



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

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PLAY AREAS

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Summary: The report describes the current arrangements for management of the City Council's stock of equipped children's play areas and the issues this raises for standards of service delivery.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny: The Panel is invited to consider the issues raised by the report and the options for the future.

Recommendations: The Panel considers the contents of this report and forwards its comments to the Executive for their further discussion.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Green Spaces team, on behalf of the City Council, is responsible for the effective management and maintenance of a large and growing portfolio of play areas and multi-use games areas (MUGAs) while at the same time resources are declining. We have reached a situation where the Council is no longer able to provide the highest standards of safety and play value from its stock of children's play areas, and decisions are required on a sustainable way forward.

At the same time there is growing recognition of the limitations of fixed play areas and a move toward 'natural play' which allows children's imaginations a free reign in devising their own games and activities without the influence of adults (as represented by the adult-designed play equipment found in play areas). The Council's play strategy, 'Play for today, Play for tomorrow' reflects this new thinking.

1.2 'Play for today, Play for tomorrow' (Carlisle City Council Play Strategy, 2009)

The Council's play strategy, published in 2009, includes a number of actions for the Green Spaces team in relation to management of play provision. Key among these is the idea that play areas should be assessed for their quality and that future investment should be based on these assessments, with priority given to those play areas in prime locations that offer the best potential play value. Innovative design, partnership working and opportunities for natural play are also highlighted in the strategy.

1.3 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) is currently offering funding to all local authorities in England for the provision of better play facilities. The 'Playbuilder Fund' is for capital works and is spread over two years (2009-11). The City Council's allocation for 2009/10 is just over £106,000 and is being shared between Edgehill Road play area (Harraby) and St James Park (Denton Holme). A similar figure is expected for 2010/11.

1.4 To qualify for Playbuilder the City Council has to demonstrate its commitment to the 10 principles of good design set out in the DCSF's 'Design for Play' guidelines:

- Bespoke design
- Well located
- Make use of natural elements
- Provide a wide range of play experiences
- Are accessible to all children

- Meet community needs
- Allow children of different ages to play together
- Offer opportunities for risk and challenge
- Sustainable and appropriately maintained
- Allow for change and evolution

- 1.5 These principles are well expressed in 'Play for today, Play for tomorrow' and the City Council should take credit for being well up to the benchmark of good practice in this regard. In making operational decisions in relation to play areas the Green Spaces team is putting into place the actions set out in the document.

However, the Council now needs to address the question of sustainability – as previously stated we do not have the resources to maintain all current play areas to the highest standards and decisions are needed on how to resolve this problem.

2. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

The City Council's Green Spaces team is responsible for development and maintenance of equipped children's play areas within Council property, a current total of 65 play areas and 5 multi-use games areas (MUGAs). The number of play areas is growing annually as they are often a requirement of development plans under the Local Plan (policies LS2, LS4). Older, long established play areas contain equipment that, while still meeting safety requirements, is past its best in terms of play value and attractiveness to today's generation of 6-14 year olds (the main target audience).

- 2.1 The best of Carlisle's play facilities (Bitts Park; Hammond's Pond; Cummersdale) are as good as any in the country but these have had considerable investment and are heavily used. The City Council has a recurring capital budget of £50,000 per annum for replacement of play areas. This is the approximate cost of a single small-medium sized play area (Cummersdale is a good, recent example) so it is easy to see that, at the rate of 1 per year, it would take over 60 years before all play areas were replaced. Suppliers usually estimate an average life-expectancy of 10 years for play equipment, 15 years maximum.
- 2.2 By using developer contributions to off-site projects in the form of commuted sums we have been able to increase the resources available for play area replacement. In the past 3 years, we have invested funds at Broad St; Beaver Road Park; Denton Holme; Hammonds Pond; Cummersdale and Heysham Park. In 2010 there will be a new play area for Belah paid for by a developer contribution, and further

investment in play areas by the City Council. Funding from the Government's 'Playbuilder' programme will be used to supplement the capital fund in 2010 and 2011.

- 2.3 However, capital monies can not be used for maintenance. In order to keep the play areas in a safe condition, each is inspected on a weekly basis. Any obvious faults or problems are identified, prioritised and dealt with. Anything causing an immediate hazard to safety is dealt with 'on-the-spot', and other issues are prioritised for later action. A single act of vandalism can result in repairs costing from £50 for removal of graffiti up to £10,000 for equipment which has been damaged beyond economical repair, quite apart from the routine maintenance costs. The most heavily used play areas need more attention than they currently receive in order that they are sustainable in the long term. However with limited resources to manage the 70 sites, it is impossible to provide more than the certain level of maintenance to ensure basic safety requirements. Resources could be used more effectively by concentrating them on the most heavily used sites, whilst still ensuring good accessibility to play areas for all residents.
- 2.4 Some of the poorer play areas are extremely old and the equipment is outdated. Safety surfaces, although conforming to British standards, are less than ideal. In many cases the play areas are used hardly at all, sometimes as a result of demographic changes that mean they are in locations where there are fewer children. Some were poorly located at the outset, hidden away from public view and attracting anti-social behaviour. A combination of these factors leads to some play areas being the subject of repeated complaints from the public and from Councillors. For example, in 2008-09 play areas were removed from Winscale Way (Morton) and Kingfisher Park (Botcherby) after becoming the focus for repeated vandalism and attacks on residents homes. In both cases the play areas were less than 3 years old and would have required unsustainable levels of resources to keep open.
- 2.5 In 2009 the Green Spaces team compiled a simple inventory of play areas including a description of the site, location, equipment and age. From this inventory it is possible to produce a schedule of the play areas that contribute least value to the communities they are intended to serve, and incur costs to the council tax-payer that outweigh the benefits they provide.

3. OPTIONS

- A. Status quo – do nothing is always an option but it will lead rapidly to a situation where the stock of sub-standard play areas grows, incurring greater costs and risks to the Council.
- B. Increase resources available to manage the play areas. This would have to be found from the City Council's revenue budgets as external funding is exclusively available only for capital projects and not for maintenance costs.
- C. Reduce the revenue burden by a process of transformation, de-equipping and re-landscaping a number of selected play areas based on their age, state of repair, play value and location. This approach addresses the core problem, ie. the number of sites requiring service. Remaining sites can be upgraded to improve their play value and maintenance is carried out to a higher standard. The space left behind is still available for informal play. Many local authorities have chosen this way forward.

4. NEXT STEPS - CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Any suggestion of reducing the facilities available to a community will meet resistance from some quarters, even faced with evidence to support of the proposal. It will be important that the Executive 'owns' this decision and therefore important that the Executive is comfortable with it. Consultation will be key to making sure that the logic of the situation is understood by all those with an interest and that there is consensus on the way forward.
- 4.2 Ward members, Neighbourhood Forums and community groups would be invited to comment on proposals for the transformation of specific play areas as the work progresses.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The City Council, like many other local authorities, is facing a difficult task in balancing the requirements of the community for good quality play facilities against the increasing costs of providing the service. If a sustainable solution is to be found, decisions are needed now to allow officers to draw up appropriate action plans and work programmes.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The Panel considers the contents of this report and forwards its comments to Executive for their further discussion.

6.2 Supporting documentation:

1. Carlisle City Council Play Area Strategy (2006)
2. Carlisle Play Area Inventory (Green Spaces Team 2009)

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PLAYAREA STRATEGY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Carlisle City Council has 68 outdoor equipped areas for play. These vary in age, size and quality. Some, though still safe for children at play, are nearly worn out, outdated, and only fit for closure. Many more could do with renovation. There are insufficient resources to renovate all those which need it at one time so criteria need to be laid down and priorities set to identify how playareas should be renovated and which playareas should be renovated first.

1.2 Playarea provision should be set in the wider context of play provision as a whole. While recognising this necessity, this strategy does not attempt to place playareas in this context. It is proposed to write a comprehensive, all inclusive play and young peoples strategy in the future which will include playareas.

1.3 It is widely recognised that children and young people enjoy playing outdoors and that it benefits them in many ways.

- Physical outdoor exercise will help to combat the prevalence of obesity in children and young people.
- Children playing out will encounter potential difficulties and challenges – physical, emotional, mental and social. They will learn from adults, friends and through their own experience how to cope.
- Good outdoor play opportunities also help families and communities. If there are good play opportunities provided, children should be discouraged from encroaching on adult spaces, parents should be reassured their children are not causing trouble and improvement of the actual spaces should contribute to local social cohesion through the consultation process and subsequent use.

2. PLAY AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Playareas should be seen as only part of the outdoors environment where children can play. Distinction needs to be made between playareas where equipment is provided for children to play on and places where children play. Consideration should be given to improving all places where children and young people play to make them accessible. How this can be achieved is outside the scope of this report but should be addressed by the wider play strategy. Basic ideas are listed in Appendix 1. This is in keeping with City Council policies and objectives – see Appendix 2.

3 SAFETY

3.1 There are concerns about the safety of children and young people at play. These cover two areas: playing out generally and playing on fixed equipment playareas.

3.2 Playing out generally:

- Stranger danger

It is important to keep this threat in perspective and remember that the numbers of children harmed by adults they do not know is extremely low. One way to address this fear is to encourage more children to play out and provide a “safety in numbers” factor. More child friendly design of open places, and playareas, with increased lighting, oversight where children “can see and be seen”, should also contribute to the decrease of fears.

- Fear of street crime and bullying

Again, good design, lighting and oversight and the “safety in numbers” factors should help to prevent the likelihood of this happening.

- Traffic dangers

3.3 The City Council recognises these concerns. Addressing them is not within the scope of this report but should be dealt with in the forthcoming play strategy.

3.4 Playing in fixed equipment playareas

Children need and want to take risks when they play. Play provision aims to respond to these needs and wishes by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, play provision aims to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks of death or serious injury.

“Managing Risk in Play provision: a position statement” – Play Safety Forum, August 2002

Summary statement:

This statement has been widely accepted as best practice by the Health and Safety Executive, playarea providers and the play industry.

3.5 Playareas provided by the City Council will follow the precepts of this statement and will be as exciting and physically challenging with as much play value as possible and as much safety provision as necessary. It is noted in the statement and reiterated here, that if playareas are not challenging enough, then children will probably seek out risks elsewhere in environments that are not controlled or designed for them. See Appendix 3. Regular weekly structural inspections carried out by the Council's playarea inspection and maintenance staff, an annual inspection by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and an annual risk assessment will continue to be carried out and provide an acceptable management of any risks involved.

4 LOCATION

4.1 Location of playareas is a vital component of their use, poorly used playareas are often poorly located.

4.2 It is not always possible to site playareas in good locations as sufficient space is not always available where needed. Many new playareas are provided by housing developers as part of a planning agreement. These playareas are built to serve only that particular development and are often poorly sited. These issues are outside the scope of this report but will be addressed by the wider play strategy and a Special Planning Document relating to housing developers which is being prepared by Planning Services. See Appendix 4.

4.3 The Council's playareas have traditionally been grouped in areas according to the major obstacles children encounter to reach playareas such as main roads, rivers and railway lines. Within these areas the playareas have then been sorted further into three categories:

A - playareas of primary importance

B - second tier playareas

C - playareas serving clearly defined areas of housing

See Appendix 5

Categorising the playareas thus, helps identify which ones are the most used and therefore most important and therefore warrant the most attention and renovation.

4.4 The City Council will endeavour to locate its playareas where high use can be encouraged. It will achieve this by carrying out meaningful consultation in the future, with playarea users ie children, young people and their carers.

5 DISABILITY

5.1 "The aspiration of those providing play facilities must be to create challenges for all and barriers for none. Where totally shared play experience is not always possible, then at least opportunities can be created for similar, and if possible, qualitatively equal experiences for all children. If every item of play equipment is not wholly accessible, then more needs to be gained from those that are."

Hicks, John with Heseltine, Peter (2001) "Playgrounds for Children with Special Needs" Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents.

5.2 The City Council recognises the validity of the above quotation and will endeavour to provide playareas which are accessible to children of all abilities and will provide some qualitative play experience for all.

6 The above criteria – safety, location, access for those with a disability – are those upon which the Schedule of Playarea Works (Appendix 6) has been based. Playareas have been scored according to how they measure up to certain standards. The higher the score, the more the playarea is in need of attention and the sooner it needs to be renovated.

Appendix 1 – Child friendly open/public spaces

Children will play everywhere, not just in playareas. Although well located and well maintained playareas are important, emphasis should also be placed on how to make all open and public spaces child and young person friendly and welcoming for play/recreation.

Public Spaces

- Child sized seating
- Tolerance of, or alternative provision made for, skaters and skateboarders

Green open spaces/Parks

- Hard surfaced areas/paths for bike riding and winter ball games with markings – hopscotch etc
- Stepping stones/trails/mazes in grass or on paths
- Natural features – trees/shrub planting/longer grass/flower meadows
- Mounds
- Trees (climbable or otherwise)
- Fallen logs, stumps
- Shelter
- Child sized seating
- Lighting
- Fencing where appropriate, if adjacent to busy roads
- Dog waste bins and signs, regular patrol to catch offenders (owners not dogs)
- Park warden patrolling
- Regular and efficient litter and dog waste clearance

Streets – living street/Woonerf

Design streets in new developments and renovate existing streets, (especially in areas of dense terraced housing) for pedestrians and recreation, not primarily for traffic

- Traffic calming – chicanes, road humps
- Trees
- Seats

Appendix 2

The italicised sections describe how playarea provision fits into the Corporate Plan 2004-7 and Best Value Performance Plan, 2005-6

Corporate Plan 2004-2007

Promise 1 – Ensure Carlisle is a safe and attractive place where people are included and feel they belong

AIMS

- Improve the perception of Carlisle as a place to live

Well designed and well maintained playareas with exciting, challenging equipment for a wide range of ages and abilities will prove a highly visible reminder that Carlisle City Council provides good services for its children and young people.

- Increase community engagement and access to local services

It is widely recognised that playareas need to be sited in the right localities and provide suitable risks and challenges if they are to be used by children and young people. Wide consultation with local communities, particularly children and young people, is a tried and tested way of ensuring that playarea providers are “getting it right”. Playareas need to be accessible for children of all abilities.

- Improve cultural, leisure and sporting facilities

Play is a vital ingredient of all childrens lives, encouraging physical, mental and social development. Playarea provision is one of the ways that the City Council provides cultural, leisure and sporting facilities for its younger citizens. Thoughtful design of new, and refurbishment of older playareas, will encourage children to play in many ways and thus enhance their lives.

Promise 4 – Improve local housing, health and well being

AIMS

- In partnership, promote healthy living and lifestyles

One of the ways to counteract the recent rise in childhood obesity and its consequent health risks is to encourage children to play out again. Challenging and exciting playareas, designed to be overlooked and to eliminate unacceptable risks, can play a major role here.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- In partnership, increase the amount of young peoples activities in target areas

Well sited and well designed playareas can help to increase and encourage children’s and young peoples activities, but can also be used as a base and starting point for other activities.

- Increase the number of people taking regular moderate exercise by 1% annually

Children who play out and therefore use playareas regularly will hopefully become adults who are used to going outside for recreation and will hopefully continue to exercise.

BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005-6

Cleaner, Greener, Safer

A cleaner, greener and safer city means a city with a Council that is working with partners to get the basics right. It means setting and achieving challenging targets for the resource-intensive front line services that are important to local people. In the Council's view, the themes "clean", "green" and "safe" are mutually dependent.

Playarea provision definitely falls into the "resource-intensive front line services that are important to local people"

Playareas are often the target of anti-social behaviour and siting, design, and lighting will help to solve this problem

Consultation with local communities, particularly direct users should also alleviate the problem of the playareas as locations for anti-social behaviour.

Learning City

Our ambition is to create a lifelong learning society in Carlisle that will benefit our citizens and future generations. We will work together to promote learning and encourage all members of our communities to take pride in their city and understand its cultural value.

Play is fundamentally a learning process for children. Lifelong learning can begin in the City's playareas.

Enjoying outdoor playareas can be the first steps children take in understanding they are part of a community that they can take a pride in.

Appendix 3 – Safety in Playareas

Exciting and physically challenging play equipment

British Standards Institute (1998) BS EN 1176-1 “Playground Equipment” is the recommended standard for play equipment and playarea design. Not all play equipment on the market conforms to this standard in every aspect. Carlisle City Council will generally install play equipment which conforms to this standard. However, should there be a piece of equipment which is of high play value and appropriate to the location, then there is no reason why it should not be installed provided there is a risk assessment carried out for it which would weigh the risks against the benefits. As described in “Managing Risk in Play provision: A Position Statement”, exposure to minor and easily healed injuries such as bruises, grazes and sprains is acceptable. Exposure to significant likelihood of permanent disability or life-threatening injuries is not acceptable.

Use of safety surfacing

Impact absorbing surfacing will be installed under play equipment where it is thought to be appropriate. In certain situations where the fall height is low (eg up to 600mm) and on to well maintained grass it may not be necessary to install surfacing. Installation of surfacing can reduce the amount of money available to be spent on play equipment. In some circumstances it would be appropriate to dispense with the surfacing in favour of more play equipment. Again a risk assessment would be written to cover any perceived risks, weighing up risk against benefits. Exposure to minor and easily healed injuries such as bruises, grazes and sprains is acceptable. Exposure to significant likelihood of permanent disability or life-threatening injuries is not acceptable.

Fencing

Low fencing round playareas serves two functions: keeping out dogs and preventing small children running away into potentially dangerous situations. In order for this to be effective any gates into the playarea must be self-closing. It is virtually impossible to purchase and install a gate which will self close fast enough to exclude dogs but slow enough to prevent small children being trapped between the gate and the post. There have been several reported instances in recent years of children's faces being cut and bruised by playarea gates. There have been no reported instances of dogs fouling and/or frightening children within a fenced playarea.

Fencing round playareas will only be installed in future if it is felt to be appropriate ie to prevent excessive dog fouling as in St James Parks or to prevent life threatening instances to small children. Risks and benefits will be closely weighed for each situation.

As with safety surfacing, installation of fencing can reduce the funds available to spend on play equipment.

Appendix 4 - Location

A poorly located playarea will not be used, and is a poor use of resources.

Considerations for a well-located playarea

- Oversight – “see and be seen” by trusted adults
 - High probability of other people passing by or through
 - Accessible. Childrens range often restricted by busy roads ie 30mph
- Young people will also appreciate the above factors with the addition of lighting so the facility can be used in the evenings

Each area is unique and special to its own community; only the local children, young people and their carers are really qualified to advise the best location for a play facility. Other members of the community should also be consulted.

Planning requirements stipulate a distance of 30m between a piece of play equipment and a house. A large area of land therefore is needed for a playarea, which is not always available. Newer playareas therefore tend to be situated in open park land which is not always overlooked.

Playareas installed before this regulation and with a lesser distance between the equipment and housing can continue, provided that replacement equipment is in approximately the same position. These playareas tend to survive as once entirely removed they are lost forever and cannot be replaced. They are not always in ideal locations for the local community but are better than no playarea at all.

Many new playareas are provided by housing developers as part of fulfilling a planning agreement. As a consequence, they are not located and designed with the needs of the children and their carers in mind. This provision needs to be looked at more closely:

- Is the playarea located in the best position for children?
- Is the entire estate child friendly? ie are all places where children play, child-friendly? Are there speed restriction in the streets?
- When is it appropriate for the playarea provision be converted into cash (section 106 agreement) to be spent on the nearest Council owned playarea?

Appendix 5 - PLAYAREAS BY AREAS – see also plans

Category A playareas – those which are of primary importance, to be retained and improved.

These playareas are better, larger, and newer than the average and if not already, are to be the playareas which will be concentrated on in the future. If commuted sums are made available from developers then these playareas are the ones which will benefit from additional cash.

These should cater for a wide age range, should be fully accessible and provide play facilities for all abilities.

Category B playareas – those playareas which are not of primary importance but nonetheless should be retained and renovated when appropriate. Access and play facilities for children with disabilities will be borne in mind when renovations are made.

Category C playareas – those which serve specific areas of housing which should be retained and renovated when appropriate. Access and play facilities for children with disabilities will be borne in mind when renovations are made. It is generally the case that these are playareas which have been installed as part of a new housing development.

Stanwix – area north of the river Eden

Category A playareas:

Briar bank
Clarksfield
Moorville Drive

Category B playareas

Belah Parkside
Kershope Road
Esk Road

Category C playareas

Etterby Gardens
Hadrians Gardens
Windsor Way

The residential areas to the east of Scotland Road are poorly served for playareas

Central – older residential area close to City centre, bounded by Warwick Road, Botchergate and River Petteril

Category A playareas:

Owing to the built up nature of this area and the paucity of gardens, green spaces and informal play spaces, all the playareas in this area are important.

Bitts Park
Broad Street
Fusehill Street
Melbourne Park
Bitts Park skate park

Bitts Park

Although the playarea in Bitts Park is one of the two major playareas in the City and functions primarily as a family visit playarea rather than one which local children will visit unaccompanied, there are still a number of residential streets for whom Bitts Park is the nearest playarea.

Botcherby – area contained by River Petteril, Eastern Way and railway line to Newcastle.
Contains Botcherby estate.

Category A playareas:
Botcherby Metal Box
Multi Use Games Area (to be completed)

Category B playareas:
Botcherby Avenue
Borland Avenue – Renovation of this playarea for the under 5's was proposed by Surestart, but was abandoned due to lack of funds. If the plans are resurrected then the status of this playarea may change to Category A.
Eden Park Crescent
Durrhill – recommended for closure

Category C playareas
Scotby Gardens
Scotby Road
Broadoaks Grange
Kingfisher Park

Harraby – area contained by Eastern Way, London Road and railway line to Newcastle
Contains Harraby estate

Category A playareas:
Harraby Community Centre
Keenan Park

Category B playarea:
Lonsdale Grange

Category C playareas:
Parkland Village
Barratts estate (not taken over yet, but destined to be Council playarea)

Petteril Bank – area defined by London Road and main line railway to south

Category A playareas:
Dale End Road
Multi Use Games Area (yet to be completed)
Carlisle Drive

Currock/Upperby – area defined by main railway line to south and west coast railway line to Barrow

Category A playareas:

Upperby Park toddler

Upperby Park junior

Upperby Park senior

Upperby Park toddler and junior combined, is one of the two major playareas in the city. Although it functions as a family visit playarea it is also a local playarea and recreation place for local children on a visit alone or with friends basis.

Lund Crescent

Category B playarea:

Toronto Street

Category C playarea:

Cammock Crescent

Denton Holme – area defined by River Caldew and Dalston Road

Category A playareas:

Denton Holme

St James Park

Milbourne Street

Category B playarea:

Sheffield Street

Category C playarea:

New Mills

Morton – area defined by Wigton Road and Dalston Road

Category A playareas:

Morton Park

Borrowdale Road

Dalston road

Category B playareas:

Raiselands Road

Winscale Way – recommended for closure

Dowbeck Road – recommended for closure

Dowbeck Road is strategically placed to be a category A playarea, but is very run down and constantly vandalised. If it is closed, then constructive thought should be given as to how to turn this into a useful and meaningful informal play space.

Raffles – area defined by Wigton Road and Newtown Road

Category A playareas:

Morton West
Yewdale
Peel Street
Beaver Road
Trinity Churchyard
Raffles

Beck Field/Heysham Park/Heysham Park Extension. Development of Heysham Park area by CHA/Lovells should mean that there will be major new playarea provision in the park in the next few years. No improvements or replacements will go ahead on the playareas below until the plans are finalised. Playareas affected for removal/renovation:

Raffles
Heysham Park
Heysham Park Extension
Green Lane

Category B playareas:

Acredale Road – recommended for closure
Coniston Way
Sandsfield Park/Chesterholm
Hebden Ave – recommended for closure
Heysham Park – recommended for closure
Heysham Park Extension
Green Lane

Category C playareas:

St Edmunds Park
The Beeches

Rural

Category A playareas:

Cummersdale

Category B playareas:

Longtown
Millriggs – recommended for closure

Category C playareas:

Greenfield Lane, Brampton
Sandysike
Summerfields, Dalston
Houghton

The City Council's playarea at Longtown is not among the major playareas in the town. These are run by Arthuret parish council

APPENDIX 6 - PLAYAREA SCHEDULE OF WORKS

Scoring system for playareas

The playareas have been assessed for a number of factors which will ascertain which ones would most benefit, and are most in need of renovation.

Category score

Playareas of Category A are deemed more important as they will be used more often by more children; they therefore have a weighting in their favour. They will also have a shorter shelf life due to harder wear.

- 1 – Category C playareas – those serving clearly defined areas of housing
- 2 – category B playareas – second tier playareas
- 3 – Category A playareas – those of primary importance

Disability access score

Playareas should be accessible by children of all abilities and should provide some play experience for them. The City's playareas were audited for accessibility by RoSPA in 2003 and are scored with reference to this audit. The higher the score, the less accessible the playarea and the more in need of renovation.

- 1 – Playarea acceptable for use by children with disabilities
- 2 – Playarea partially acceptable for use by children with disabilities
- 3 – Playarea unacceptable for use by children with disabilities

Age Score

Playareas have a limited shelf life; they begin to wear out after approximately five years and generally will need replacing between 10 and 15 years after installation. The older the playarea, the more in need of renovation and hence the higher the score. If partial improvements have been carried out on a playarea, the mean of the original installation year and the improvement year has been taken to represent the date of installation and used to calculate the age of the playarea.

- 1 Less than 5 years old
- 2 5-10 years old
- 3 10-15 years old
- 4 More than 15 years old

Activity/Status score

Playareas should provide, on average, opportunities for around five activities. These include swinging, climbing, sliding, rocking, rotating, agility, co-ordination and creative play. As the playarea ages and potentially dangerous and worn out pieces of equipment are removed, the number of activities decreases. The fewer activities in a playarea, the more a playarea is in need of renovation and the higher the score.

- 1 – 5 or more activities
- 2 – 3 or 4 activities
- 3 – 2 or less activities

The overall score for individual playareas is reached by adding together the above four scores.

PLAYGROUNDS IN CARLISLE

1.	Parkside.....	3
2.	Clarksfield.....	4
3.	Hadrians Gardens.....	5
4.	Kershope Road.....	6
5.	Moorville Drive.....	7
6.	Briarbank.....	8
7.	Esk Road.....	9
8.	Etterby Gardens.....	10
9.	Windsor Way.....	11
10.	Bitts Park.....	12
11.	Bitts Park Skateboard Park.....	13
12.	Bitts Park – Interactive Water Feature.....	14
13.	Borland Avenue (Removed).....	15
14.	Botcherby Avenue (removed).....	16
15.	Broad Street.....	17
16.	Cumrew Close (Removed).....	18
17.	Charlotte Terrace.....	19
18.	Melbourne Park East (Botcherby Metal Box).....	20
19.	Melbourne Park West.....	21
20.	Fusehill Street.....	22
21.	Scotby Gardens.....	23
22.	Broadoaks Grange.....	24
23.	Pasture Walk.....	25
24.	Keenan Park.....	26
25.	Lonsdale Grange.....	27
26.	Edgehill Road.....	28
27.	Parkland Village.....	29
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1. Parkside



Equipment

Swings - 10ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - flats. Multiswing	Levercrest	Feb 1991
Tractor climber with slide	Wicksteed	Feb 1991
Spring seesaw	Parkdale	Sept 2002

Safety surfacing

1. Swings- Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 90/1
2. Climber and seesaw - Stockade extended 92/3 - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing.

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Standard playground sign put in March 1996

Notes

Tarmac pads from old equipment need removing. Plastic caps on stockade posts removed, need replacing. Residents in Briarbank say the playground is the scene of "bad lad" activity and is not well used, not as well used as the playground in Briarbank.

1986 list includes climbing frame - wigwam, Wicksteed and bars. 1995 independent report notes that the tractor slide and X-scales are installed too close together.

Roundabout removed, Wicksteed 10ft Whirling platform, June 1994 8ft 1 bay ball-topped swings, Wicksteed, removed November 1996 Bark topped up 23/1/97

Richter X-scales, installed Feb '91, half removed October 1997 as unsafe, totally removed November 1997

Seesaw removed early 2001

2. Clarksfield



Equipment

Multiplay Toddlerzone DZW075 (Ladder, climb up ramp, ring climber, slide, arch bridge, 3 seat rail, binoculars, puzzle panel)	Sutcliffe	April 2004
Multi spring seesaw (extra support at one end) M147	Kompan	April 2004
Roundabout 43320	Kaiser & Kuhne	April 2004
Inclusive springies (2)	Sutcliffe	April 2004
Swings, 8ft, 2 bay 4 seat, 2 flats and 2 cradles Designed and installed by The Play Practice	Sutcliffe	April 2004

Safety surfacing

Black wet pour surfacing. Installed by the Play Practice April 2004

Fencing

1m high galvanised, flat top fencing. Installed by The Play Practice, April 2004 . 2 red gates

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats, frigate – hard wood on galvanised frame. Supplied and installed by The Play Practice April 2004

4 mushroom pods (rubber) Installed by The Play Practice April 2004

No bins

Notes

Tarmac pads from old equipment need removing.

?June/July 1994 Chestnut paling fence erected at top, along hedge line behind back alley for houses in Scotland Road to alleviate yob problems. Causes trouble in Rosebery Road by entrance to Etterby Lea Park allotments.

Always a lot of broken glass from bottles.

3. *Hadrians Gardens.*



Equipment

Swings - 10ft, 2bay, 4seat - flats	Levercrest	Feb 1991
Tank climber with slide	Wicksteed	Feb 1991
See-saw LTNB	Wicksteed	1991
Junior Play Unit	Record	2003 (transferred from Kingfisher Park in 2008)

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockades with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 90/91
Bark replaced with Enviromulch 2008.

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats - Barton park seats, 1.8m and 2.4m
No bins
Signs - 1 No Dog Fouling 1989

Notes

Local children wrote in with a request and petition for more equipment September '90
Old drain runs close to stockade corner at back of garages. Not in present use. New drain cover fitted December 1995
8ft, 1 bay ball-topped swing, Wicksteed, removed November 1996 Tank climber SMP 1991 was removed in 2008, replaced with Climber from Kingfisher Park.

4. Kershope Road.



Equipment

Swing - 8ft single arch swing - flat seat Wicksteed 1980

Swing - as above

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockades with bark Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 91/92

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Signs - 1 No Ball Games

Notes

Tarmac pads from old equipment need removing.

5. Moorville Drive.



Equipment

Play unit - Darwin Young Adventurer
Spring item - Crazy Nellie
Spring item - Crazy plane
Swings - 1.8m, 1bay, 2 seat - cradles

Levercrest	1987
Kompan	2001
Kompan	1987
Wicksteed	1987

Safety surfacing

Sunken pit with bark 1987

Fencing

None.

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats - 1.8m perforated metal
Signs - 1 No Dog Fouling 1989

Notes

Edging boards need replacing. Bins need replacing.

Local residents in St Peters Close complain of yob activity in evening, breaking green house panes etc.

Residents in cul-de-sac would like the footpath to the playarea closed. Refused, good link for children in SW part of estate.

Fencing behind equipment in a very bad condition. Land and fencing belongs to the county council, they have been informed about it on numerous occasions.

Surface under cantilever swing prone to flooding when wet

Vandalised bins removed

Cantilever swing, (Richter ?1987). Legs part sawn through, mrepaired with metal plates across cut.

Legs rotted – seat removed as unsafe for use – Spring 2001. Removed entirely September 2001.

Play unit - no non-slip surface or tread on access steps - does not conform to BS5696 Part 2, 6.

Included in Playground Numbers Survey Aug-Sept 1992 Indicate that this is a well-used dog-walking area.

6. Briarbank.



Equipment

Swings - 2 bay, 4 seat - 2 cradles, 2 flats 2.4m high	Parkdale	October 1997
Revised Reggae playunit	Playdale	April 2002
Pole Spin PZT 180	Parkdale	April 2002
Flower springy – 4 seat	Parkdale	April 2002

Safety Surfacing

Swings, Play unit -Black wet pour 60mm	Parkdale	April 2002
Pole spin, spring seesaw – Black wet pour, 40mm	Parkdale	April 2002

Fencing

1m high, galvanised, flat top with 2 self-closing gates to match

Seats, Bins, Signs

1 seat – installed June 2003 in fenced area No bins

Notes

Needs No Dog Fouling sign. Tarmac pads from old equipment needs removing.

Local residents say it is well used - more so than Belah Parkside.

Wet pour surfacing, particularly under spinner frequently vandalised. Spinner removed as no funding to replace surfacing at present, November 2003.

Fire under climber, February 2005. Bridge and adjacent pots burnt. Surfacing ruined in area below bridge.

7. Esk Road.



Equipment

Swing - 8ft, 1bay, 2seat - cradles

Hags July '92

Spring item - bird

Hags July '92

Safety surfacing

Sunken pit with bark. All equipment. Bark installed July '92

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

None

Notes

Ground tends to be wet; some drainage work completed on ground on equipment side of path at request of local residents whose fence posts were rotting. John Cubby summer '93. Residents on other side also requested similar work, but to no avail.

Residents in Esk Road living next to pedestrian entrance complain of caravans being driven into back gardens through the playground entrance, claiming that this is a danger to children. Would need two lockable bollards put up in the entrance to prevent this.

Gravel on pathway through playground is not suitable for pushchairs; floods in wet weather.

Spare parts needed to Cornflower hut May '94

Vandal damage to Cornflower hut throughout summer of '94.

Vandal damage also to Laplanders hut, part of rung broken off. September '94.

Climber - Laplanders hut, Hags, installed July '92. Removed summer '05?

Play unit - slide with house - Cornflower unit, Hags, installed July '92. Removed summer '06

2008 update:

Lowry Hill Residents Assn request for new play equip in play area. Consultation process selected Playdale Play Trail logs and bridge. Following certain objections (re, ASB issues) from residents directly adjacent to play area, work halted pending further consultation.

8. Etterby Gardens

Equipment

Junior unit	Parkdale	1998
Swings - 2.4m high, 2bay, 4-seat - 2 cradles, 2 flats	Parkdale	1998
Spring animal - dinosaur	Parkdale	1998
Spring animal - horse	Parkdale	1998
Equipment installed by Parkdale July/August 1998		

Safety Surfacing

Black rubber tiles set into tarmac. Supplied and installed by Parkdale July/August 1998

Fencing

1m high galvanised metal bow top fencing with one pedestrian gate with self-closing spring.

Seats, Bins, Signs

One seat - bench with wooden slat top

Bin - one bin next to gate

Signs

Notes

Taken over by City Council November 1998

Water tends to pool up in corner by unit when wet

24/6/99 - Telephone call from member of the public, concerned that the fence had been taken down and that kids were running out on to road. Playground maintenance staff attend - wooden fence installed by developers has been removed. Bow top fence round equipment was fine.

9. Windsor Way.



Equipment

Swings – 2.4m high, 2 bay, 4 flat seats	Miracle Design and Play	2002
Swings – 2.4m high, 2 bay 4 cradle seats	Miracle Design and Play	2002
Toddler play unit - slide, spiral climb	Miracle Design and Play	2002
Junior play unit	Miracle Design and Play	2002
Spring rocker – frog	Miracle Design and Play	2002

Safety Surfacing

Black rubber wet pour	Miracle Design and Play	2002
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Fencing

Bow-topped galvanised, 1m high. One pedestrian access gate to match. Installed by Miracle Design and Play 2002

Seats, Bins, Signs

No sign as yet

Notes

Taken over by City Council September 2005

10. Bitts Park



Equipment

Toddler play unit – Pirate ship	Kompan	2006
Swings – 8ft, 2 bay 4 seat cradle seats	Kompan	2006
Spring rocker, Crazy Gander	Kompan	2006
Spring rocker, Crazy Hen	Kompan	2006
Spring rocker, Crazy Dragon	Kompan	2006
Sand pit – Sandworks, Daffodil	Kompan	2006
Sand pit – wooden horse	SMP	2006
Water play in sand pit – Water Fountain, Cascade	Kompan	2006
Junior play unit – The Edge, Funky Elements	Kompan	2006
Junior play net – The Acamar, Galaxy	Kompan	2006
Seesaw – multi seesaw	Kompan	2006
Roundabout – Supernova	Kompan	2006
Spinner bowl	Kompan	2006
Spica	Kompan	2006
Swings – 8ft, 2bay, 4 flat seat	Kompan	2006
Swing – Nest swing	Kompan	2006
Playunit for children of all abilities	Sutcliffe	June 2004

Safety surfacing

Disability play unit - rubber wet pour. Installed by The Play Practice, May/June 2004
 Black wet pour rubber surfacing all other equipment Kompan 2006
 Blue wet pour rubber surfacing – pirate ship Kompan 2006

Fencing

Black bow top fencing (ht 1.10m) to match that around the bowling green. Installed March 1996
 Black bow top to match along footpath edge from bowling green to kiosk installed May 2006 (Kompan)
 Vehicle access gate by kiosk to match. Erected March 1996
 Red pedestrian gate with self-closing spring in the hedge under the arch – gives access directly into playarea
 Red pedestrian gate as above next to vehicle access gate by kiosk
 Red pedestrian gate by bowling green entrance
 Supplied by Monohinge, Installed by Contract Fencing - Summer 2003.
 Red pedestrian gate by pirate ship. Supplied by Monohinge, installed by Kompan May 2006

Seats, Bins, Signs

Picnic benches, 5 toadstool seats, benches, bins, IWF signs

Notes

Extensive flood damage, January 2005. Water approximately 8ft high over all play equipment.
 Playground Numbers Survey Aug-Sept 1992
 Used by group of young people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities arriving by coach with carers in early evening. Very well-used.
 Twin bay flat swings reduced to single as it was built over a storm drain. Drain cover raised by United Utilities – this drain is intended to 'blow' when under flood load from the City.

11. Bitts Park Skateboard Park

Equipment

Quarter Pipe/Flat bank	Bendcrete
Box and Rail	Bendcrete
Quarter Pipe/ Flat bank	Bendcrete
Half Pipe	Bendcrete
Flat Box	Bendcrete

Concrete items. All installed by Playgrounds Scotland 2002

Surfacing

Hard surfacing throughout – concrete around pipes etc, tarmac around edges. Tarmac access paths. I

Fencing

Between car park and skateboard park, security paling fencing, round tops – 1.8m high. Galvanised.
Appears to be responsibility of Car parking – see Peter Vincent
Between skate park and railway 1.8m high, galvanised, triple spiky tops
Entrance between seating barriers from park – not slow entry/exit
Entrance from car park – slow entry/exit - staggered in three sections

Seats/Bins/Signs

Wooden surround barrier/seating on park sides where not fenced for car park or railway
2 bins

Notes

Taken over for inspection and maintenance by PAMT of Parks and Countryside on 01/04/04. Checked daily by Park Wardens. Checked weekly by PAMT, commencing 28/6/04

12. Bitts Park – Interactive Water Feature

Equipment

5 Moppet pop jets
1 Mister jet
Directional water jet
Spray arch
Spiral column
Rainbow arches
Ground geyser
Rooster tail
Water Sprout
Leaky pipe
Water flower
3 Magic touch bollards to activate - spray arch, magic mist and directional water jet
1 pressure pad in surfacing to activate random pop jets

All items installed by Ustigate May/June 2004

Surfacing

Red rubber wet pour – with coloured areas around equipment, pressure pads and bollards
Blue – round pop jets, spray arch, ground geyser and water sprout
Green – round directional water jet, spiral column, rooster tail, leaky pipe and pressure pad for random pop jets
Black – round rainbow arch, magic mist, water flower and 3 magic touch bollards
Installed by Ustigate – sub contracted to Easi-Fall, May/June 2004

Fencing

Low marcation fencing around wet area. No gates. Red with yellow sections adjacent to entrances.
Installed by Ustigate – sub-contracted to Contract Fencing, May/June 2004

Notes

Extensively damaged in flood, January 2004. Cabinet under 8ft of water. Above ground features stored in Bitts Park depot, also under 8ft of water.

13. Borland Avenue (Removed)

Equipment

Seesaw LTNB	Wicksteed
Swing - Single stressed arch 10ft, flat seat	SMP
Swing - Single stressed arch, 10ft, flat seat	SMP
Swings - 8ft, 1bay, 2 seats - cradles	Wicksteed

Safety surfacing

Sunken pits with bark. Replaced with horizontal board stockades with bark November '93 - Keith Thompson.

1. Climber
2. Swings - 2 seater
3. 2 single swings
4. Seesaw

Bark topped up May 1995

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

4 seats

3 bins

Signs - 1 No Dog Fouling 1989

1 empty post

Plans

Hi/B/1 Holywell Crescent Environmental Improvements 1:500 April 1983

Notes

Bins vandalised. Not replaced.

Summer '93 BRAG (Botcherby Residents Action Group) decided to keep this playground, they feel it is well used. Local residents tend to use it as an extension to their back gardens letting the children go through holes in their garden fences and play there as well as in their own gardens. Often find unsupervised small children in there. Very difficult playground for adults to watch several children in at once. One end of the playarea not visible from the other.

Dog fouling a problem

Seats and bins tend to be vandalised

Roundabout, 8ft whirling platform, Wicksteed, removed September 1993

Hags wooden climber - two uprights with horizontal pole across the top with Tarzan net hanging between the uprights and sloping poles with interconnecting horizontal bars from one side. Climber subject to extensive vandalism summer '93. June '94 sloping poles and connecting rods removed, leaving only uprights and climbing net. Completely removed December 1995.

Seesaw - clearance from seat assembly underside to ground less than 203mm - does not conform to BS

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14. Botcherby Avenue (removed)

Equipment

a) Swings - 8ft, one bay 2 cradle seats Wicksteed November '94
Spring seesaw Kompan November '94

b) Special rainbow ruby unit - 701999 Wicksteed June 94
with 1 OXO barrier
1 shop barrier
1 shop seat barrier
straight slide, wobble bridge, fireman's pole, steps ??CHECK details

Spring item - elephant - 6060.027 Wicksteed June 94
Spring item - horse - 6060.026 Wicksteed June 94
Roundabout - sputnik - 6070.999 Wicksteed June 94

Safety surfacing

a) Horizontal board stockade - Carlisle Works December/January '94/95. Bark supplied by Premier Landscape Supplies.
1. Swing and spring seesaw

b) Metal retainer plate fixed to bottom of dog fence Wicksteed June 94
Bark supplied by Amenity and Horticultural Services and laid by Carlisle Works June 94 1. New area with unit, sputnik and springs

Fencing

a) None

b) Dog proof fencing - 1m high galvanised flat top fence Wicksteed June 94
with 1 pedestrian gate with self-closing mechanism and 1 wider gate secured with padlock and no self-closing mechanism. Padlock continually removed/vandalised. Gates welded up with bolt to close them permanently. Difficult to use gate anyway as bark retention plate crosses threshold.

Seats, Bins, Signs

4 metal seats, 1.8m long
5 bins
1 standard sign installed, Oct '97 (1 sign - No Dog Fouling 1989 CHECK)

Plans

Hi/B/1 Botcherby Improvement Area, Landscape proposals for disused allotments 1:500 January 82

Notes

BRAG (see Botcherby playarea) wanted playarea for younger children in this situation. Equipment at a) to be reviewed and updated by city council, due to be done December'94/Jan'95
22/9/94 Spring bird and horse taken out from a) - "absolutely knackered". Gametime saddle mates.
November '94 SMP 2 10ft, single stressed arch swings removed, one from a) and one from b). Rubber wet pour surfacing underneath removed at same time
1986 list includes Whirling platform, Hirst
Problems with padlock on vehicle access gate into barked area, continually vandalised and removed. Gates bolted together and bolt welded into hole for padlock, October '94.
18/11/94 - Chain link fence at rear of 49 Botcherby Avenue due to be patched with expamet.
December 1995 - Sputnik roundabout bearings repaired free of charge by Wicksteed
Vehicle access closed with three removable gates closed with padlocks. Excellent padlocks fitted but removed by Joe Public and replaced with standard ones.
Spring horse Wicksteed, Top and spring replaced August 2002.
Sputnik seats replaced January 2003
b) Tunnel removed from playunit, March 2004. Weakened by fires and rusted through. Not salvagable
a) Seesaw. Board vandalised and repaired and vandalised again, Sept-Oct 2004. Seesaw removed for repair again - 13/10/04

15. **Broad Street**



Equipment

Safety Surfacing

Fencing

1m high bow-topped fencing black
3 red self-closing gates (Monohinge)
Installed 2003

Seats, Bins, Signs

1 seat at far River St end
1 bin - by raised shrub bed
1 standard sign by 1/3 Petteril St entrance

Notes

Broad Street Play Area was refurbished in 2007, following community fund raising efforts (£18,000). The land area provides vehicular access to the garages and the rear of properties on Petteril St, River St and Broad St. Recurring complaints with young adults playing ball games, balls going into neighbouring gardens, also littering and ASB (refer to police log and Police Problem Solvers).

CDRP and Police have expressed an intention to fence and lock the park to prevent it being used at night time.

The land was originally intended as a 'drying area' when the houses were built, the lack of overlooking and 'open-ness' makes the area attractive to ASB.

16. **Cumrew Close (Removed)**



Housing development; compact, discrete, resembles small village, well landscaped with small beck running through the middle of it. Only one playarea left, used to be more. Isolated pieces of equipment scattered over the estate. Not ideal. Most of them removed because of problems, only one remains.

Small triangular grassed area behind houses. Fenced at the back dividing heavily wooded area from the grass - very dilapidated. Some formal trees by the house walls and old hedge line. Secluded, too small and confined for informal kickabout, but enough for smaller childrens ball games. Grass round stockade.

Pedestrian access: By 30 and 46 Cumrew Close

Vehicle access: By 32/33 and 42/43 Cumrew Close

Equipment

Swing - 10ft, single stressed arch, flat seat SMP

Swing - 8ft, single stressed arch, cradle seat SMP

Safety Surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing, 90/91

1. Swings

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

1 standard sign, installed on front of stockade

Notes for both areas

Yob troubles. Playground behind houses by beck at Gilsland Rd removed.

Local resident requested that a) should not be improved, would prefer that it was removed altogether - May 1992.

Swing by 7 Cumrew Close removed July 1988

2 seesaws, 1 swing removed Feb '91

Needs big new playarea for whole estate.

1986 list includes: 3 one seat swings

3 seesaws

Crazy chicken

Seats vandalised and removed from swings area. Tarmac pads remain behind.

Seesaw removed May 2005

17. *Charlotte Terrace.*



Equipment

Swings - 2 bay, 4 seat - 2 cradles, 2 flats, 2.4m high	Parkdale	1997
Spring rocker – SSB300	Sutcliffe	2005
Spinner – Blues 010241	Lappsett	2005

Safety Surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 1990/91

Fencing

No dog-proof fencing. January '94 - Chain link fencing put up along Charlotte Terrace side at request of residents. Height varies to suit requests of residents in Charlotte Terrace and Victoria Road whose properties front or back onto the playarea. 18/12/97 - in dilapidated and potentially dangerous condition - would recommend taking it out.

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

1 standard sign in grass opposite equipment.

Notes

Problems with ball games and No Ball Games sign, September 1993. Sign put up at resident's request. Others say where can the children play ball games if not on the playground? Sign changed to Know ball games allowed! Seems to be resolved (18/12/97) with the one standard sign up.

Complaints re vandalism, noise etc following on report in Evening News and Star about plans to close playgrounds in the city. Very hopeful that we would close the one on their doorstep. No chance! 5/10/94 Swings vandalised, support legs removed. Entire swing frame removed, cut off at ground level 28/9/94.

Wicksteed 1 bay, 3 seat, 8ft high. Installed ?1969.

Playground originally laid out with paving "stepping stones" laid flush with tarmac around equipment. Partly obscured when stockades erected.

Delta slide - insufficient height on platform guard rails - does not conform to BS 5696 Part 2, 6.

Seesaw - clearance from seat assembly underside to ground less than 203mm - does not conform to BS 5696 Part 2, 10.2.2. Removed August 2001.

Black nightshade was not seen in the shrub beds – 23/9/02

Extensive flood damage, January 2005. Seesaw - LTNB Wicksteed, 1969, removed. Bark changed. Playarea cleaned down.

18. Melbourne Park East (Botcherby Metal Box).



Equipment

Special rainbow unit - 701999	Wicksteed	June 94
Discovery aerial runway, 20m long - 6140.999	Wicksteed	June 94
Swings - 10ft, 2 bay, 4seats, flat - 6040.999	Wicksteed	June 94
with swing safety guards (traditional) - 5901S999	Wicksteed	June 94
Tow truck group swing - 6010.999	Wicksteed	June 94
6 safety barriers (perforated) - 5901.999	Wicksteed	June 94

Safety Surfacing

Metal retainer plate fixed to bottom of dog fencing	Wicksteed	June 94
Bark supplied by Amenity and Horticultural Services and filled by Carlisle Works		June 94

Fencing

Dog-proof fencing all round. 1m high galvanised flat top fence - FLAT1000
2 self-closing pedestrian gates and 1 wider access gate locked with padlock with no self-closing mechanism

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 metal seats – supplied by Gregorys of Cannock, installed by Carlisle Works December '94
No bins, 1 standard sign, installed October 1997

Notes

Funded by Estate Action money. Botcherby Residents Action Group (BRAG) masterminded scheme and consultation with residents. Limited consultation with children. Scheme put out to tender to ten companies. Nine schemes displayed for local residents to chose and vote on.
Problems with padlock on self-closing gate, continually vandalised and removed. Bolted together and bolt welded October '94.
Area tends to be rather wet. Playarea access blocked by puddles January/February '95 - this season though exceptionally wet.
June 1999 - wooden ramp on aerial runway burnt down. Replaced with metal ramp made by Barney Penrice, blacksmith.

19. Melbourne Park West



Equipment

Swings – 2.4m (8ft) high, 2 bay 4 flat seat
Swings – 1.8m (6ft) high, 2 bay 4 cradle seats
Playhouse and slide
Climber - No. 3 Jungle Gym
Seesaw - LTNB

Record 2003 relocated from Kingfisher Park 2007
Record 2003 relocated from Kingfisher Park 2007
Record 2003
Wicksteed 1967
Wicksteed 1987

Safety surfacing

Upright log stockade with bark. Bark topped up May 1995 logs now significantly eroded
Wet Pour under climber.
Mats under swings.

Fencing

Bow Top

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 black metal seats, 1.8m long
No bins
1 standard sign

Notes

Hopscotch marked out in paving but partly hidden under upright log stockade.
Bark topped up 23/1/97
Seesaw - clearance from seat assembly to ground less than 203mm. Does not conform to BS5696 Part2, 10.2.2
Repainted 2008, swings were relocated from Kingfisher Park (Melbourne Park), together with climber.

20. Fusehill Street



Equipment

Junior unit, Galaxy Sirius GXY8100	Kompan	2006
Basket swing, SPFE 25057	Kompan	2006
Spica 1 GXY8014	Kompan	2006
Spica 2 GXY8015	Kompan	2006
Mosaiq accessible playtown MQA1004	Kompan	2006
Crazy daisy M128	Kompan	2006

Safety Surfacing

Black wet pour surfacing	Kompan	2006
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Fencing

As described above. Entire play area enclosed. Gates locked each evening and unlocked each morning by park patrols. Key loaned to Youth Club Grey St for lads football on Thursday nights.

Seats, Bins, Signs

Two seats
Two omnipole bins Kompan 2006
Signs - 1 standard sign at Grey Street entrance

Notes

A popular dog-walking area, a lot of dog-fouling and reports of fierce dogs in playground.
Black nightshade was not seen in the playarea – 23/0/02
Tree down in storms, January 2005
Updated July 2006

Goal posts installed in 2009, funded by local Councillor, used by lads at Greystone Road Youth Group, who have key to gates (since Nov 2008) – no reported problems (Jun 2009).

21. *Scotby Gardens*



Equipment

Play unit - Junior unit 3A	Parkdale	Jan 1996
Spring rocker - Dog	Parkdale	Jan 1996
Spring rocker - Frog	Parkdale	Jan 1996

Safety Surfacing

Horizontal board stockade and bark. Installed by Parkdale, January 1996.

Fencing

Vertical close-board wooden fence of varying height around entire playarea. Gate to be installed at rear of garden at 38 Scotby Gardens. Metal pedestrian and vehicle gates at entrance. Pedestrian gate has self-closing spring.

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

1 standard sign by entrance

Notes

Yobs constantly tearing it down. Repairs are essential since the railway is on the other side. Needs indestructible metal fence.

Net removed from play unit for repairs, October 1997. Sent to Tayplay. Due for replacement by Parkdale end of 2001.

Stainless steel off the slide was stolen in 2007 – expensive to replace. Site not overlooked, and next to railway.

22. Broadoaks Grange



Equipment

Swings - 1.85m (6ft) 1 bay, 2 seat - cradles
Swing barrier - 5901.030
Play unit - Special Nursery Rhymes - Little Bo-Peep
Springy - Elephant
Springy - Motor cycle

Wicksteed	July 1998
Wicksteed	July 1998
Wicksteed	July 1998
Wicksteed	July 1998
Wicksteed	July 1998

Safety Surfacing

1. Sunken bark pit

Play unit low enough not to need surfacing beneath

Fencing

Close board fencing 1.8m high on posts and rails round entire site. Stretch next to Durranhill Road vandalised and replaced with 1.8m high round top, green painted, palisade security fencing – December 2003

Gates - 1 double leaf access gate. 1m wide pedestrian gate to match fencing

Cumbria Joinery and Fencing - March 1998

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Notes

Provided by housing developers to City Council specification. Does not quite apply with City Council planning regulations on 30m distance from houses.

Lots of hassle when first installed.

Strip 1m wide left between playarea fence and Florida Stores fence and along the bottom between playarea fence and house garden fences. Pedestrian access to this strip from a gate, locked with Abus EE0022 padlock, from the playarea at the Durranhill Road end.

Main gates locked every night and opened every morning by the park patrol.

Ground at foot of slide chute very wet and soggy. Soak away dug to improve drainage. October 1998.

Crawl tunnel vandalised and replaced with a bridge as top of tunnel too high to conform with EN regulations on no surfacing – November 2000.

23. Pasture Walk.



Equipment

Swings – 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat – 2 cradles, 2 flats

PPL ?

Play unit -

PPL ?

Spring rocker, Elephant

PPL ?

Spring rocker, Whale

PPL ?

Safety Surfacing

Wet pour – black. 4 Areas, swings, multiplay, elephant rocker, whale rocker

Fencing

Bow top metal fencing with matching pedestrian gate with self-closing spring 1m high. Installed by PPL

Seats, Bins and Signs

Steel bench

Steel bin

Notes

24. Keenan Park



Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - flats	Game and Playtime	1987
Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - cradles	Game and Playtime	1987
Play unit - Rainbow - Plum.	Wicksteed	1998
Roundabout - Pineapple Whirl 1.5m dia.	Wicksteed	1998

Safety surfacing

Bark in pits with board edging - Carlisle Works 1987

Wicksteed Safety tiles with board edging in tarmac - 1m x 1m x 43mm thick. Black. Installed by Wicksteed May 1998

Fencing

1m high, galvanised flat top.

1m wide pedestrian access gate with self-closing spring supplied by Wicksteed

3m wide vehicle access gates closed with Abus EE0113 padlock

Seats, Bins, Signs

4 black metal seats

No bins

Notes

Playground built October 1962

Extensively refurbished in May 1998, equipment removed:

Swings - 8ft Wicksteed ball-topped swings, 1962

Slide - 18' 6" Wicksteed, 1962

Seesaw - LTNB Wicksteed 1962

Spring horse - Kompan 1981

New play unit, roundabout and fencing installed and area tarmaced.

Swing parts. Game and Playtime not in operation any more. Parts available from Plexus (at Town Art address). Top bar measures 2 3/8" (59mm) in diameter. When reordering top clamp parts quote 100-117A, two half clamps and 100-111A two double cleavis. This is sufficient for one swing.

Windy situation, bark blows out of pits.

Could do with some trees

Shaggy ink cap toadstools grow at base of swing post in autumn. NOT POISONOUS

Plugs for top of unit uprights on Rainbow unit – Wicksteed part no. 2611 014

Included in Playground Numbers Survey Aug-Sept 1992

Enumerator noted lack of rubbish bins

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25. *Lonsdale Grange*



Equipment

Swing - 8ft, single arch, flat seat
Spring rocker – horse SSA700

Wicksteed
Sutcliffe

1980
2005 (installed by The Play Practice)

Safety surfacing

Bark in horizontal board stockade - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 91/92

1. Swing
 2. Spring motorbike
- Bark topped up May 1995

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seat
No bins
Signs - 1 Age limit (12 years)
1 No youth/adult ball games

Notes

Well overlooked from surrounding houses for supervision of small children.
Single swing at end of Longdyke Drive removed April 1993 following complaints from local residents
Spring item - Crazy scrambler, Kompan removed Summer 2005

Included in Playground Numbers Survey Aug-Sept 1992
Not well used

26. *Edgehill Road.*

Equipment

Play unit Powerplay S615 - 2577/B	Wicksteed	1998
Swingabout with tyre seat	SMP	1998
Swings two seat, cradle seats	Parkdale	1998
Play unit, Toddler 200	Parkdale	1998
Spring animal - dinosaur	Parkdale	2001
All equipment installed by Parkdale July 1998		

Safety Surfacing

One large L-shaped bark pit demarcated with standard stockades on outer edges and tarmac kerbing on the inner edges.

Stockade installed by playground maintenance staff. Bark supplied by Rickerby's. Installed by Carlisle Works.

Fencing

Flat top galvanised fencing, 1m high. Two pedestrian gates, 1m wide with self-closing springs. Joins up to back wall of Community Centre. Supplied and installed by Contract Fencing 1998

Seats, Bins, Signs

Notes

Local parents concerned about proximity of goal on adjacent football pitch to toddler equipment. August 1998.

September '98 Screws keep dropping out of lower part of rotating corkscrew crossing corkscrews. (3 flat-headed alan screws). Replacement part no. 2171 159. M6/30 socket countersunk screw. Replacements bought. Wicksteed came to sort it out eventually as these screws did not fit.

June 1999 - SMP rang from playarea to say they had come to modify the Swingabout as it was potentially dangerous.

Rocker due for replacement end of 2001.

27. Parkland Village

Equipment

Swings – 1bay, 8ft, 2seat – flats	Ludus Leisure	2004
Swings – 1bay, 6ft, 2 seat – cradles	Ludus Leisure	2004
Roundabout, 2.5mdiameter, disability friendly	Wicksteed	2004
Seesaw, Gloworm	Wicksteed	2004
Spring elephant,	Ledon, supplied by Playdale	2004
Multiplay, toddler 3 tower	Ludus Leisure	2004
Multiplay, junior 3 tower	Ludus Leisure	2004
Ball wall BW2	Ludus Leisure	2004

Safety Surfacing

Black wetpour 50mm thick EPDM

Roundabout – Area insufficient 5.9m x 5.9m Should be 6.4m x 6.4m (noted in post-installation report) Has red rim round the edge of the surfacing.

Fencing

Galvanised, bow top, 1m high, 1 monohinge pedestrian gate in red. Installed 2004

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 red benches

1 litter bin

Sign fitted 25/05/05

Notes

Roundabout basin flooded shortly after installation – water swirls out when r'bt turned. Needed to install drains underneath, linked to french drain outside playarea.

28. Carliol Drive

Equipment

Cantilever swing – Dino Swing (metal)	Kompan	2006
Junior play unit - Galaxy Kuma GXY903	Kompan	2006
Spinning top – Galaxy Vega GXY8017	Kompan	2006
Cradle seat swings ELE400303	Kompan	2006
Toddler play unit – Traveller ELE400030	Kompan	2006
Spring rockers – Racers (2) ELE400002	Kompan	2006
BMX mounds		

Safety surfacing

Green sand-filled carpet, Kompan 2006

Fencing

Short upright logs with interlooped chain along road frontage, two gaps for entrance.

Seats, Bins Signs

1 Avenue bench
1 Omnipole bin
Kompan 2006

Notes

BMX mounds still well used although BMX craze well over.

Housing office asked several times to do something about the fence at the rear of Holmacres Drive which backs on to playarea. Very dilapidated and potentially dangerous with old protruding nails etc. 28/11/94 - last known time asked, but at least twice previously. Memo sent on this occasion. Housing never attended to matter. Old fencing cleared away in Sept '96.

29. *Petteril Valley Park (Dale End Road).*



Equipment – Original Playarea

Swings - 2.4m, one bay two seat, cradles	Record Swingmaster	1997
Swings - 2.4m, two bay, four seat, flats	Record Swingmaster	1997
Seesaw - LTNB	Wicksteed	
Multi-play unit - Adventurer	Record	1993
Slide on above does not meet BS		

Equipment – Surestart Playarea

Slide – Mighty Musketeer M327	Kompan	Aug '03
Climbing net – Criss-cross M625-02	Kompan	Aug '03
“Roundabout” – Spinner Bowl ELE 400024	Kompan	Aug '03
Seesaw – Quartet seesaw M155	Kompan	Aug '03
Rocker – Crazy Gander M106	Kompan	Aug '03
Play panel – Tick-tock M631	Kompan	Aug '03
Play panel – Daffodil M629	Kompan	Aug '03
Bridge – Billy Goat Gruff M620	Kompan	Aug '03

Safety surfacing – Original Playarea

- Horizontal board stockade with bark
1. Unit - Keith Thompson Sept '93
- 1995 independent report notes that the area is not sufficient to meet BS
2. Swing
 3. Swing
 4. Seesaw -
 5. Playunit
- All bark pits refilled in June 1997 when new swings erected

Safety Surfacing – Surestart Playarea

1. Horizontal board stockade (Double boards – 150mm x 3mm x 3m. Posts – 45mm x 45mm. Larger posts at entrance – 75mm x 70mm) – Kompan August 2003.
2. Bark – Kompan - August 2003.

Fencing – Original Playarea

1m high, bow-topped, gates at seesaw end. Installed with Neighbourhood Forum money?

Fencing – Surestart Playarea

1.2m high, steel bow-topped, 12mm infill bar, black powder coated. One pedestrian gate, 1.2m wide, to match. Kompan, August 2003.

Seats,Bins,Signs – Original Playarea

1.8m metal park seat

Sign

Seats, Bins, Signs – Surestart Playarea

Avenue hardwood bench – Kompan August 2003

Bin – Green Omnipole bin – Kompan August 2003

Sign

Notes

Record unit burned before bonfire night November 1993. Floor decks a write-off. Replaced.

Roundabout - 10 ft whirling platform, Wicksteed - removed June'94

Swing - single, stressed arch, 10ft SMP - removed May/June 1997

Swing - single, stressed arch, 8ft SMP - removed May/June 1997

Swings replaced with two new sets with aid of grant from Neighbourhood Services Scheme (money from the County) at request of PETRA (Petteril Bank Residents Association)

Moon probe climber (Wicksteed) - height of structure is in excess of 2.5m for an agility item - does not conform to BS 5696 Part2, 8.1. Removed August 2001.

Seesaw - clearance from seat assembly to ground less than 203mm - does not conform to BS 5696 Part210.2.2

30. Cammock Crescent

Equipment

Swings – 2.4m 1 bay, 2 seat, cradles, metal frame	Playdale	2000
Swings – 2.4m 1 bay, 2 seat, flats, metal frame	Playdale	2000
Play unit	Playdale	2000
Spring rocker – bird	Playdale	2000
Spring rocker – horse	Playdale	2000

Safety surfacing

Swings, unit - rubber wet pour surfacing, timber edging - Playdale Summer 2000
Spring rockers – no surfacing

Fencing

Fenced off on one side by the backs of gardens on another by a hedgerow and on the third by a chain link fence. City council chestnut paling fence along back of garden fences, some dumping of garden rubbish between them. Metal field gate at vehicle access.

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats
No bins
Standard sign next to play equipment

Notes

Came from grazing land beyond waste land behind hedge between playarea and railway line.
Cows get in as playarea hedging and Michael Thompson's fence broken down to allow access. Michael Thompson informed. Local farmers said land was used by "Bells of Botcherby" ie livestock hauliers at Rosehill. Bank of Scotland responsible for waste land by railway land.
2 seat buckabout, Gametime removed November 1998. Surfaced with sunken pit with board retainers filled with pea gravel. Vandalised beyond recall after being used as the base for a bonfire.
Playarea overhauled Summer 2000 with new equipment provided by housing developer to go with new housing,
Complaints late summer 2000 re kids annoying resident nearest to fence, swearing, throwing stones at residents and conservatory.
Wicksteed one bay 2 flat seat swing and stockade removed May 2003

31. Jubilee Road

Old Playarea

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat – 2 flats, 2 cradles 1970
Goal post

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockades with bark. Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 1992-3.

1. Swings

New playarea

Playunit –	Wicksteed 2002
Swings – double arch 6ft high,	Wicksteed 2002
Turnstile	Wicksteed 2002
Spring rocker –Shetland pony	Wicksteed 2002
Spring rocker – Playmates, Pony	Wicksteed 2002
4-way rocker seesaw – Playmates – elephant	Wicksteed 2002

Safety Surfacing

Play unit – black wet pour, 40mm thick	Wicksteed 2002
Swings – black wet pour, 40mm thick	Wicksteed 2002
Turnstile – black wet pour, 30mm thick	Wicksteed 2002
Spring rockers – black wet pour, 30mm thick	Wicksteed 2002
Rocker seesaw – black wet pour, 30mm thick	Wicksteed 2002

Fencing

New area enclosed by 1m high flat top galvanised steel fencing with matching gate fitted with self-closing spring.

Playground lies next to railway line - west coast line to Barrow – Rail track are responsible for repair of fence.

Solid, security fence – palisade spikes, 7ft high

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

NDF sign attached to fence by railway opposite equipment. Post, no sign at the end of Jubilee Road.

Notes

Evidence of bonfires in goal post area.

Stream at goal post end of playarea, piped under railway line embankment. No reports of children falling in.

Lot of dog excrement.

Surestart play unit – cargo net vandalised four times and replaced three times between April and November 2003. Replaced with recycled chain net 20/11/03

Included in Playground Numbers Survey Aug-Sept 1992.

Kids would like football pitch restored

Very poorly used

32. Toronto Street

Equipment

Swings - 10ft, 2bay, 4 seat - flats	Levercrest	1991
Climber - tank	SMP	
Spring seesaw	Parkdale	2002
Bicycle stands		

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing '90/91

1. Swings

1995 independent report notes that area is insufficient to meet BS 5696

2. Seesaw

3. Tank climber

Hairbrush - no safety surfacing. Tarmac.

Fencing

None

Concrete posts with no fencing at side of back lane beyond garages.

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Post, sign next to bicycle stands – new one fitted 16/1/03

Notes

Complaints from residents in Boundary Road about children climbing trees in the hedgerow and jumping onto their shed roof from the playarea.

Goal post unofficially drawn on back of garage wall but ??not very effective as behind cycle stands.

Lots of graffiti on garage wall.

Lot of dog excrement.

Roundabout - 10ft Whirling Platform, Wicksteed removed June'94

Seesaw – Hirst, non-bump, removed August 2002.

Hair brush climber removed 2001

33. Hammond's Pond



Equipment

Play unit with slide, Krazy Kabin Pack C Code SKV	Sutcliffe	1998
Play unit - train	Lappsett	1998
All equipment supplied and installed by Play Practice - Autumn 1998 – 1999		
Ocean/Homes Climber Slide	Kompan	2008
Blazer	Kompan	2008
Birds nest swing	Kompan	2008
Twin cradle	Kompan	2008
Inclusive orbit roundabout	Playdale	2008
Bicycle Mill pedal roundabout	Sutcliffe	2008

Safety Surfacing

Sand and textile Notts Sport 1998
Part replaced by Enviromulch 2008 in concrete kerb edged sunken pit (300mm depth).

Equipment

Activity net,	Tayplay	1998
Tower bridge climber with spiral slide, swings, clatter bridge	Kaiser & Kuhne	1998
Malente play structure	Kaiser & Kuhne	1998
Swings - parallel, 4 1 bay 1 seat	Parker Contracts	1998
Cantilever swing (Condemned 2008)	Kaiser & Kuhne	1998
Roundabout - Dutch disc	Kaiser & Kuhne	1998
All equipment supplied and installed by Play Practice		

Safety surfacing

Bark contained in raised stockade with log edging. Supplied and installed by Play Practice. Bark supplied by Melcourt - Enviromulch replaced raised bark pits in 2008

Seats, Bins and Signs

6 Seats in toddler area. 2 seats in junior area – installed June 2003
5 litter bins
Signs over entrance gates

c) Seniors

Sports system – Sutcliffe Football/basket ball goals with end rubber clad rebound barriers.
3 meeting points - 1 segment each. - Arena SMP
All equipment supplied and installed by Play Practice 1998/9

No safety surfacing needed or provided. Tarmac laid down as suitable for ball games

No fencing needed or provided

Seats, bins, signs

3 litter bins

No signs

Notes.

Dilapidated and dangerous items were removed in 2007/08 and replaced with similar:

2 sets swings,

Play house (burned down following ASB incident).

Roundabout - pedal-driven (pedals needed replacing, child injured)

Roundabout – identified by RoSPA as high risk.

Play unit with slide, Little Hamlet – vandalised.

Dinosaur springy

Bulldozer springy

Barnstormer springy

The Kaiser Kuhne wooden play units and cantilever swings will all need to be replaced imminently, rot to some components, and saw cut damage (beyond repair).

34. Denton Holme

Equipment

Junior play unit - Galaxy Pavo	Kompan	2006
Roundabout – Galaxy Supernova	Kompan	2006
Swing – Dino steel swing	Kompan	2006
Toddler play unit – Pay House 611	Kompan	2006
Swings – cradle seats. Elements	Kompan	2006
Spring rocker – Crazy Hen	Kompan	2006
Spring rocker – Crazy Gander	Kompan	2006
Swings one bay twin flats	Kompan	2008

Safety surfacing

Black wet pour rubber surfacing, Kompan 2006

Fencing

Alternate panels of green and blue bow top railings along riverside walk, approx 2m high

Gates to match – vehicle and pedestrian access gates by 239 Denton St. Vehicle access gate closed with Abus EE0022 padlock. Pedestrian access gate off riverside walk, by school field

Seats, Bins, Signs

3 10ft Barton park seats – original to playarea

2 Omnipole bins Kompan 2006

1 standard sign, on post, near riverside gate

Notes

Included in playground numbers survey Aug-September 1992

Enumerator noted that a lot of dog walking went on with a lot of consequent dog fouling.

Boys prefer roundabouts, girls prefer swings, guardians like seesaws.

Very well used playground.

New swings installed in 2008 (Cllr McDevitt small projects sums) LIAS was ripped up by kids in 2008, repaired 2009.

35. Milbourne Street



Equipment

Multi-play unit - Adventurer.

Record 1991

Slide on above does not conform to BS

Swings - 8ft, 2bay, 4 seat - 2 flats, 2 cradles

Record 1991

Spring frog

Meho 1991

Spring dog

Meho 1991

Safety surfacing

Triple horizontal log stockade with bark - Carlisle Works October '91

Bark topped up December 1999

Fencing

Entirely fenced around with 1.20m high, 50mm mesh metal panels to exclude dogs. Gate fitted with self-closing spring.

Entrance path from pavement marked with two upright sandstone blocks.

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats, 1.8m

1 bin

Seats and bin situated outside fence next to path

1 standard sign just inside gate on left hand side

2 to warn approaching traffic in Milbourne Street

Notes

Used as example in Safety in Playgrounds exhibition for National Playday August 1993.

Children in playground in Sheffield Street much preferred it, but could not go on their own because of crossing Charlotte Street.

Play area obscured by overgrown vegetation, now removed to open up sight lines in play area.

36. Sheffield Street St Nicholas Bridge

Small doorstep playarea for toddlers tucked down behind the viaduct at end of Sheffield Street - a cul-de-sac - and at the entrance to new flats. Original playground moved and resited when flats built - 1990/91. Edged with block paver path and shrub beds with one holly tree at pavement entrance and one birch at flats entrance. Small wall demarcates playarea from flats and from street. Absolutely no room for ball games of any description, very close to housing and road.

Pedestrian access: From end of Sheffield St. and down steps from Victoria Viaduct

Vehicle access: At end of Sheffield Street

Equipment

Swing - 8ft single stressed arch swing - cradle seat

SMP 1990/1

Swing - 8ft single stressed arch swing - cradle seat

SMP 1990/1

Roundabout - Tulip

Record 1990/1

Spring rocker (flower)

Parkdale Sept 2002

Safety surfacing

Sunken pit with bark, when new housing development built

1. All equipment

Bark topped up December 1999

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 1.20m seats

1 bin

1 standard sign on post on Sheffield St pavement by viaduct wall

Notes

Children requested flat seats rather than cradle seats on swings.

Also said they preferred to go to Milbourne Street but could not go on their own as they couldn't cross the road.

1995 independent report notes that the swings are too close to the edge of the playarea - ie wall of viaduct.

April 2002 – dog spring seesaw (Meho 1990/1) removed, heavily vandalised, parts not available, not safe.

37. St James Park



Equipment

Ball-topped swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - 4 flats
Swings - 8ft, 2 bay 2 seat - 4 cradles
Climber - Horizontal ladder
Seesaw - LTNB
Toddler slide

Wicksteed	1962
Parkdale	1997
Hunt and Son	
Wicksteed	c1970
Parkdale	1997

Safety surfacing

Bark in sunken pits

1. 10ft swings and 8ft swings. Original pit extended in May 1997 to accommodate further set of swings.
2. Seesaw, climber, toddler slide and springie

Fencing

1.20m high metal dog proof fence running from brick wall to railings just above footpath completes enclosure of playarea. Vehicle gate closed with a padlock Abus EE0022, though completely rusted up and will need cutting off. Pedestrian gate fitted with self-closing spring - Summer '92.

Bow top railings between end of wall and new playground fencing

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats, 1.8m, black metal

No bins

1 standard sign just inside gate.

Notes

Included in Playgrounds Number Survey Aug-Sept 1992

38. New Mills



Equipment

Swings – 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat – 2 cradles, 2 flats

Play unit –

Spring dog

Spring hippo

All equipment built and installed by Parkdale

Parkdale 1999

Parkdale 1999

Parkdale 1999

Parkdale 1999

Safety Surfacing

Areas of rubber tiles around each piece of equipment, tarmac in between. Supplied and installed by Parkdale 1999

Fencing

1m high bow top galvanised fencing in rectangle surrounding play equipment. 1 pedestrian gate to match with self-closing spring.

Seats, Bins, Signs

1 bench between springie and playunit

1 bin next to gate

Notes

Trees vandalised – June 2000

39. Borrowdale Road/Greta Avenue

Equipment

Swings - 10ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - flats	?Hunt	1988	
Swings - 6ft, 1 bay, 2 seat - flats	Wicksteed		
Spring item - Lazy daisy	Kompan		
Roller-barrel	Wicksteed	1997	
Toddler unit – 1 tower with slide, ladder, climbing wall, rounded step ladder, seats			Parkdale 2001
Toddler 102			

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark 1988 Temporary workforce. Suggest present stockades are more recent than this and replace the original ones which were worn out.

1. 6ft swings
2. Swings – 10ft
3. Lazy daisy, roller barrel

Wet pour Parkdale 2001 – Multiplay only.

Fencing

1m high, installed June 2003 CHECK, right across field between football pitch and playarea

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 benches, 1.2m long

No bins

Post with no sign

Notes

Scene of early evening problems - drinking, shouting abuse etc. Local residents from cul-de-sac of Eskdale Avenue annoyed, want swings removed.

Tower bridge climber vandalised, curved bridge part bent downward, safe but not a lot of play value??

Stockades burnt, need replacing in parts.

Roundabout - 9ft Joywheel Wicksteed - removed ?Spring 1994

Roll-a-barrel, Wicksteed 1988 removed ?summer '94. Replacement parts purchased and did not fit, September 1996. Whole new unit installed free of charge, February 1997.

1995 independent report notes dog excrement around playarea

Climber – Tower Bridge – Hunts/Hirst 1988 and climber – Escalade – Hunts/Hirst 1988. Both removed April 2000 along with stockades.

40. Dalston Road



Equipment

Multiplay – Galaxy Aquila GXY8020000-371

Rocker/Seesaw – Puppet SPV24300

Roundabout – Supernova GXY916000-341

Kompan April 2003

Spinning stick – Spica 1 GXY801400-371

Kompan April 2003

Spinning stick – Spica 2 GXY802000-371

Kompan April 2003

Installed by Pennine Playgrounds as sub-contractors to Kompan

Kompan April 2003

Kompan April 2003

Safety surfacing

Black “Play Top” wet pour rubber surfacing with

colour stars/splashes below equipment

Yellow at foot of “slide” on multiplay

Red below puppet

Red below supernova

Green below both spinning sticks

Installed by Charles Lawrence as sub-contractors to Kompan May 2003



Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

None – seat to be installed shortly

Sign – to be installed shortly

Notes

Surfacing pockmarked with small vandal damage holes. Repaired 12/6/03.

Police/fire brigade report of damage to surfacing – singeing and scorching – 17/8/06. Crime desk reference number – 03XA/26395P/06

Multiplay Galaxy Aquila destroyed by fire in 2008, removed.

41. Chance's Park



Equipment, for toddlers

Swings – 6ft, 1 bay, 2 seats – cradles
 Swings – 6ft, 1 bay, 2 seats – cradles
 Seesaw – Multi seesaw
 Play unit –

Playdale 2000
 Playdale 2000
 Kompan 2000
 Playdale 2000

Equipment for older children

Cantilever swing
 Adventure trail,
 Scramble net

Play and Leisure 2000
 Playdale 2000
 Playdale 2000

Equipment for older children/teenagers

Basket ball goal and rebound wall – TZU108
 Steel youth shelter – BL/SH/001

Sutcliffe 2000
 Base Leisure 2000

All equipment supplied and installed by Playgrounds Scotland, Spring 2000

Safety surfacing

Black wet-pour surfacing, under all equipment except adventure trail which does not need it. Adventure trail on grass. Installed by DCM as sub-contractor to Playgrounds Scotland, Spring 2000.

Fencing

1m high, galvanised, flat top fencing with two gates with self-closing springs.
 Steelway Fensecure 2000.

Seats, Bins, Signs

4 benches – 2 bar back bench 2B6
 2 bins – LE45
 No Dog Fouling paving slabs

Gregory's of Cannock 2000
 Gregory's of Cannock 2000
 Paragon Products and Services 2000

Notes

Lowest level of rebound wall replaced due to vandalism damage – Burnt
 October 2002 – Toddler unit burnt, one upright and two panels to replace.
 December 2002 – Toddler unit burnt again, one upright and play seat to replace –
 December 2002 – Rebound wall comprehensively burnt with set bonfire – maintenance staff report strong smell of oil/diesel and use newspapers from recycling bins next to shops. Tremendous heat, buckles frame and destroys all 16 wall panels and fixings. Wall dismantled, only posts and hoop left standing.
 Also set fire in toddler unit – burn base of log upright and play seat.

January 2003 – cantilever swing seat replaced.

Further vandalism, May 2004, to toddler unit, replace panels and uprights on wavy bridge

42. Raiselands Road

Equipment

Adventure Trail - tyre traverse, ladder walk, 4 log walks, 2 twin balance beams, 1 wobble board

Swings - 2.4m high, 2 bay, 4 seat - 2 flats, 2 cradles	Playdale	1999
Toddler play unit (102) – one tower, ladder, slide, rounded ladder, climbing rope, play seats	Parkdale	1999
Springy - dalmation	Parkdale	1999
Playdale and Parkdale each install own equipment, Spring 1999	Parkdale	1999

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade – Probably Contract Fencing, through CTS. September 2004. Bark

1. Adventure trail

1. Swings

Bark topped up May 2005

Horizontal board stockade. Bark. Carlisle Works January 1999

1. Play unit, springy

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No bins

No seats

Sign - 1 standard sign at Levens Drive entrance

Notes

Entrances paved.

Old tarmac pads left from under roundabout

Tyre marks in grass indicate that cars might be driving through playground from Levens Drive to Winscale Way.

Bald patches in grass.

Needs some trees?

Climber - wooden with overhead net, Hags and roundabout - 8ft merry-go-round, Wicksteed removed June '94

1995 independent report noted dog excrement around playarea

Playarea revamped Spring 1999

Slide, Wicksteed 1961, 18ft 6". Removed August 1998 as no longer safe.

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat ball-topped, Wicksteed 1961 - removed February 1999

Seesaw - LTNB 1961? - removed February 1999

Wobble board vandalised, May 2001. Plank replaced

Stockades hammered May 2001

Vertical log stockade. Split logs fixed to top rail with square posts at 2m intervals. Bark. Probably American Saw Mills 1988/89 and DLO. Replaced Sept 2004

43. *The Beeches.*



Equipment

Swings – 2.4m, 2 bay, 4 cradle seats	PPL	April 2004
Swings – 2.4m, 2 bay, 4 flat seats	PPL	April 2004
Playunit –	PPL	April 2004
Spring rocker, elephant, 413	PPL	April 2004
Spring rocker, duck, 428	PPL	April 2004
2 swing barriers, between swings sets	PPL	April 2004
Multiuse Kick wall, with basket ball hoop. CM712	PPL	April 2004

Safety Surfacing

Rubber wet pour surfacing,	PPL	April 2004
Cradle seat swings, flat seat swings, multiplay, spring elephant, spring duck		

Fencing

1m high, galvanised, bow top fencing. One pedestrian access gate to match, painted blue – no self-closing spring

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 adult steel seats with arms
2 steel bins (no liners)
Standard signs needed

Notes

Persimmon Homes – developer. Playarea taken over 28th September 2005

44. Acredale Road



Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seats - 2 flats, 2 cradles

Hirst

Swings - 10ft, 1 bay, 2 seat - flats

Hirst

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 90/91

1. Swings - 4 seat

2. Swings - 2 seat

Fencing

Security gates at Acredale Road, Birchdale Road and Kirksteads Road. Locked at dusk each night. Low entrance at Acredale Road locked with Abus EE0022. NORWEB use this entrance to get to the sub station.

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Signs - Post, no sign

Notes

1986 List - Pipe and Fort. ?Fort = play mound shown on original plan - removed 1/1/91.

Many job problems, local residents complain vociferously. Expamet gates put up at entrance from Acredale Road to try and alleviate the problems - 1.17m high at street end, 2m high at playarea end. Both gates locked permanently. Children as well as jobs must gain access from either Kirkstead Road or Birchdale Road.

Entrances at Kirkstead Rd and Birchdale Rd also gated - May '94

Shrub beds put in all round edges with chestnut paling fencing on the gardens side to try and prevent footballs etc from hitting fences. Chestnut paling down more often than up. Removed Sept 1993.

Electricity sub-station at end of entrance from Acredale Road.

Dog walking area ie dog fouling area!

Roundabout - Hirst Joywheel, removed December 1995

Seesaw - Hirst, non-bump, removed August 2002

Climbing frame - jungle gym, removed April 2005

Vertical log stockade with bark - Temporary staff 1987

Climber, seesaw, roundabout in one vertical log stockade. All vestiges gone April 2005

45. Spider Park.



Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - 2 flats, 2 cradles

Wicksteed

Cantilever Swing

Spring rocker, SSB300

Sutcliffe

2005

Spinner 010241 – Blues

Lappsett

2005

(last two items installed by The Play Practice, summer 2005)

[Adventure trail – Balance beam/chain walk/balance beam, log walk, Burma bridge, log walk, striding stilts, log walk, swinging steps/tram tracks, log walk, wobble board Playdale June 2005
Item transferred from Bitts Park playarea July 2006]

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 90/91

2. Swings

3. Climber

4. Spinner and rocker

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Sign - 1 No Dog Fouling



Notes

Re-furbished in 2007. Shortly after installation, wet pour slumped – clearly as a result of innadequate compaction prior to wet pour installation. New drains installed in 2007 (area was under water after refurbishment).

In Feb 2008 Wicksteed climber was set fire to, buckled and damaged beoyond repair. Replaced by Proludic climber, financed by insurance claim. Kompan Dorado added to assemblage in 2008.

Frequent fire in the rubbish bins.

Cantilever swing needs repair to basket swing where kids picked off the edge binding.

46. Coniston Way



Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seat - 2flats, 2 cradles	Wicksteed	1970
Climber - Space Rocket	Hunts	

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 89/90

1. Swings
2. Both climbers

Fencing

Expamet fencing entirely surrounding playarea

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

1 No Dog Fouling sign 1989

Notes

Moon Probe climber (Wicksteed) - height of structure in excess of 2.5m for an agility item - does not conform to BS 5696 Part 2, 8.1. Removed August 2001

Surrounded by 2m high chainlink fence, and locked and unlocked daily.

47. Heysham Park (Raffles Community Centre)



Equipment

Unit - Playbooster	Gametime	1992
Adventure trail -	Playdale	1992
Aerial runway – 20m	Playdale	1992
Swings - 10ft, 1 bay, 2 seat - flats	Playdale	1992
Spring item - motorbike	Tuffriders	1992
Spring item - cart??	Tuffriders	1992
Play unit - Skytown with mini suspension bridge	Playdale	1992
Swings - 8ft, 1 bay, 2 seats- cradle	Playdale	1992
Frame log with platform	Playdale	1992

Safety surfacing

Sunken pit with bark. 1992

Fencing

Dog-proof. Two pedestrian gates usually vandalised so dog-proofing not effective

Seats, Bins, Signs

Notes

Lots of vandalism. Plastic slide chutes on unit burnt with stolen blow torch - October '93

Comprehensive trashing with a saw November 1995 - Jumping jack arms cut off, tyre swing uprights on trim trail cut through.

Gates repaired 17/1/01. Signs fixed 17/1/01

Clatter bridge repaired and barriers replaced – January 2001

Replacement net attached to playunit February 2001. Net vandalised again and removed. Replaced with infill panel December 2001

Following items removed between 1992 and 2001 as vandalised

Seesaw - mini	Meho	1992
Seesaw - 4 way, spring	Playdale	1992

Clatter bridge vandalised and removed September 2003

Aerial runway cable vandalised and removed October 2003

Blue climber removed mid 2009, to accommodate larger Multi Use Games Area.

48. Heysham Park (Green Lane).



Equipment

Swing - 8ft, single arch, flat seat
Spring item - Nellie
Embankment slide
Slide does not meet BS requirements

Wicksteed
Kompan
Hags/Marley??

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark.

1. Swing - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 90/91
2. Slide, seesaw, spring item - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 1992/3

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats - vandalised and removed Sept'92
No bins
Post, no sign

Notes

End of slide chute holds water.
Swing stockade slightly burnt.
Dog-walking and fouling area - needs fencing.
No reports of accidents of children falling into the beck despite its proximity to the playarea.
1986 list includes Whirlybird roundabout, Wicksteed
Seesaw gull wing, Record removed June '94

49. Heysham Park (Thomlinson Avenue).

Equipment

Constructed in 2009.

Safety surfacing

Firesmart grass mat throughout.

50. Heysham Park (Coalfell Avenue).



Equipment

Climber - Jungle gym

Swings - 2 bay, 4 seat - 2 cradles, 2 flats, 2.4m high

Hirst

Parkdale

1997

Safety surfacing

Vertical log stockade with bark ?87/88

1. All equipment

Repairs to stockade December '94 - Carlisle Works

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

1 seat

No bins

1 No Dog Fouling sign - February 1989

Notes

No record of accidents of children falling into beck

Roundabout - 10ft whirling platform, Hirst, removed June '94

Swings removed, 8ft, 2bay, 6 seat, Hirst, October 1996, due to accident

Seesaw - clearance from seat assembly underside to ground less than 203mm - does not comply with Bs 5696 Part 2, 10.2.2

Bark topped up February 1999

Embankment slide, Hirst – removed May 2000 – generally old and unsafe, high RA level

Seesaw – Wicksteed LTNB - removed November 2000 as beyond repair

51. Hebden Avenue



Equipment

Swing - 8ft, single, stressed arch, cradle seat ?Kompan

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing '92/3

1. Swing
2. Empty pit where swings removed

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Sign - 1 No Dog Fouling 1989

Notes

Double swing moved from base of bank to current position in order to put up stockade. 1992/3

Local residents complain to police, would like the playarea closed down.

Swings (wooden one bay, two seat 8ft) removed January 1997

The area has a steel palisade gate that is locked and unlocked daily by Park Patrol Staff, not exactly best value practice is it?!

52. *Richmond Green*



Equipment

Play unit - Discovery Stratos 6140.028	Wicksteed	March '97
Cantilever swing 6040.026	Wicksteed	March '97
Playhouse with slide and fireman's pole RP682	Record	March '97
Swingmaster swings RP182	Record	March '97
Dinosaur springie RP276	Record	March '97

Safety Surfacing

Bark contained within board at foot of fencing. Bark supplied by AHS, filled by Carlisle Works. March 1997

Fencing

1m high, galvanised flat top fencing with 300mm high gravel board at base for bark retention with 1 pedestrian gate to match with self-closing spring.
Supplied and installed by Wicksteeds March 1997

Seats, Bins, Signs

TO COMPLETE

Notes

Installed as part of City-wide reorganisation of playareas. Built to replace smaller playareas at Richmond Green, Whernside and Solway Park.

Local residents not always happy about the playarea.

Children climb out along the top bar of the serpent and trapeze ring extensions

July 1998 - Fire on tyre climber on large senior play unit. Tyre climber a write-off.

53. *Peel Street*

Equipment

Swings - 10ft, 2 bay, 4 flat seats	Hunt and Son	
Climber - Spider	Hunt and Son	
Toddler unit - Freckleton	Playdale	Jan 1999
Climbing net, arched bridge, slide, access steps, playhouse		
Spring seesaw - cat	Playdale	Jan 1999

Safety surfacing

Vertical log stockade Installed ??87/88. Original sand replaced with bark January 1999

1. Swings
2. Toddler unit, spring seesaw and spider climber

Fencing

Dog proof fencing and vehicle and pedestrian access gates at Peel Street entrance and pedestrian gate at Bower Street entrance. Carlisle Works 1999

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 blue metal seats
No bins
Large NDF signs on gates

Plans

PL/W/1 Proposed layout of open space at Wood St/Peel St 1:500 June '73
Proposed renovations

Notes

Roundabout - 10ft revolving platform, Hunt removed June '94
1995 independent report notes that there is a lot of dog excrement
Overhead climber, Hunt and Son removed December 1998
Subject to local residents petition for improvement Spring 1998. Request NDF measures and new equipment for smaller children.
Fencing between playarea and rough area at end of Howard Street replaced with Expamet Jan 1999.

54. Sandsfield Park/Chesterholm

Small playarea in green spaces around houses in 1980's private housing development. Originally three but equipment removed from two and closed down due to yob problems. Grass around stockades, some landscaping.

Green open area connecting ends of culs-de-sac. Footpath skirts back garden fences and grass area. Too small and too close to houses for informal kickabout. Several trees. Grass around stockade.

Pedestrian access: By 160/162 and 182/184 Chesterholm

Vehicle access: None. Nearest point by 160/162 Chesterholm

Equipment

Swing - 8ft, single arch, flat seat Wicksteed

Rocker – Kompan (repaired 1/5/02 and replaced)

Safety surfacing

Horizontal board stockade with bark - Cumbria Joinery and Fencing 1991/2

1. Swing and spring item

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Sign - 1 No Dog Fouling

Plans

PL/S/4 and 4B Sandsfield Park Play area and open space 1:200 December '89

Notes for both areas

Playarea by 76/78 Chesterholm, removed

Playarea by 148 Chestreholm removed April 2005

Playareas not widely used - many private houses have swings etc in their back gardens.

Yob problems generally - come through from Raffles and Yewdale.

Residents want to do away with the playareas and close the cuts.

Black nightshade was not seen in either playarea – 23/0/02

55. St. Edmunds Park



Small new private housing development with playground. Square green playarea with backs of gardens on three sides and chain link fence for church on fourth. Gravel/hardcore path from entrance round to equipment. Two mounds on either side of the path. Nine trees, grass all over. Not big enough for informal kickabout, mounds should prevent ball games.

Pedestrian access: By 68 St Edmund's Park.

Vehicle access: None. Nearest point, as above.

Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 1 bay, 3 seats - 2 cradles, 1 flat

Levercrest

Climber - Caterpillar and slide

Wicksteed

Safety surfacing

Bark in board-lined pit

1. All equipment

Bark topped up May 1995

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

1 6ft Barton seat

Signs - No Ball Games sign keeps getting pinched. Due for renewal, 14/11/94.

Notes

Some problems with yobs in early evening, especially with ball games. Some ideas of gating off the entrance and locking it at night.

Fencing with St Edmunds church needs some attention, mended with barbed wire - possible danger. Spiky rose bushes also. Both close to climber.

Path overgrown and weedy.

Wet underfoot

Plastic bin - Glasdon - removed Spring '94 as vandalised

Constant complaints from neighbours about ball games - particularly older youths and adults with golf balls breaking greenhouse panes etc

17/10/94 Report in Evening News and Star about 15 year old girl drugged, burned and beat up in this playarea. Incident believed to be connected with rivalries between gangs of youths from Denton Holme and Sandsfield Park.

56. Trinity Churchyard



LEAP type playarea, small local playarea in green open triangular space between two major roads, next to local school and areas of terraced housing with no gardens. Sloping site. Room for informal kickabout. Mature trees in site. Mature shrub beds lining edges of site next to roads. Site of old church and churchyard. Hard-surfaced tarmac path leads from hardcore path from Canal Street to playarea for access for all abilities. Surface within the playarea fence is either tarmac or wet pour – fully accessible. Pedestrian access: Three entrances i) From Port Road/Caldcotes. ii) From Wigton Road. iii) From Canal Street.

Equipment

Rainbow unit – double width slide, V-bridge, hex tunnel, ramp with hand rails, fireman's pole, shop seat	Wicksteed March 2001
Swings – 6ft, one bay, 2 cradle seats. Double arch swing with rotating bearings	Wicksteed March 2001
Swings – 8ft, one bay, 2 flat seats. Double arch swing with rotating bearings	Wicksteed March 2001
Springy – Horse	Wicksteed March 2001

Safety Surfacing

Continuous wet pour surfacing round each piece of equipment	Wicksteed March 2001
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Fencing

Galvanised flat top fencing 1m high with two pedestrian gates with self-closing springs to match
Supplied and installed by Wicksteed, March 2001

Seats, Bins, Signs

One green metal bench – Cransley. Supplied and installed by Wicksteed March 2001
No bins as liable to used for dog excrement
Signs – standard playarea signs attached to fencing

Notes

In first weeks school children caught writing graffiti on the equipment – headmaster escorts them to the playarea with Karl where they remove everything after a telling off!

Will be removed in 2009 to accommodate a new Multi Use Games Area.

57. Yewdale Road



Neighbourhood playground on green open space next to new community centre. Close to shops, houses on one side of the green. A lot of informal kickabout space, some trees. Rather bleak windswept site. Grass around fence.

Pedestrian access: Across open space from Yewdale Road, two pedestrian entrances in low level chain link fence i) By 79 Yewdale Road, surfaced footpath here to playground gate. ii) Opposite Community Centre, surfaced path to playground gate off tarmac path running past community centre from Yewdale Road to car park behind shops. Further surfaced path from car park to playground gate.

Vehicle access: Vehicle access gate to field by 79 Yewdale Road. Small tarmac area just inside gate

Equipment

For younger children:

Play unit - Toddler Unit no.1

Spring rocker - Crazy hen

Parkdale

April 1996

Kompan

April 1996

For older children:

Swings – 10ft, 1 bay 2 flat seats

Roundabout - Dutch disc, 2.5m diameter

3 Jumping platforms

Climber - 2 in line

4-way X-scales

Installed by The Play Practice (Scotland), April 1996

Hirst

Original ??70's

Kaiser and Kuhne

April 1996

Kaiser and Kuhne

April 1996

Wicksteed

April 1996

Ausplay

April 1996

Safety surfacing

Bark contained within fencing with bark retainer plate at the base.

Supplied by AHS, laid by Carlisle Works

April 1996

Fencing

1m high, galvanised, flat top fencing with 300mm deep gravel board and 2 pedestrian gates to match with self-closing mechanism. Wicksteed, supply and install March 1996.

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 metal seats on old roundabout pad
2 bins, one next to each gate
Standard playground sign

Plans

PL/Y/1 Proposed playarea at Yewdale Road 1:500 May '72
Existing Playarea at Yewdale Road 1:1250 Aug '93
Proposed playground improvements 1:200 Aug '93
TO COMPLETE

Notes

Playground installed using money for playarea for new housing at Lodore Drive. Playarea not popular in proposed site in new housing development so money transferred.

Man hole cover within fenced area under bark.

Toddler unit - Children tend to bump heads on cross bars at top of platform entrances

Concrete bases of jumping platforms tend to stand proud of bark

Ausplay X-scales Swing - Rubber buffer replacements available from Sutcliffe – this is not so. There are no replacements available. November 1999 – Kaiser and Kuhne teeter-totter buffers purchased, cut down to size and fitted in Autumn 2000. This is not ideal but keeps the equipment in use.

Swing seats changed from cradles to flats in November 2000 at recommendation of RoSPA report as 10ft frame not ideal for cradle seats. No swings for younger children as a result. Asked at Yewdale Community Centre if this was a problem but representatives of the playgroup present at the time had no objections.

X-scales – clamps for seats/chains changed/refitted by Barney Penrice in winter 2002

Wooden top for Dutch disc changed and replaced by playarea maintenance staff – 10/01/03

58. *Cummersdale*



Neighbourhood playarea for village on green space surrounded on three sides by houses. Fourth side slopes down steeply to common. Side adjacent to 1-4 The Crescent has sheer drop down to road with retaining wall. No room in playarea for kickabout as too close to houses. Well overlooked by houses for supervision of small children, though there is a road and turning/parking space between the houses and the playarea.

Pedestrian access: From The Crescent.

Vehicle access: As above

Equipment

Playdale, 2008

Safety surfacing

Coloured wet pour throughout.

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats, 1.8m long. Installed 2008

1 bin

Block paving done commissioned by Parish Council.

Wooden pic nic bench donated by Pirelli.

20. Notes

59. Longtown

Neighbourhood play area, close to housing at Raefield and Lochinvar Close. Close to large green open space for sports and fenced in hard-surfaced sports area, changing rooms and parking area. Parking area suitable for wheeled toys as long as cars not around. Some mounding behind the playarea and space for limited kick-about. Grass around playarea fencing.

Pedestrian access: From footpaths through Lochinvar estate. As vehicle access.

Vehicle access: By 3/5 Old Road, tarmac road to changing rooms and hard-surfaced sports area. Playarea adjacent to this.

Equipment

Swings - 10ft, one bay, 2 flat seats

Swings - 2.4m high, one bay, 2 cradle seats. Swingmaster.

Play unit - Junior unit no. 2

Climb holes, hoop climber, half inclined bridge, slide, fireman's pole, access steps

Spring rocker - Crazy hen

Equipment installed by Keith Thompson, March 1996

Hunts ??'70's

Record March '96

Parkdale March 1996

Kompan March 1996

Safety surfacing

Bark contained within fencing with bark retainer plate at the bottom. Bark installed by Keith Thompson, March 1996.

Hunt swing (10ft) originally provided with Notts sand in textile surfacing. This was left in situ under the bark.

Fencing

1m high, galvanised, flat top fencing with 300mm deep gravel board at base, with one pedestrian gate to match with self-closing spring. Supplied and installed by Wicksteed March '96.

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 seats, from old playarea, due for renewal (30/5/96)

No bins

No signs

Plans

Notes

Playarea erected March 1996. Joint project with Arthuret Parish Council to i) Renovate parish council playarea and ii) Replace the old City Council playarea at the back of Lochinvar Close. Money from both sources. Playarea now the responsibility of the City Council.

10ft Hunt swings retained from the old play area and incorporated in the new one.

Entrance off Old Road is 7.3m wide. Old Road is 6.4m wide. There is no problem with bark waggons gaining access as they can manoeuvre down the track opposite. Bark was delivered like this in March 1996!

Diameter of top rail of Hunts swings - 61mm (2 3/8"). Replacement clamps, reorder as head rail clips with shackles, bushes and bolts.

60. Sandysike

Small playarea serving row of twelve houses in Cliff Road, rectangular area must have originally been part of a field. Gravelly area just inside entrance, rough scrub and longish grass behind play equipment.

Pedestrian access: By 1 Cliff Road

Vehicle access: As above

Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 2 bay, 4 seats - 2 cradles, 2 flats	Game and Playtime	1990
Climber - Mexico Forge? Junior Gym Set?	Gametime	1990

Safety surfacing

Bark in board-lined pits. Probably 1990

1. All equipment

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Signs - 1 No tipping sign Installed March 1993

Plans

PL/S/1 1:100 1988 In negative cabinet

Notes

Original 1988 plan shows Record "H" type swing (Order No RP3C) and Game and Playtime "Junior gym centre"

Site prone to illegal tipping of building rubble etc.

Requests from local residents for some work to be done.

8/6/88 - Requests for play area.

Climber - insufficient surfacing - does not comply with BS 5696, Part 3

61. Houghton

Small playarea built to serve new housing development but in practice serves the whole village since there is no other playarea there. Toddler equipment at one end, senior equipment at other. Hard-surfaced tarmac football pitch runs at right angles to the play area, beyond a grassed area. Hard-surfaced footpaths from housing to playarea.

Pedestrian access: Footpath by 68/70 and 118 Tribune Drive

Vehicle access: End of Tribune Drive, by 116.

Equipment

Swings - 8ft, 1 bay, 2 flat seats. Ref 6040-005	Wicksteed	May 1995
Rainbow range Moonstone play unit. Ref 701 MON	Wicksteed	May 1995
2 towers with interconnecting net walk at upper level, log ramp, net climb, fireman's pole, slide		

Toddler equipment

Swings - 8ft, 1 bay, 2 seat - 2 cradles. Ref 6030-005	Wicksteed	May 1995
Whirlybird roundabout 4 cradle seats. Ref 6020-044	Wicksteed	May 1995
Spring rocker, motorcycle. Ref 6040-028	Wicksteed	May 1995
Spring rocker, horse. Ref 6060-026	Wicksteed	May 1995

Safety Surfacing

Metal retainer plate fixed to bottom of dog-proof fencing. Wicksteed May 1995

Bark supplied by Amenity and Horticultural Services May 1995

1. All equipment

Fencing

Dog-proof fencing all round. 1m high galvanised, flat top fence Wicksteed May 1995

1 pedestrian self-closing gate

Seats, Bins, Signs

6 Cransley metal seats

3 Cransley metal bins with locking mechanism

Plans

Hassall Homes development plan in Houghton playarea file

Notes

December 1995 self-closing gate repaired free of charge by Wicksteed

Roundabout - insufficient protective surfacing - does not comply with Bs 5696 Part 3

Black nightshade was not seen in the playarea – 23/0/02

62. Brampton

Small playarea on green space behind church with housing on other two sides. Close to, but out of sight of, smaller play area maintained by parish council. Mounds and old bark pits all that is left of a playarea originally designed and built by "artist in residence" in wood with advice from Carlisle City Council with regard to BS 5696 etc. Baseball hoop added later and still there

Pedestrian access: Through "Jerusalem" housing development on footpaths

Vehicle access: By 1 Carlisle Road, small dead end by St Martins Church, opposite turn to Longtown - A6071

Equipment

Baseball post and tarmac square. Installed 1999/2000.

Safety Surfacing

Wood chips in sunken pits. Retaining material removed January 2002.

Fencing

None

Seats, Bins, Signs

No seats

No bins

Standard sign at access off main road, on wall next to entrance

Notes

Basketball post and tarmac area. Belongs to parish council, inspected by City Council

All climbers removed by January 2002

63. Summerfields, Dalston

Small neighbourhood playarea, built at developer's expense, to serve new housing estate – Summerfields. Mixed toddler and junior. Tarmac area immediately around equipment and surfacing but large grassed area contained within playarea fencing large enough for kickabout and informal games. Hard surfaced path from pavement to equipment.

Pedestrian access: Path from pavement by 21/23 Summerfields

Vehicle access: As above – through vehicle access gates on grassed area

Equipment

Swings – 8ft, one bay, two seat – cradles

Parkdale 2000

Swings – 8ft, one bay, two seats - flats

Parkdale 2000

Junior play unit – 2 towers, slide, rope climb. Arched climber, steps, fireman's pole, arched bridge

Junior 200

Parkdale 2000

Spring dog

Parkdale 2000

Spring dino

Parkdale 2000

All equipment supplied and installed by Parkdale

Safety Surfacing

Areas of rubber tiles, flush with tarmac around each piece

Fencing

1m high, galvanised bow top metal fencing with one pedestrian gate and two gates making a vehicle access to match

Seats, Bins, Signs

2 bench seats with wooden slats

1 bin

Plans

Notes

64. Greenfield Lane, Brampton

Small neighbourhood playarea, built at developer's expense, to serve new housing estate – Greenfield Lane. Mixed toddler and junior. Tarmac area immediately around equipment and surfacing but grassed area around for informal games, fenced off at road edge, along Greenfield Lane.

Pedestrian access: End of Irthing Walk, off Greenfield Lane/Union Lane

Vehicle access: End of Irthing Walk

Equipment

Swings – 2 bay 2.4m high, 2 flat, 2 cradle seats	Playdale	2002?
Playunit – Junior 300. 3 tower unit (2 towers 1.5m high, one tower 1m high). Ladder, D rung ladder, hump bridge with log steps, fireman's pole, net climber, link bridge, mountain face climb with rope, slide		

Playdale	2002?
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Spring rocker – Elephant 413	Playdale	2002?
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Safety Surfacing

Black wet pour, three areas for three pieces of equipment	Playdale	2002?
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Fencing

1m high, bow top, galvanised with pedestrian gate and double vehicle access gate to match
Playdale, ?2002

Seats, Bins and Signs

2 wooden seats with backs (no arms) EA3	Playdale	2002?
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Litter bin EA8	Playdale	2002?
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Plans

See file

Notes

Installed by Senator Homes

Change in level in playarea has necessitated construction of concrete slope around playunit. Could cause trips and falls as very marked change in level. Possibly slippery in icy conditions.