



**A collection of ideas
by Adwick & Carcroft residents
from Arty Party in the Park**

New infrastructures of play & belonging

TOP voted (priorities)

Recurring concerns: No investment. Equipment is unsafe. Looks like there's no value. No play creates isolation or exclusion coupled with emotions such as loneliness, denial, fear, blame and anger.

Recurring hopes: For better more active and imaginative play equipment. That play is both static & capital-based but also is community and inter-community action and engagement such as big galas.

What is belonging? Belonging concerns the cognitive and affective attachments of individuals in a group; to belong is to feel natural and unthreatened in a group. Play helps to provide neutral spaces to unite & make new friends.

Priority #1 Water-related

Comparisons to Bentley Park were many, with desires for Adwick to be like theirs.

Suggestions included: Outdoor splash pools, water features like fountains, and water to paddle in. It was acknowledged that it's good for kids, adults and dogs!

What is surprising about this is that it is a natural, non-play equipment resource. More likened to public sculpture or decoration. So it's brilliant to see people expand their ideas of play and how it extends across age ranges.

Priority #2 Stuff to climb

Older kids love to climb, and they'll climb anything! Busstops, roofs, walls. So why not make legitimate things to climb - developing skills and challenging enough to stop them from climbing the roofs across the road.

A climbing wall is affordable and doable.

*Boys requested this the most.



Priority #3 Roundabouts!

Girls really wanted spaces to sit and play on. Roundabouts was one of these dominant requests. This was also requested as accessible play equipment.

Priority #4 Swings - of all kinds!

Swings cut through every age, all groups and especially for girls.

All different swings were suggested and disabled accessible swings. Swings were important if the kid was young or if they were a teen, or even an adult.

Teens onwards liked swings as spaces to chill and chat. This resonated with the sculpture design workshop where the older kids (12+) kept building structures as shelter instead of equipment to use to play on. An important finding.





Priority #5

Bigger slides

Lots of boys wanted BIGGER slides. But this was resonated by lots of parents. Something to add in a bit of risk and rush factor.



Priority #6

ZIPLINES!

More comparisons to Bentley Park and Sandley Park with ZIPLINE hopes. This was a gender neutral suggesting - cutting across both genders and all ages.



Priority #8 Seesaw



Priority #7 TRAMPOLINES

Older (10+) girls really wanted seesaws. And young boys (below 7). Whilst trampolines was a gender neutral suggestion.

Priority #9

Little kid area needs attention

Parents and general public of all kinds commented constantly on the poor provision for young children. The rocking horses missing, the small climbing frame too small for toddlers but also in a poor state despite the recent painting coat.

Requests for baby monkey bars was requested alot!



Priority #10

[Cool] Hang out spaces/shelters



Shelters/hang spaces,
designed by young
people using sculpture

Treehouses were
suggested alot!

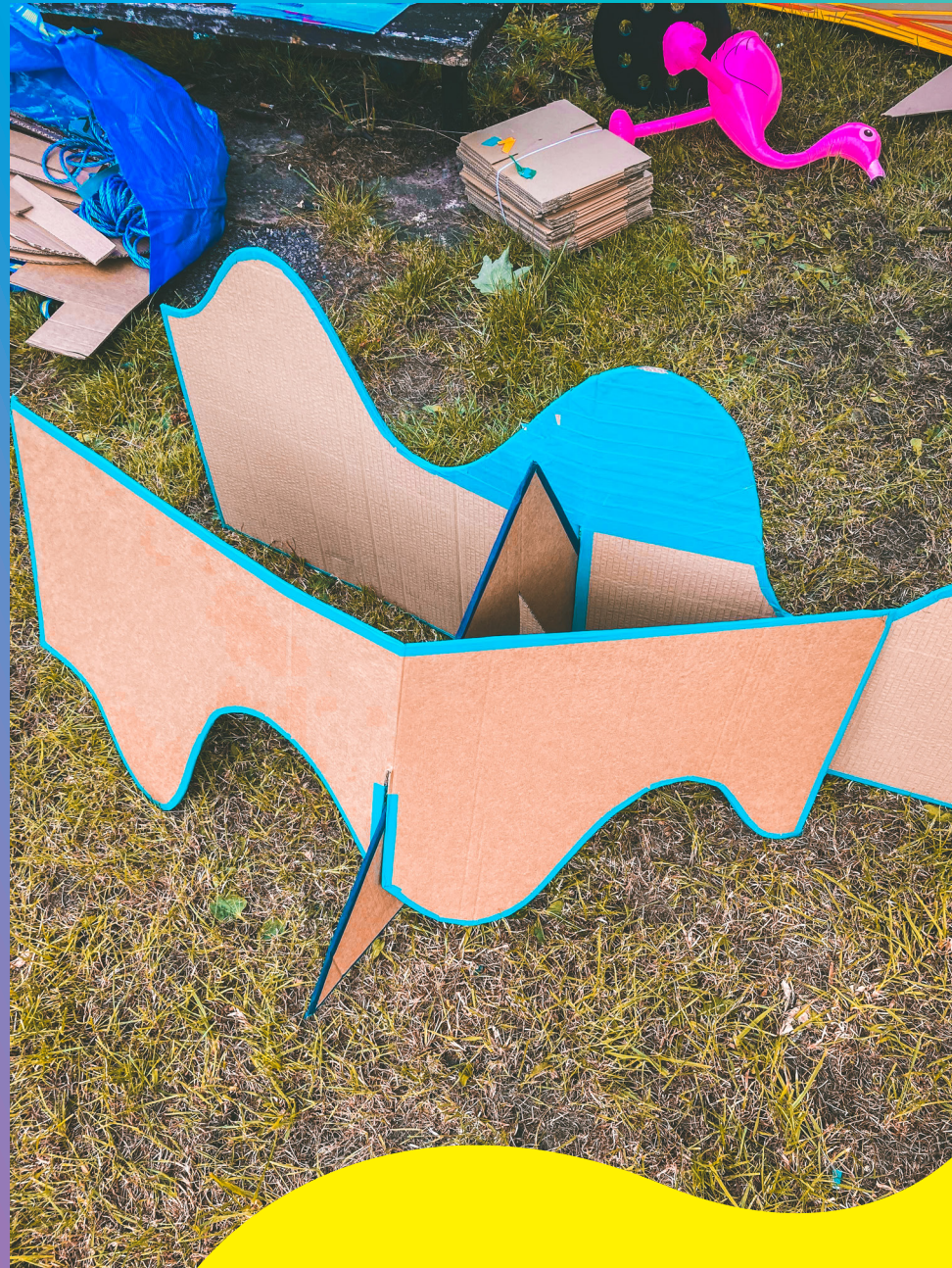


Priority #11 More Seating

This came from mostly parents/ adults. But the suggestions came all in different forms: Lounge chairs, deckchairs! Picnic tables, not metal benches because they're cold.

But seating was important. It's the difference between how long people get to stay in the park and meet people.

The kids design seating through sculpture too!





IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

The community confirmed that play doesn't need to be static or equipment. The Orchestra of objects was very popular and inspired lots of music related requests. Pop-up events can mix up seemingly traditional capital equipment space. Things that don't cost a lot of money like frisbees, chucks, inflatable things, swing ball and games were incredible and do able almost instantly to enhance playspaces.

One request that came up over and over again in conversation was sensory play/gardens and equipment that enables kids with disabilities to be able to play. We need to do so much better on this. And this review will ensure accessibility.

THE DATA

OVER 350 PEOPLE ATTENDED
100'S OF BURGERS & HOT
DOGS CONSUMED.

People starting groups/
events from here: 3
TOTAL *WRITTEN DOWN*
IDEAS: 344
12 THEMES

PLAY AREA:

TRACKS

BMX TRACK: ||
BIKE TRACK: ||
DIRT TRACK: ||
RUNNING TRACK: ||||

Exercise related

SMALL EXERCISE BIKE FOR KIDS TO LEARN HOW
TO PEDDLE: |
MORE WOMENS SPORTS TEAMS: ||
FOREST GYM: |

CLIMBING

OBSTACLE COURSE / PARKOUR: ||||
CLIMBING WALL: ||||| ||
OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT: |||
(14 TOTAL)

TYPICAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

HANGING EQUIPMENT

ZIP WIRE/LINE: |||| | |||| | ||||. (13)
BETTER/BIGGER MONKEY BARS: ||||
BIGGER CLIMBING FRAMES: |||
BALANCING BEAM: ||
WOODEN CLIMBING FRAME: |
(CLIMBING FRAMES total: 10 + 14 FOR
CLIMBING WALLS))

SWINGS!

REALLY GOOD SWINGS: |||
LOTS OF SWINGS: |||| | |||
SWINGS FOR OLDER KIDS: ||
SWINGS WITH CENTRAL POLE AND 2 SEATS: |
MORE BABY SWINGS: ||
(Swing total: 16)

SLIDES

BIG BIG SLIDE!: |||| | ||||
MORE SLIDES: |||||
WATER PLAY SLIDE: ||
(slides total: 16)

EXTRAS

SEESAWS: |||| | || (7)
TRAMPOLINES: |||| | |||| | (10)

HOOLA HOOPS: ||
SWING BALL: |||||
HOP SCOTCH SQUARES: ||||
UNDERGROUND TUNNEL: |||

ROUNDAABOUT/ MERRY-GO-AROUNDS: ||||
|||| |
SPINNING THING: || (12 total)

DISABLED/WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PLAY
EQUIPMENT: ||||
SANDPIT: |||| |

IMAGINATION EQUIPMENT

A BIG HELICOPTER: |
STEPPING STONES: ||
SENSORY PLAY: ||||

SMALLER KID STUFF

MORE KIDDIE/SMALL KIDS AREA: ||||
ROCKING HORSE: ||||
SMALL MONKEY BARS: ||||
(13 total for small kid equip)

HANG OUTS

PLACES TO HANG OUT THAT'S NOT
LIKE A NORMAL SHELTER: ||||
GIRLS WANT SPACES TO HANG OUT:
|||
PLACE FOR OLDER KIDS TO HANG OUT
THAT'S SHELTERED: |||
TREE HOUSES: |||| ||
THINGS FOR TEENS: |
(18 for hang out spaces)

ARTY

ART: |
MUSICAL AREA: ||
PLAY EQUIPMENT THAT MAKES A
SOUND: |||
PERMINAMENT MUSIC MAKING: |
CHALKS!: ||
FACEPAINTING: |
ART MURALS: ||
COVERED PLAY AREA: |
THINGS INVOLVING ART, DESIGN,
MATHS, ENGINERING: |
PLAY BOX PERMANENT: ||
GIANT SUNCATCHER: ||
WIND MACHINE: |
(19 total for creative)

WATER

SPLASH POOL AREA: ||
OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL: ||
WATER FEATURE/AREA: |||| |
WATER PLAY: |||| |
WATER FOUNTAIN: |||| ||
WATER FOR DOGS: ||
PADDLING POOL: ||||
LAKE: ||
A BIG POOL: ||

(29 total for water)

DRINKING FOUNTAIN: |||| |

SITTING

NICE BENCHES: |||
MORE BENCHES: ||
SUN LOUNGES: ||
MORE PLACES TO SIT: |||||
PICNIC BENCHES: ||
PLACE TO SIT FOR PARENTS: |||
(18 total)

SPORTS

SKATEPARK: |||
CRAZY GOLF: ||||
CAGED OFF BASKETBALL COURTS: |
RENOVATED TENNIS COURTS: |||||
FOOTBALL PITCHES: ||
A NET FOR FOOTBALL: ||
PLACE TO LEARN HOW TO ROLLERSKATE: ||||

DIFF TYPES OF SPACES

CAFÉ: ||||| ||||| ||| (13)
NATURE AREA (LONG GRASS, BEE HOTEL, OWL BOX): ||
AREA FOR HIGHSCHOOL KIDS SEPARATE FROM YOUNG KIDS AREA : ||
TOILETS: ||||| |
MORE VARIETY OF SPACES: |
MAZES DESIGNED WITH PEOPLE: |
FLOWER BEDS: ||||
MEDITATION SESSIONS IN THE PARK: ||
PICNIC AREAS TO BE ALL TOGETHER: |||
FAIRGROUND RIDES: |
BUBBLE MAKING FACTORY: |
TEEN MADE POMPOMS: |

DOG PARK/SPECIAL DOG AREA: |||||
DOG AGILITY: ||

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (PAY A PERSON 2 RUN IT): |

GENERAL

SOMETHING FUN FOR KIDS: |
SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE BENTLEY PARK:
||
MICROPHONE THING LIKE BENTLEY: |
MORE ACTIVITY: |
RESILIENT STUFF THAT CAN'T BE WRECKED:
||
BOUNCEY CASTLE: |
A PORSCHE: |

STRUCTURE:

BIGGER PARK: |
TEAM TO MAKE IT HAPPEN: |
OWNERSHIP / INVESTMENT FROM LOCAL PEOPLE: |
A PARK THAT HAS THOUGHT PUT INTO IT:
|
YOUTH WORKER SERVICE: ||||
MORE BINS: |
MORE FUN EVENTS: ||||
GALAS: ||
IT CAN BE SPECIAL: |
DO UP ALL PARKS – ESP HIGHFIELDS: ||
OPEN SCHOOL LAND UP TO PLAY: ||||
TREES: ||
KIDS SPORTS AREA: |



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