e.g. scooters, skateboarding etc and Meigh Road residents views
- Need security. Cc TV and locked gates at dusk. Plus more refuse bins.
- My family live in Hornsea near to Hull which has a similar demographic to Werrington, albeit larger town. They had the same issues as to what to do with the local park and they had problems with young people being bored. They built a skate board park and the young people love it and the asbo in the area has decreased. I have 2 small children so the facilities at the moment are perfect but understand that older children probably want more out of the playing fields.
- would be nice to have a garden area
- I think more use could be made of the facilities, however there should also be more supervision provided for. Its no use providing equipment and not providing adequate supervision
- The facilities needed depend on the child age group you are targeting and whether the children will be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Ensuring that it does not encourage further anti social behaviour
- Facilities for all age of children .Not just older ones
- We have concerns regarding the numbers of young people wandering our street at night. Damage has been caused to property and cars and we have been frequently disturbed by noise from the fields well into the early hours of the morning.

- Maybe CCTV to monitor any anti social behaviour.
- ask the opinion of ALL the residents whos houses back onto the playing fields, as what you decide to do will affect their quality of living.i.e. noise etc.
- The kids have already got the enclosed pitch so an astroturf pitch wouldnt be necessary in my opinion - plus isn't there something similar at Moorside High School??? As for everything else, I think they're all good ideas because kids love adventure. Dilhorne and Cheadle parks have already got these things in place so I can't understand why Werrington has waited so long. The facilities were poor even when I was a child. The last big decision about the park was about 20 years ago when the decision was made to build a bowling green instead of anything for the children. I just hope when all of this has been agreed, the children look after everything. Maybe CCTV or at least a dummie CCTV system or just something (lighting) to deter anti social behaviour
- Any new facilities should be supervised at all times to avoid them being vandalised and should only be used for the intended purpose to avoid issues that have occurred in the past when facilities have been provided for the Young People of Werrington
- This area has been a nightmare for residents for years due to the bad behaviour of the young people using Meigh Road playing fields. Windows broken ,fences damaged, high level noise and verbal abuse to name a few. The police when informed of problems arrive after the event which is useless. To provide yet more equipment to be vandalised also would attract yet more undesirables to frequent the fields . Until the issues I've mentioned can be addressed I suggest the Parish Council should not consider wasting any more of their precious money. There is only one priority for this area and that is CCTV covering the whole of Meigh Road and the playing fields !!!
- More picnic benches
- Adding CCTV would be very important
- Any decision made should be with the whole community of Werrington in mind not just a small section. The playing field in Meigh Road has not been maintained properly since the sad death of Tom O'Brien. the parish Council should get back to basics and ensure it is fit for all residents to use whether they be young or old
- Drainage required on fields to be useable
- Please can you confirm what will happen with the entrances if any of this is undertaken will there be gates on the entrances, that are locked? I am sure the car park should be locked at 9 but this doesn't seem to happen anymore as we have experienced numerous cars on the car park late at night. I have emailed asking about the car park but no one bothered to answer me!
- The existing facilities for younger children are very good, so perhaps concentrating on developing the area for children a little older would be beneficial, e.g. scooter ramps and BMX track.
- I have a 12 year old daughter and 8 year old son who I have to take out of the area on a regular basis due to lack of facilities.

- I always said the old school would of made an excellent gym/ sports facility for the high school ages however now that is not possible the closest we would get is an outside gym abit like Longton Park. My kids are 16 & 18 now but for all the teens out there they need outdoor activities to give them something to do rather than roaming the streets.
- When the football pitches were used on a Sunday morning the loud, foul language was difficult to avoid.
- As with anything you install there is always going to be someone who will want to vandalise it. Installing cctv may help to combat it.
- Drainage at the bottom of the field
- The children have already been asked these questions and the council know the results. More facilities will help to keep the kids out of trouble and make them feel valued and listened to. Let's not miss another generation. There are lots of people willing to help the council needs to harness these resources before all good will is lost! A bike track was already at the park and all that is wanted is it to be 're instated. Please listen to the kids before all trust is lost.
- If any of the above or other ideas get approved (in particular the BMX track), let the children help in the design (costs I accept have to be taken into account) to make them part of the overall plan. There is no point investing money if ultimately the end result is the kids still don't use it for reasons X, Y or Z. Secondly, I am sure we are all aware that all of the above costs money and not a small amount! Obviously for major groundworks, they will need to be done by contractors but for smaller tasks like building equipment etc, why not ask the community to volunteer to help and reduce some of these costs. I would be more than happy to spend a morning at the weekend as an example bolting equipment together or doing some painting of a covered space if it benefits the local area and will be used.
- We don't want children congregating in groups causing more disturbance to the residents.
- Floodlights - led sensors
- All of the suggestions would be great for Werrington children,I hadn't been to the park for a while so maybe picnic tables if not already there
- Suitable for all ages.
- I would like to see the bike track reinstated and additional items to give older kids something to do would greatly help the community
- The play area is not toddler friendly due to the lack of equipment. The play equipment is on safety surfaces but with hard edges which are not flush with the surfaces and are a trip hazard. Dog walkers should have a large fenced off area to keep the rest of the park safe and accessible to all users.

