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A Meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** to be held on
Monday 17th February 2020 at 7.00pm

in

The Council Chamber, Civic Centre

AGENDA

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1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Should any Member consider that they require a dispensation in relation to any prejudicial interest that they may have, they are asked to make a written application to the Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on 6th January 2020

4.2. Action list – For information only
(Attached)

4.3. Project Monitoring List – for information only
(nothing to report – all projects completed)

5.0. FINANCE

5.1. To note bills paid

5.2. To note the income and expenditure report
(Attached)

6.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1 To consider the future of the calendar competition
(Attached)

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1 To note the current position of the Town Council's Estates
(Attached)
- 7.2 To consider a number of streetlight repairs
(Attached)
- 7.3 To consider the support the Town Council can provide to the Uckfield Community Fridge Campaign
(Attached)

8.0. LEISURE

- 8.1 To consider the designs for Luxfords Play Area and feedback from the public
(Attached)
- 8.2 To consider the opportunities of the 'Our Parks Initiative'
(Attached)

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- 9.1 Speed Indication Device (SID) Working Group (Attached)
- 9.2 Climate Change Working Group (Attached)
- 9.3 2020 VE Anniversary Working Group

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- 10.1. Active Uckfield (nothing to report at this time)
- 10.2 Age Concern (nothing to report at this time)
- 10.3 West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.4 Luxford Centre Management Committee
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.5 Uckfield and District Twinning Association
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.6 Uckfield Parkrun Board
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.7 Uckfield Plastic Free Working Group
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.8 Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee
(Attached)
- 10.9 Uckfield Youth Club Board
(nothing to report at this time)
- 10.10 Wealden Bus Alliance/Weald Link
(Attached)
- 10.11 All Weather Pitch Operational Group
(nothing to report at this time)

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To consider whether to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public (pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) during consideration of the following confidential business to be conducted: -

- 12.1 To consider a report on the Marketing programme
(Attached)



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ACTION LIST - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Environment and Leisure Committee

Please note no resolutions can be made from the action list and is for information only.

Resolution No.	Details	Date Raised	Action By	Date Complete
<u>EL.28.09.16</u>	<u>To consider revised byelaws for the Town Council's Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)</u> Members reviewed the amendments to the byelaws which still require Natural England and DEFRA's approval. It was RESOLVED to accept the revised byelaws.	05.09.16	HG	The Town Council has sealed and signed the byelaws. A public notice will be published by the end of February, to provide the public with an opportunity to view the byelaws, prior to their submission to the Secretary of State.
<u>EL.26.01.19</u>	It was RESOLVED that the Supporter Groups for both reserves be consulted with a view to shorten the byelaws in accordance with DEFRA's comments and report back to the Environment & Leisure committee.	28.01.19		
	<u>Harlands Farm Pond</u> The Ranger is to be asked for ideas to captivate children's interest whilst at the pond.	18.4.17	CW	Passed to Ranger 19.4.17 Nothing planned at this moment in time
	Harlands Farm Pond, VCT and Sussex Wildlife Trust are to be contacted to establish if they can assist with ideas etc. regarding children involvement in the pond.	30.4.18	CW	Email sent but no response.
Resolution No.	Details	Date	Action	Date Complete

		Raised	By	
<u>EL 85.10.17</u>	<u>Request to rent allotment land to the rear of 155 Framfield Road</u> Following further discussion, it was RESOLVED that the new owner be asked to remove the fence back to their boundary in accordance with clause 4 of the license agreement. A license agreement could then be granted for the use of the land for garden use only, to grown vegetables etc, and that this land remains unfenced at all times.	02.10.17	CW	A letter has recently been sent to the tenant and deadline set to follow up on the clearing of the land, prior to the Town Council reinstating the boundary and fencing.
<u>EL.30.01.19</u>	<u>Bird in Eye Allotment boundary fence rear of 155 Framfield Road</u> It was RESOLVED to give notice to remove all items, failure to do so would result in the Town Council removing the items and recharging costs.	28.01.19		
<u>EL07.06.19</u>	<u>Historical plaques</u> It was RESOLVED in order to try and move the scheme forward, that this be advertised to the wider audience.	03.06.19	TA	At a previous meeting of Full Council, one member suggested involving Memories of Uckfield in this initiative, to help build up interest.
<u>EL09.06.19</u>	<u>Town Council's involvement in commemorating VE Day 75</u> It was RESOLVED that: (a) the Town Council takes part in the commemoration and celebrations; (b) that a working group be set up to organise the event; (c) that the Committee decide how much to set aside for the event at the 2020/21 budget setting meeting.	03.06.19	WG	The VE Working Group are progressing plans for the weekend. Please see working group update.
<u>EL.14.07.19</u>	<u>7.2 To consider a 'Bagged Dog Poo' sticker scheme</u> It was RESOLVED that we place details regarding the scheme on Facebook and The Voice to gain initial public response. Further costings for stickers are to be sought. The Committee will discuss the item further when this information has been collated.	15.07.19	TA/HG	To be actioned.
Resolution No.	Details	Date	Action	Date Complete

		Raised	By	
	<u>Report from Working Group – Children Stay Safe Day</u> It was suggested that the following be investigated before a decision is made on next year's event: - attendance by First Responders or St. John's Ambulance - put out feelers to see who would be available with different skill sets - members of PTA's to be asked if they wished to sit on the group Further information to be obtained regarding Wealden DC's event to establish if there could be a joint venture.	15.07.19	WG	Please note update from the Climate Change Working Group and their proposal for June 2020. NFA in 2020.
<u>EL26.10.19</u>	<u>7.2 – Review sheltered seating area in Ridgewood Play Area</u> It was RESOLVED to: (i) note the report; (ii) work with Sussex Police to run a campaign focused on encouraging the reporting of incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime; (iii) further investigate the statistics and evidence available and present this information to the next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee.	07.10.19	HG	Work to be carried out with Sussex Police.
<u>EL27.10.19</u>	<u>7.3 Initially consider the costs of adding permanent CCTV cameras to Ridgewood Village Hall and Ridgewood Recreation Ground</u> Seven members voted in support and RESOLVED to further investigate the provision of CCTV in New Road (Ridgewood Village Hall and Ridgewood Recreation Ground) and open up this investigation to include other areas of the town.	07.10.19	HG	Members agreed to NOT proceed with the installation of CCTV cameras in the open spaces of Uckfield, at this time, until such evidence or intelligence advises otherwise.
Resolution No.	Details	Date Raised	Action By	Date Complete

<u>EL28.10.19</u>	<p><u>7.4 Note the initial investigations into the addition of a gate/security on Ridgewood Village Hall Car Park</u></p> <p>Members RESOLVED to further explore the costs associated with installing an entry system on the entrance to the Ridgewood Village Hall Car Park.</p>	07.10.19	HG	This item is on hold until the works on the car park are due to take place, and the impact of the new PCSOs and their work using local intelligence is visible.
<u>EL.42.01.20</u>	<p><u>6.1 To consider the renewal of the licence of Selby Meadow</u></p> <p>Members RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(i) note the report;</p> <p>(ii) renew the licence agreement for Selby Meadow with the Newtown Action Group, for a term of 10 years, with a review undertaken every three years.</p>	06.01.20	HG	The resolution has been reported to the Town Council's solicitors to prepare the necessary arrangements.
<u>EL.43.01.20</u>	<p><u>7.2 To receive an update on the ecological report on the Town Council's Land at Bellbrook</u></p> <p>Members RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(i) note the report;</p> <p>(ii) investigate the costs involved of installing an otter holt at the base of the riverbank of Bellbrook open space;</p> <p>(iii) rename Bellbrook open space to 'Riverside Wood' to give it an identity.</p>	06.01.20	MF/HG	Work is in progress to explore these matters.

E L Committee Income and Expenditure
31 December 2019

	Apr 19 Actuals £	May 19 Actuals £	Jun 19 Actuals £	Jul 19 Actuals £	Aug 19 Actuals £	Sep 19 Actuals £	Oct 19 Actuals £	Nov 19 Actuals £	Dec 19 Actuals £	Actuals to date (Dec 2019)	Budgets to date (Dec 2019)	Jan 20 Revised Budget £	Feb 20 Revised Budget £	Mar 20 Revised Budget £	Total £	2019/ 2020 Budgets
Sales																
Contribution to Town Centre Security	183	0	0	575	0	0	0	0	0	758	650	0	0	0	758	650
Weald Hall Events	1,266	546	1,220	841	540	1,479	1,869	2,789	1,887	12,437	26,775	2,975	2,975	2,975	21,362	35,700
Allotments	17	81	174	0	0	0	110	5,053	340	5,775	3,524	392	392	392	6,951	4,700
Allotment Deposit	0	200	350	0	175	50	150	0	50	975	300	0	0	0	975	300
Playing Fields & Pitches, Sport Income	330	1,647	162	73	224	60	0	0	8,487	10,983	10,500	0	0	0	10,983	10,500
Playing Fields & Pitches, Event Income	496	114	289	3,562	70	503	0	0	0	5,034	4,700	0	0	0	5,034	4,700
WDC - West Park Culverts Agreement	0	0	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	350	0	0	0	360	350
Cemetery - Interments	2,149	2,782	508	2,182	2,909	730	127	4,424	0	15,811	17,962	1,996	1,996	1,996	21,799	23,950
Cemetery - Memorials	495	159	620	155	53	208	293	983	0	2,966	4,126	458	458	458	4,340	5,500
Cemetery - Sundry income	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	126	336	38	38	38	240	450
Cemetery Maintenance Charge	380	286	95	190	285	0	95	380	0	1,711	1,949	217	217	217	2,362	2,600
Env. Sundry Income	126	0	0	0	0	83	67	0	0	276	100	0	0	0	276	100
Litter/bus station	0	0	331	0	0	0	0	0	331	662	960	0	0	320	982	1,280
Roundabout income	864	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	864	440	0	0	0	864	440
Total Sales	6,306	5,899	4,109	7,578	4,256	3,113	2,736	13,671	11,095	58,738	72,672	6,076	6,076	6,396	77,286	91,220
Weald on the Field & Revival Income	0	100	0	2,500	1,809	110	0	0	0	4,519	4,469	0	0	0	4,469	4,469
Purchases																
Clothing - Corp/Prot, Outdoor staff	0	30	37	53	0	0	748	0	0	868	500	0	0	0	868	500
Weald on the Field & Revival	492	724	874	3,754	495	1,516	300	0	0	8,155	3,000	0	0	0	8,155	3,000
Street Lights, Supply & Maintenance	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	8,950	0	9,000	9,000
Street Light Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	1,200	0	0	1,200	3,200
Bus Shelters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100
Allotments	723	(874)	50	123	50	300	0	(315)	0	57	1,499	167	167	167	558	2,000
Playing Fields and Pitches	248	6,507	314	62	94	1,161	1,042	1,127	354	10,909	14,125	0	0	1,875	12,784	16,000
Play Areas	215	567	735	616	5	0	0	478	5	2,621	2,675	250	0	75	2,946	3,000
Cemetery, rates	127	124	124	124	124	176	124	124	124	1,171	1,014	113	113	0	1,397	1,240
Grave digging	0	0	0	1,600	0	0	640	0	960	3,200	3,806	423	423	423	4,469	5,075
Cemetery, litter	167	117	142	158	92	117	205	108	150	1,256	1,201	133	133	133	1,655	1,600
Cemetery Maintenance	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	301	33	33	33	199	400
General Equipment Repairs	6	7	19	220	20	185	243	358	0	1,058	1,499	167	167	167	1,559	2,000
New Equipment	20	127	536	309	0	58	146	76	281	1,553	1,500	0	0	0	1,553	1,500
Grounds Maintenance Contract	1,888	1,888	1,888	1,699	1,888	1,888	1,888	0	0	13,027	13,500	0	0	0	13,027	13,500
Grounds Maintenance general	1	119	284	141	168	571	259	43	41	1,627	1,274	142	142	142	2,053	1,700
Hire of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	165	100	0	0	0	165	100
LNRS & Sites of Interest - Ranger	2,383	2,379	2,379	2,379	2,379	3,090	2,379	2,376	2,376	22,120	22,107	2,456	2,456	2,456	29,488	29,475
LNRS & Sites of Interest - Working budget	3	165	0	4	39	378	1,239	58	186	2,072	1,876	208	208	208	2,696	2,500
Transit	0	0	154	0	545	85	84	0	83	951	1,499	167	167	167	1,452	2,000
Ford Ranger	85	66	67	88	394	335	65	60	64	1,224	1,499	167	167	167	1,725	2,000
Tractor maintenance & running costs	0	48	0	50	53	48	0	0	0	199	1,201	133	133	133	598	1,600
Movano Vehicle	119	89	87	84	85	245	87	236	108	1,140	1,651	183	183	183	1,689	2,200
Fencing	0	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,996	8,201	751	83	83	83	8,450	1,000
Trees	700	0	0	0	0	480	0	10	961	2,151	1,500	500	500	500	3,651	3,000
Graffiti Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	50
Litter Bins	0	0	781	0	0	0	0	0	0	781	900	0	0	0	781	900
Litter Collection, Open spaces	247	261	321	247	462	132	308	299	209	2,486	3,451	383	383	383	3,635	4,600
Horticulture	0	0	150	0	0	0	210	0	0	360	300	0	0	0	360	300
Weald Hall Events	0	0	1,250	128	0	2,540	1,868	3,091	1,525	10,402	23,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	14,902	27,500
Corp Dev - Signage outside areas	0	0	0	0	0	142	0	0	0	142	250	0	0	0	142	250
Groundsmen - Salaries	5,626	6,668	7,131	7,131	7,131	7,131	7,131	7,131	7,510	62,590	57,681	6,409	6,409	6,409	81,817	76,908
Groundsmen - National Insurance	479	523	587	587	587	587	587	587	639	5,163	4,472	497	497	497	6,654	5,963
Groundsmen - Pension	711	955	1,036	1,036	1,036	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,092	8,964	13,037	1,448	1,448	1,448	13,308	17,381
Town Security/CCTV	1,171	71	71	70	71	71	70	157	70	1,822	2,250	250	250	250	2,572	3,000
Road Safety Week	9	545	571	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,125	1,600	0	0	0	1,125	1,600
Floral Displays	0	0	1,724	450	450	450	0	0	0	3,074	3,500	0	0	0	3,074	3,500
Repair & Replacement street furniture	0	919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	919	2,000	0	0	0	919	2,000

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Cleaning Materials	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	31	60	60	0	0	91	120
Civic Hospitality	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	167	0
Performing Rights	0	0	0	0	0	403	0	131	0	534	1,300	0	0	0	534	1,300
Event Advertising Marketing	510	733	144	270	499	416	374	489	275	3,710	3,001	333	333	333	4,709	4,000
HMLNR & WPLNR	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	500	0	0	0	1,000	500
Total Purchases	15,930	23,113	21,456	21,383	17,865	23,541	21,033	17,650	25,174	187,145	197,530	17,405	24,895	17,732	247,177	257,562
New Initiatives																
Safety Surface Hempstead Lane Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,938	0	0	5,938	12,500	0	0	0	5,938	12,500
To Promote Single Plastcs	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	200	0	0	0	205	200
Dog Bag Dispenser Advertising	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Adult Equipment Signs Hempstead/Ridgewood	0	1,397	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,397	1,340	0	0	0	1,397	1,340
West Park LNR Boardwalk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Additional Grass Cutting ESCC	6,009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,009	6,500	0	0	0	6,009	6,500
Total New Initiatives	7,214	1,397	0	0	0	0	5,938	0	0	14,549	21,540	0	0	2,000	16,549	23,540

£847.58 is available in earmarked reserves to cover the £636.00 difference between income, Town Council funds of £3k and expenditure.

The majority of this expenditure will be paid from earmarked reserves allocated specifically for the replacement of Allotment fencing, and play area enhancements (Rocks Park fencing)

This will be paid from earmarked reserves set aside for Town Twinning Hospitality from 2018/19 budget. A budget of £200 was made available.

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Agenda Item 6.1

TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE CALENDAR COMPETITION

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Each year Uckfield Town Council runs a calendar competition with a set theme, and local residents are invited to enter photographs linked to that theme. The deadline for entries usually falls in the summer, and the entries are judged by the Town Mayor, a Photographic Judge from the Sussex Photographic Federation and local photographer Ron Hill Photographic. The winning photo's selected are chosen to represent a calendar of Uckfield with a photo for each month of the year.
- 1.2 The chosen photos are then placed into a calendar by a local media company, and the opposite pages are divided up and sold as advertising space with local companies to help fund the cost of producing and printing the calendar. The calendar is produced and printed by November each year, with a small awards ceremony held for those who entered and to celebrate the winning photographs. The finished calendars are then hand delivered in early December of each year to households alongside the December edition of Uckfield Matters.
- 1.3 The competition has been running for a number of years and members are being asked to consider whether they wish the competition and format of the calendar to continue in its current format.

2.0 Photographs

- 2.1 Advertisements are placed in Uckfield Matters (The Voice), on the Town Council website and via posters in noticeboards around the Civic Centre. Messages are also communicated via social media, but we often find only a small number of people submit photographs to the competition and it can also often be the same individuals that have participated before.
- 2.2 The theme agreed for each year's calendar is also important, as the recent theme of 'Uckfield at work and play' for instance produced a great variety of photographs but their placement in a calendar may not be as visually appealing to residents as perhaps a landscape setting.

3.0 Production and printing of calendar

- 3.1 At present, we work with a local company who produce the calendar, set it out with the photographs and arrange through their services, for the advertising space to be filled. We don't pay any funds for this, because the income received through the advertising has covered the costs of producing and printing the calendars.
- 3.2 In previous years, the Town Council bought up to three or four advertising slots, costing in the region of £200-400 in the calendar as well to advertise the Civic Centre and Luxfords Restaurant but in 2019, in preparing the 2020 calendar the Town Council agreed not to pay for advertising within the calendar as a result of deciding to utilise other more cost effective methods of communication.

- 3.3 It was noticeable that there was difficulty in filling the advertising space in the 2020 calendar as only a few companies were seen to advertise. We also received feedback to suggest that the individual carrying out the marketing of the advertising space, had quite an abrupt sales manner on the phone.

4.0 Distribution of the calendars

- 4.0 At present the Town Council pays a local distribution company to distribute the calendars to every household in Uckfield, early December, around the same time that the December edition of Uckfield Matters arrives on residents' doorsteps.

- 4.1 The cost of the distribution of the calendars is in the region of £600 per annum.

5.0 Interest in the calendars

- 5.1 When there were issues with distribution around two years ago, we did receive a number of enquiries (up to around 50), as to where the calendar had gone, and had we stopped it. Thankfully we keep a supply within the Town Council office and also keep a supply for people to purchase a calendar at £1.00 in case people living in the surrounding villages may like to purchase a calendar. A handful of people have visited the Town Council office this January to purchase the calendar who live just outside the town.

- 5.2 With much more dependence on technology now and smartphones or tablets with calendars, this report provides an opportunity to consider whether the work that goes into the calendar competition by our staff and that of the other companies, is worth continuing at this stage. And if the Town Council wishes to continue the competition and calendar, whether the format of this needs to be reconsidered.

- 5.3 Usually adverts would start to be placed in The Voice (Town Council section in Uckfield Matters) and around the Civic Centre in March, so a decision on 2020 and beyond is required fairly soon.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider how they wish to proceed.

Contact Officers: Holly Goring

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Agenda Item 7.1

TO NOTE THE CURRENT POSITION WITH THE COUNCIL'S ESTATES

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report sets out the current position with the Council's Estates.

Victoria Skatepark

Investigation required in dealing with drainage issues.

Hempstead Lane Play Area

More repairs carried out following more vandalism since last meeting.

Hempstead Meadows

The Estates & Facilities Manager is currently looking at various areas across the meadows to plant additional trees.

Ongoing investigations as to who owns the floating pontoon beneath railway bridge. Network Rail, the Environment Agency, Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council Rights of Way teams do not know who installed it.

Rocks Park Play Area

Fencing is almost complete with some snagging. Quotes are being obtained for a small footpath to join the main footpath with the park gates in response to feedback from local residents and park users.

West Park Recreation ground

Four fence posts need to be replaced due to a vehicle hitting them at the West Park allotments.

Boothland Wood

The Forest School is underway and going well, with two visits each week by Harlands Primary School.

Equipment & Vehicles

The Ford Ranger vehicle is off the road due to a Ford recall with safety concerns with the air bags. Awaiting booking with Ford at Halland.

Ridgewood Recreation Ground

The condition of the safety surface at Ridgewood play area is being assessed as the ground level has become undulated in places. Quotes are being sought to repair the issues, as the play area has now passed its three-year warranty.

Elizabeth Gardens

New animal proof bin with flaps has been installed in replacement of open concrete version.

Selby Meadows

Two trees blew down in the storm on 10th February. Awaiting works, and the gardens are currently closed as unsafe.

2.0 Contract for the Town Council's Open Space Grass Cutting

- 2.1 A tender process commenced before Christmas to seek new quotations for the Town Council's Open Space Grass Cutting Contract in 2020/21 and beyond.
- 2.2 Quotes were obtained from three companies, including the Town Council's existing contractor. The Vice-Chairman of the Environment & Leisure Committee (Councillor D. French) and Town Mayor, Councillor S. Mayhew opened the tender documents with the Estates & Facilities Manager to review the relevant documentation and costs associated.
- 2.3 A decision was taken to renew the contract with the existing contractor, based on the information provided and received. The contractor is Burleys and their contract will be extended for a further two years.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report.

Contact Officers: Mark Francis

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Agenda Item 7.2

TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF STREETLIGHT REPAIRS

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of a number of streetlights across the town of Uckfield that require repair or replacement.

2.0. Background

- 2.1. The Town Council still owns a number of streetlights in the town, which East Sussex Highways look after on the Town Council's behalf. In the past 4-6 weeks residents have reported a list of streetlights to East Sussex Highways, which have not been working effectively or providing no light whatsoever.
- 2.2 The street lighting team at East Sussex County Council/East Sussex Highways have investigated those listed, and unfortunately there is quite a substantial list, which require attention. Unfortunately a number of the older street lights in the Town Council's ownership, have now reached the end of their life and without budgeting for this, we need to consider what funds we have available to cover the costs of these repairs and replacements.

3.0 Streetlights requiring repair or replacement

- 3.1 The following list sets out the streetlights that currently require attention:

Bell Lane/Streatfield Road footpath	£16291.17 plus VAT this is to replace all 8 columns with raise/lower units with new LED lanterns and transfer supplies
Belmont road/Church Walk footpath Columns 8,9 &10	£3552.24 plus VAT this is to install new pole brackets and control boxes with New Led lanterns and transfer supplies
Snatts Road Columns 3 & 11	£3847.01 plus VAT this is to install new 6mtr columns and Led lanterns and transfer supply
Campbell Close Column 1	£2070.53 plus VAT this is to install a new 6mtr column and led lantern and transfer supply
Cambridge Way Column 4	£2070.53 plus VAT this is to install a new 6mtr column and led lantern and transfer supply
Highview lane Column 8	£1446.02 plus VAT this is to install a new pole bracket and control box with new lantern and transfer supply
Hempstead Road Column 8	£680.47 plus VAT install pole bracket and lantern only (this is assuming that the existing control box has a live supply)

- 3.2 Please note - the costs for the Bell Lane/Streatfield Road footpath is based on UKPN agreeing the transfers of supply and the footpath being in a suitable condition for us to install the new columns (*the section behind the fire station is raised with a retaining wall on the fire station side which may cause some issues*). They could also look at doing part of this job if the budget does not allow to do the whole footpath in one job.

4.0 Budget and forward planning

4.1 A method for prioritising the works therefore needs to be established. The Bell Lane footpath behind the fire station is very well used. Temporary repairs have been put in for the time being but will not be sustainable. The Belmont Road/Church Walk footpath is a key point of access for people between Grants Hill Court and therefore a priority for safety purposes. The remaining streetlights are all located in more rural parts of town, and therefore have less light of an evening and after dark.

4.2 As advised the works could be done in stages for the larger projects (such as Bell Lane) and the smaller costing works such as Hempstead Road and Highview Lane could be funded from the new April 2020/21 revenue budget which was agreed in January 2020 as:

	Street Lights - Supply, Maintenance and Repairs	
5080	* Supply & Maintenance	9,000
5081	* Repairs	2,500

4.3 The Town Council's earmarked reserves have also been explored. Up until 31 March 2019, there was £20,257 in the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) account. A further £14,781.04 has been received in 2019/20, and a smaller amount may be received at year end. A total of £4,157 has also been spent from this account, to undertake streetlight replacements in Keld (Newtown). So there would be a total of £30,881 remaining.

4.4 Community Infrastructure Levy is a form of developer contribution. The Town Council receives information from Wealden District Council's planning department on a six-monthly basis to advise what contributions are to be received at the end of that period. The funds are to be used for improvements to the infrastructure in the town, and have much broader remit than S106 developer contributions which previously specified highway or play area/recreational requirements only.

4.5 Members need to consider the prioritisation of the streetlight repairs and whether they wish to fund any of the listed works, from CIL contributions in the Town Council's earmarked reserves.

4.6 It is anticipated that even if the replacements and repairs were ordered now, that it could take up to six weeks for the parts to be ordered and works to be booked in.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 Members are asked to consider how they wish to proceed and advise the clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer: Mark Francis

Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee

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Agenda Item 7.3

TO CONSIDER THE SUPPORT THE TOWN COUNCIL CAN PROVIDE TO THE UCKFIELD COMMUNITY FRIDGE CAMPAIGN

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Town Council has been approached by an avid supporter of Community Fridges looking to start one up within Uckfield. This local resident is looking for support from the Town Council on their proposition to help drive the project forward. Alongside the work of environmental organisations within the town such as Plastic Free Uckfield, this report asks members to consider ways in which the Town Council could help get the project getting off the ground and become a great success in Uckfield.

2.0 What is a Community Fridge?

- 2.1 A Community Fridge is an initiative that first took off in the UK in May 2016 in the Somerset town of Frome. The project looks primarily to reduce food waste and bring the community together by sharing surplus food with one another. Many local businesses that sell food and beverages often have left over stock that will not be sold and so with a project like the Community Fridge these surplus products could also be re-distributed rather than go to waste in a landfill. The initiative is a community-based programme run by volunteers for local people, where they can swap and share surplus produce and even recipes with one another. The food in the fridge is free to take produce from by anyone, and anyone is able to donate produce to it.

3.0 How does it work?

- 3.1 A team of volunteers look after the fridge and ensure it runs smoothly, by doing this, they collect produce from local businesses that would have otherwise gone to waste and put it in the fridge/freezer/locker (for dry goods) and re-distribute it to the community. The food on the shelves of the fridge are logged into a diary so volunteers know how much is there, anyone can use the community fridge and take products they will use for free. Members of the community can add their own produce to the shelves, provided necessary guidelines are followed.
- 3.2 There are rules and regulations of what is accepted in the fridge that has been created by the Community Fridge Network to ensure the highest standards of health and safety. The fridge will only accept cooked foods if it comes from a registered food organisation i.e. supermarkets or bakeries. The fridge does not accept food that is passed its sell by date, the fridge will not accept raw meat or fish.
- 3.3 The idea of the locality of the fridge is that it should not need minding 24/7 rather for people to keep an eye on it during its opening times. The space ideally would be somewhere close to other businesses so that someone is able to pop by and check everything is on order. Volunteers would be on a rota system to take up the cleaning and general household tasks of the fridge including rotating stock and picking up produce from local stores.

4.0 Getting the project started and people on board

- 4.1 Hubbub is a charitable organisation that helps local areas set up Community Fridges among other things, they issue a 'How To' guide for those interested in setting up a fridge including rigid guidelines to follow ensuring the health and safety of the fridge. Hubbub offer substantial support for communities setting up fridges, by signing up to the Community Fridge Network new initiatives are offered support for various tasks

such as creating a solid volunteer team, speaking to local authorities i.e. Environmental Health and the procuring of a fridge itself.

- 4.2 Once the project has gained the support of the Town Council and a couple of local businesses it can start informing the local community of the prospects of a Community Fridge and in turn begin to gain the backing of local businesses in order to build a sustainable foundation in reducing waste in Uckfield.

5.0 Funding for the scheme

- 5.1 The Hubbub organisation is sponsored by the Big Lottery and so once we become a member of the Community Fridge Network, we will be able to get help with buying a fridge. When it comes to facilities and the general maintenance of the fridge including electricity and renting a space, donations will have to be fundraised by the group running the project. In other areas that have already established a Community Fridge, fundraisers have included pub quizzes and having a small voluntary donation box located near to the fridge.
- 5.2 The Community Fridge is principally an initiative for the community and so by involving local businesses to help with fundraising and donating surplus produce it will bring the town together and therefore encourage people to use the fridge and to be a part of the project. When people understand what the Community Fridge stands for, they will be more open to helping by ways of donating and contributing to the maintenance and general upkeep of the fridge.

6.0 In what ways can the Town Council support the project?

6.1 Supporting and promoting

With the Council's support on this project we will be able to engage the community and gain momentum for preparations for the fridge. The Community Fridge is currently still in the early research stages but with public engagement and the backing of the Town Council, the project can begin securing a space for the fridge, gathering a team of volunteers including a co-ordinator and start engaging with local businesses to gain their support also. By having local businesses involved in this project we can grow a sustainable Community Fridge which benefits the whole town. Ensuring there is a steady group of volunteers means that the fridge will be able to open to the local community at least once a week with the prospect to grow in the future.

6.2 Looking at our allotments

One area we could look into – is to invite allotment holders on the Town Council's allotment sites to share their surplus produce with others with the installation of shelving or a bench at each allotment site.

- 6.3 To begin, we could put some shelving in one or two of our allotment sites to see how it would work and encourage allotment holders to re-distribute their extra produce to others than can use it.
- 6.4 There would be a cost involved in installing some benching or shelving, and we would need the support of the allotment holders on that site to keep an eye on any deterioration of produce placed there. An idea that has been suggested is for the Men's Shed to build some shelving for the excess produce, and for a donation to be provided to the Men's Shed for this project.

6.5 Finding a suitable site for the Town Centre Community Fridge

Conversations have started within town to see whether there would be any suitable locations to place a Community Fridge. Ideally, somewhere in the town centre would be most appropriate. A conversation was held with one of the supermarkets but although they may be able to support with surplus produce, they would not be able to house the fridge.

- 6.6 It was questioned if the Town Council would consider holding the Community Fridge in the foyer area of the Civic Centre. The vending machine has come to the end of its contract, so will be leaving the foyer area, with only the water fountain present, so there would be adequate space.
- 6.7 Another option is for the campaign to look into finding premises in the town centre, and setting up as a CIO/charity, attracting funding to run the scheme.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to consider the ways in which the Town Council could support the Uckfield Community Fridge Campaign and advise the clerk accordingly if they wish to explore any of these options.

Contact Officers: Coral Sadler

Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee

Monday 17th February 2020

Agenda Item 8.1

TO CONSIDER THE DESIGNS FOR LUXFORDS PLAY AREA AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides members with details and background information on the designs submitted for the new play area from play area companies, the evaluation process including the outcomes from the design open day from the public and conclusions from the consultation exercises.
- 1.2 This will allow members to make a decision as to which supplier they wish to proceed with. Members also need to determine whether any additional works are to be considered as well as any minor modifications to the successful suppliers' design.

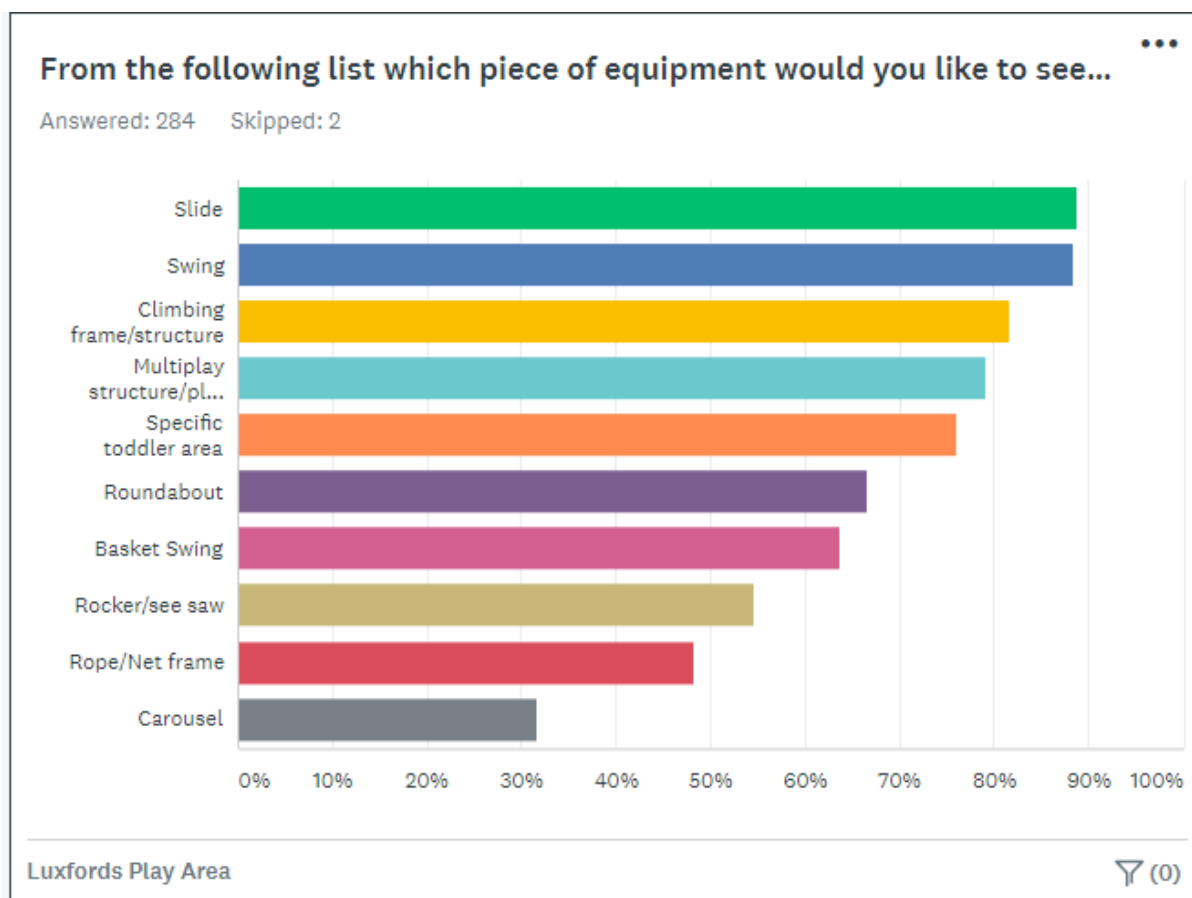
2.0 Shape of Luxfords Play Area

- 2.1 Members agreed at the meeting of Environment & Leisure Committee held on 18th November 2019, that the shape of the play area should be redesigned to a more rectangle form in the North West corner of Luxfords field to assist in the design and flow of the play area, with the remainder of the Southern section to be returned to turf.

3.0 Public consultation

- 3.1 Between 7th January and 9th February 2020, a public consultation exercise was carried out both online and paper to understand what equipment local residents and park users would like to see in the upgraded play area.
- 3.2 The online survey was shared via the Uckfield Town Council website and social media, with 10 questions for residents to fill in to give their feedback. We received one paper response and 285 responses online, producing a total of 286 responses, which is an excellent response rate. The paper response was fed into the analysis for the consultation.
- 3.3 The survey analysis presented in appendix A highlighted that the preferred age groups for the play area with the highest scores were between 0-10 years.

- 3.4 The following types of equipment were suggested, with the top four including a slide, swings, climbing frame/structure and multi-play piece.



- 3.5 When respondents were asked whether there were any other pieces of play equipment that they would like to see in the children's play area, other suggestions included:

Zip wire – 9% (28)
 Water play – 8% (25)
 Sand play – 6% (18)
 Trampoline – 5% (14)
 Picnic Benches – 2.5% (7)
 Fitness equipment – 1.75% (5)
 Basketball – 1.4% (4)
 Disabled swing – 1% (3)
 Skatepark – 0.7% (2)

4.0 Tender process

- 4.1 In total, seven companies tendered for the project. All tendered companies were reviewed by the Chairman of Environment & Leisure Committee Cllr J. Beesley, Vice Chair of the committee, Cllr D. French and the Estates & Facilities Manager on 27th January 2020. The outcome was to invite the top three companies to the Public Consultation Open Day on 8th February 2020. A scoring matrix was used with various criteria to ascertain which companies closely followed the project brief for the tender submission.

The three companies invited to the public consultation open day were –

1. HAGS-Smp scoring 160/170.
2. Wicksteed scoring 122/170.
3. Playdale scoring 112/170.

5.0 Poster competition with local primary schools

- 5.1 Local primary schools were invited to take part and schoolchildren could design a fantasy theme or an imaginative play area/equipment for Luxfords, with the posters being placed on display at the Public Consultation Open Day on Saturday 8th February 2020. The posters were judged by the Town Mayor, Cllr S. Mayhew. A winner was selected for each primary school, and three winners were selected. The winner will have their design brought to life in 3D by graphic designer Glen Holman.

6.0 Feedback from Public Consultation Open Day (8th February 2020)

- 6.1 The three companies presented and explained their designs to members of the public. A total of 39 surveys were completed on the day, with 18 providing comments. Their comments are provided in appendix B for members' reference. The results from the public consultation are as follows –

1st place – HAGS-Smp 22 votes

2nd place – Playdale 17 votes

3rd place – Wicksteed 16 votes

The comments provided in appendix B also highlighted the following points:

6 comments requested more benches and picnic areas.

3 comments requested basketball equipment.

2 comments requested an additional footpath from the South West corner of the field next to Holy Cross school to link the bottom of the play area on the Western edge of the field.

7.0 Budget available

7.1

Earmarked reserves - Play Area Enhancements	£94,053
Revenue new initiatives 2019/20	£25,000
Revenue new initiatives 2020/21	£20,000
	£139,053

We have recently received S106 contributions specifically for play area/recreational facilities to the amount of £17,744.27. We also underspent on the Hempstead Meadows safety surface in 2019/20 as a new initiative and could therefore arrange to carry forward the funds unspent to the amount of £6,500.

This would provide a total of £163,297.27 in earmarked reserves and new initiatives for expenditure on play area upgrades. But please note, it would be advisable to leave at least £10-15k remaining within that pot, for any works or replacements required over the next one to two years.

8.0 Additional research into accessible play area equipment

- 8.1 Following a request from members to look at the possibility of installing an additional Wheelchair swing within the designs for the new play area, the Estates & Facilities Manager visited Seaford Town Council for information on their Wheelchair swing within their play park which was installed a few years ago.

- 8.2 Although Uckfield does not have “sea air” it was noted that locks and attachments should be greased regularly to assist in keeping items moving. It was noted there were also risks with potential vandalism and risks to safety.

8.3



Figure 1: Seaford Wheelchair Swing

- 8.4 The Estates & Facilities Manager has also collated the following information from a supplier for the Wheelchair swing.

“Unfortunately, products of this type cannot fully comply with the safety requirements in EN 1176 for unsupervised, free access use.

The main technical variances to EN 1176, include;

- *Ground clearance of swinging platform is less than 400mm;*
- *The platform is rigidly suspended;*
- *The platform is heavy and does not pass the 50g impact test required by EN 1176 for swinging seats/platforms;*

In fully supervised areas (such as a special need school) the product has an excellent safety record. However, in a free access setting the product is not generally recommended, as in our experience it would likely attract miss use from those looking for a more challenging swinging experience. It is also important to recognise that this type of swing is not inclusive for all users and generally there are better product choices, which provide inclusive opportunities for many more user groups.”

- 8.5 It is recommended to have a two-metre-high fence surrounding the swing itself. It was noted the current swing at the Seaford play area has a one metre high fence, however this swing is located next to a council run café and highly used seating area. It is also noted that three of 286 surveys received mentioned the incorporation of a wheelchair swing.

The cost for an additional wheel chair swing is **£14,190+vat.**

9.0 Conclusion

9.1 The three companies at the public consultation open day each submitted designs that would greatly improve the existing facility and generally meet the design brief, to the expected budgeted sum of £130,000. All the designs have merit and the evaluation criterion has given an overall ranking of the designs. The rankings overall are very similar to the results from the public consultation and online survey, providing a solid base upon which to make an award that can be supported and ~ demonstrated as fair to those suppliers that will be unsuccessful in securing the project.

9.2 HAGS-Smp (Castle theme) received the highest scores following the public consultation and tender evaluation process. It is noted that Hags have also installed play areas at Ridgewood and Hughes way for recent projects. There will be a final opportunity to discuss with the successful tenderer any aspects of the design that need minor changes and specify the location of equipment provided that the financial constraints are not compromised.

10.1 Recommendations

10.1 Members are asked to consider the following:

(i) decide whether to agree to award the play area project to HAGS-Smp (Castle theme) based on receiving the highest scores from the public consultation, closely matching the survey feedback with regards to equipment and highest scores following the tender reviewing matrix.

(ii) decide whether an additional footpath should be installed, to link the bottom of the play area to the footpath to Holy Cross Primary School, funds to be taken from existing budget;

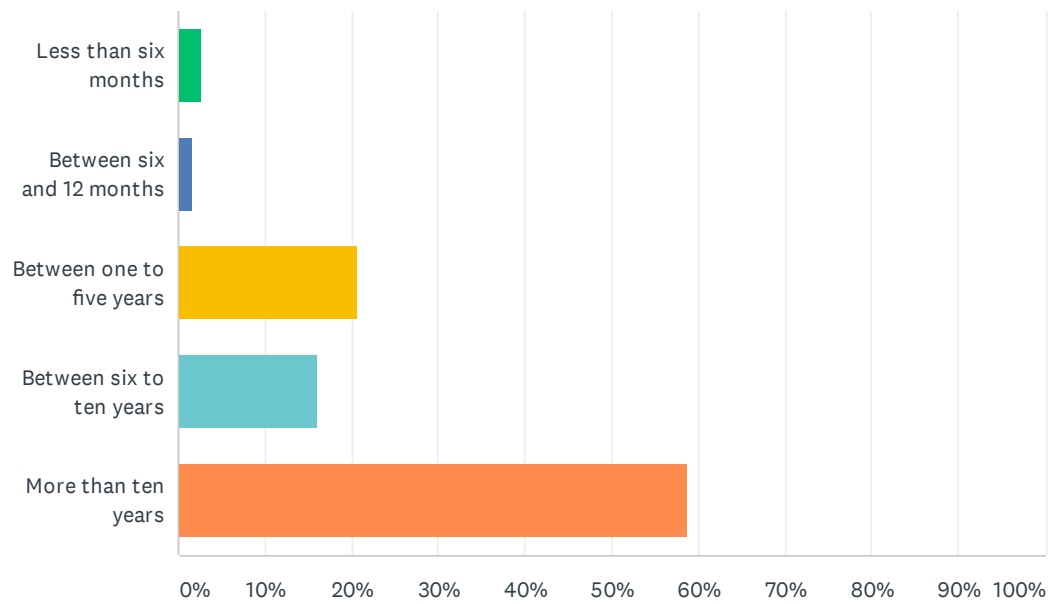
(iii) consider whether any amendments or alterations are required to the chosen design;

(iv) decide whether a wheelchair swing is to be incorporated into the chosen design at an additional cost of £14,190+vat. Taking into consideration the safety concerns raised above for a site not under supervision. Members are advised a two-metre high fence should be installed of which quotes have not been included at this time.

Contact Officers: Mark Francis

Q1 How long have you lived in this local area?

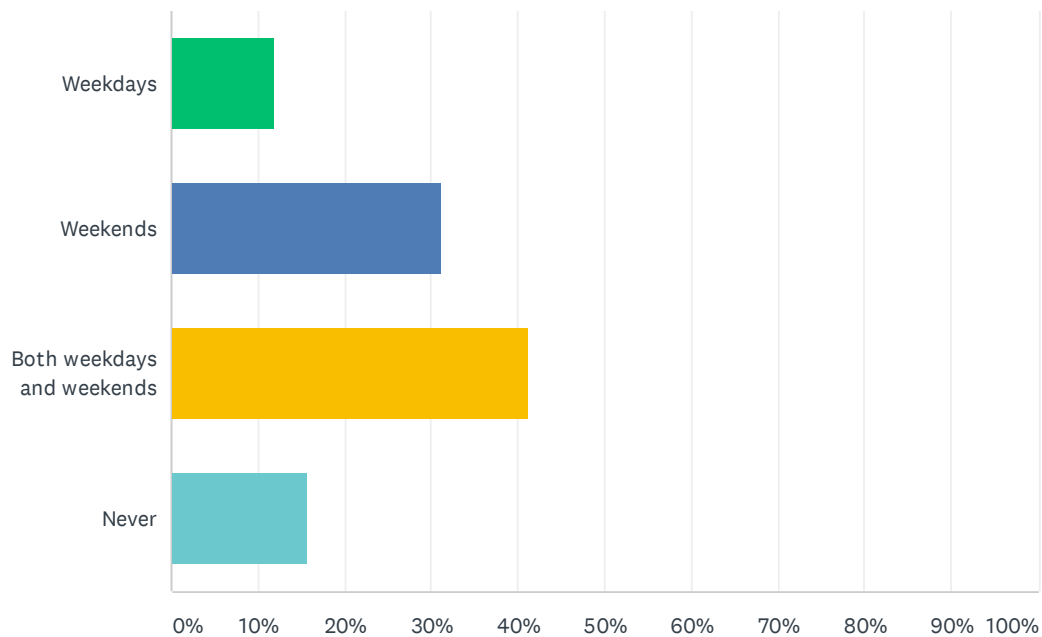
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than six months	2.80%	8
Between six and 12 months	1.75%	5
Between one to five years	20.63%	59
Between six to ten years	16.08%	46
More than ten years	58.74%	168
TOTAL		286

Q2 When do you/your family visit the Luxfords play area?

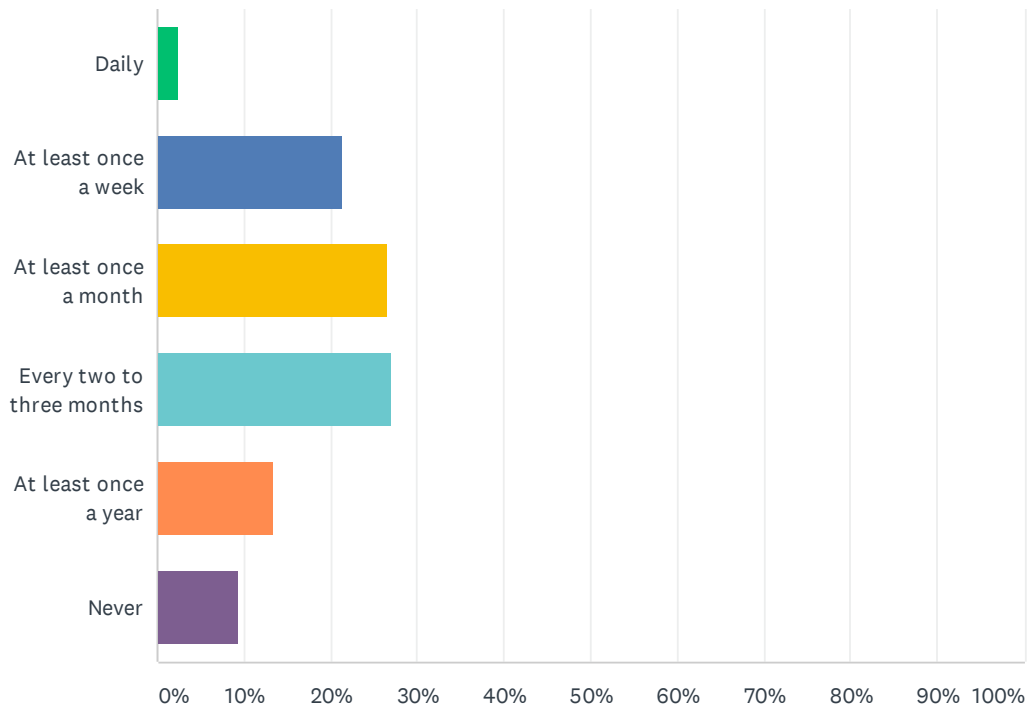
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekdays	11.89%	34
Weekends	31.12%	89
Both weekdays and weekends	41.26%	118
Never	15.73%	45
TOTAL		286

Q3 How often do you/your family members visit the Luxfords play area?

Answered: 286 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	2.45%	7
At least once a week	21.33%	61
At least once a month	26.57%	76
Every two to three months	26.92%	77
At least once a year	13.29%	38
Never	9.44%	27
TOTAL		286

Q4 If you/your family members haven't visited the play area, what are the main reasons for this?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 87

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We don't visit often as it's quite limited what there is for my 3 year old to do. There are better local parks	2/9/2020 1:57 PM
2	NA	2/7/2020 5:23 PM
3	The equipment (especially the slide) is full of puddles after the rain or else muddy	2/7/2020 1:42 PM
4	Lack of equipment, safety concerns - uneven surfaces	2/6/2020 5:42 PM
5	The play equipment is rubbish and so we go to Hempstead or Ridgewood	2/6/2020 2:07 PM
6	Somewhere to go, when in Uckfield.	2/3/2020 11:36 AM
7	There is nothing there for 7year olds, slide not accessible for older kids, swings vandalised.	2/2/2020 11:45 PM
8	There is not much left there to play on	2/2/2020 9:22 PM
9	N/A	2/2/2020 12:26 PM
10	Lack of decent play equipment	1/31/2020 10:42 PM
11	Weather and work/outings	1/31/2020 8:09 PM
12	Lack of equipment for older children.	1/31/2020 6:18 AM
13	I don't have children, but my niece and nephew love this park when visiting	1/31/2020 5:33 AM
14	I have	1/31/2020 5:28 AM
15	Smashed glass, graffiti, little play equipment	1/30/2020 10:58 PM
16	Poor equipment not suited to age of my son	1/30/2020 10:14 PM
17	It just needs updating it doesn't seem inviting	1/30/2020 10:04 PM
18	Visit when grandchildren visit us	1/30/2020 9:38 PM
19	My children haven't wanted to even though we walk past it on our way to/from school. It isn't very inviting and equipment looks old and uncared for.	1/30/2020 9:32 PM
20	It's not safe for toddler and not very good choice of equipment. There are better alternative parks. It is also too spread out	1/30/2020 9:00 PM
21	N/a	1/30/2020 8:05 PM
22	Child to play	1/30/2020 8:03 PM
23	Very poor facilities	1/30/2020 7:45 PM
24	Not enough for toddler	1/30/2020 7:44 PM
25	It is dirty, poorly designed, not enough to for smaller kids	1/30/2020 4:59 PM
26	We would like to go there when we go on trips to the big Tesco, I dont drive and we live at the top of town so it would make the trip better for my son but it needs an upgrade so we just go to the one up the top of the hill	1/30/2020 1:02 PM
27	Would go more if it was inviting	1/30/2020 12:14 PM
28	Lack of equipment	1/30/2020 11:31 AM
29	Not applicanke	1/30/2020 11:18 AM
30	It's quite run down and lots of teenagers smoke drugs nearby	1/30/2020 11:15 AM
31	Old tired broken	1/30/2020 11:02 AM
32	Kids over 14	1/30/2020 10:35 AM
33	n/a	1/30/2020 10:13 AM
34	The poor condition of the play equipment, the limited choice of play equipment, and the layout of the park. I have a three year old and a baby and following my little boy up and down the hill with the buggy can be quite an effort especially in the winter when it's muddy. We would visit much more frequently if the park was upgraded, it would be so convenient to combine a park trip with a trip to the shops.	1/29/2020 3:27 AM
35	Its dangerous and lacking in equipment	1/28/2020 1:07 PM

36	Have visited	1/27/2020 6:02 PM
37	My children find it boring and there is always teenagers in there doing drugs and drinking achol normally there broken glass and litter everywhere there nothing to play its very dated	1/27/2020 2:57 PM
38	We don't go often because it doesn't currently feel welcoming for little ones	1/27/2020 12:23 PM
39	Have visited	1/26/2020 7:24 PM
40	Not enough to do	1/26/2020 5:21 PM
41	Old and outdated. Unsafe for children to use and always occupied by youths	1/26/2020 4:48 PM
42	There is nothing there of interest, play equipment very poor, so we tend to go to Hempstead playground instead.	1/26/2020 11:00 AM
43	We do visit	1/26/2020 10:08 AM
44	It's extremely run down	1/26/2020 9:47 AM
45	Run down & not safe for toddlers	1/26/2020 8:53 AM
46	It's not out local Park but also it is very outdated. But I would go more often when we pop to town if it improves	1/25/2020 4:48 PM
47	We have...	1/25/2020 3:46 PM
48	the equipment isn't very exiting	1/25/2020 12:49 PM
49	It's poor current state it's dangerous. We go to other better local parks	1/25/2020 12:14 PM
50	It's not that entertaining any more	1/24/2020 11:57 PM
51	Play equipment looks unsafe, not much choice for younger children	1/24/2020 10:50 PM
52	Children are more grown up now, but still have an urge to go in there occasionally when we're passing. Used to use it weekly when they were little.	1/24/2020 9:35 PM
53	Not much of interest there for 9 year olds	1/24/2020 6:51 PM
54	Lack of seating. Lack of equipment.	1/24/2020 6:29 PM
55	It's in a terrible state.	1/24/2020 4:05 PM
56	Drug dealers and alcoholics in the area, run down equipment	1/24/2020 3:49 PM
57	When walking into town, we will often stop there on the way to/back.	1/24/2020 2:26 PM
58	The play area hasn't enough equipment for al the kids and the equipment is dull for older kids of 8 upwards I	1/24/2020 1:21 PM
59	It's boring	1/24/2020 12:06 PM
60	It is tired and dated.	1/24/2020 10:33 AM
61	I live in ridgewood, we occassionally walk through town if kids are up for it	1/24/2020 9:43 AM
62	Equipment not great.	1/24/2020 9:22 AM
63	No adult exercise equipment	1/24/2020 8:00 AM
64	n/a	1/24/2020 7:59 AM
65	It's rubbish	1/24/2020 7:47 AM
66	Hempstead park is better and has more things for children to play with	1/24/2020 7:41 AM
67	I was not aware of the park and cannot find it on google maps.	1/24/2020 7:38 AM
68	Not enough variety	1/24/2020 7:32 AM
69	Not much left for the children to play on	1/24/2020 7:32 AM
70	Not much play equipment	1/24/2020 7:28 AM
71	Less lately as the play equipment is currently poor quality.	1/24/2020 7:25 AM
72	Not interesting or attractive to the kids.	1/24/2020 6:03 AM
73	We have	1/24/2020 12:33 AM

74	Lack of equipment anti social behaviour	1/24/2020 12:24 AM
75	Old equipment, broken glass and rubbish from youths.	1/23/2020 10:57 PM
76	Children too old now.	1/23/2020 10:11 PM
77	N/A	1/23/2020 9:56 PM
78	N/a	1/23/2020 9:23 PM
79	Because half the equipment is gone or broken or the chavs of uckfield hang around there I'm a teenage that goes on the swings with my mates or at night coz it's fun I'm respectful but a kid at heart	1/23/2020 8:08 PM
80	Would visit more if the playground was more inviting for the children	1/23/2020 7:59 PM
81	Because its the worst park in uckfield	1/23/2020 7:37 PM
82	Lack of equipment	1/23/2020 7:12 PM
83	Not enough to keep the children entertained. Very shabby	1/23/2020 7:12 PM
84	Its bland... lack of equipment and anti social behaviour	1/23/2020 6:33 PM
85	The provision is the poorest in the local area. There are much better play parks in Uckfield	1/23/2020 5:35 PM
86	It's not very good for little ones (3yo). Equipment is dated and a bit broken and it's very muddy to get in and around. Not good for prams. Few places for people to sit/ picnic. Needs better facilities.	1/23/2020 5:30 PM
87	Very poor play area	1/23/2020 4:09 PM
88	Not enough play equipment for children under 3, over the years the play equipment got less and less	1/23/2020 2:24 PM
89	Because its run down and unsafe	1/23/2020 2:15 PM
90	Rubbish always on the floor. Not very good play area for small children	1/23/2020 1:40 PM
91	Its not very good	1/23/2020 12:56 PM
92	No kids yet	1/23/2020 12:42 PM
93	Not enough equipment to keep a 9yr old and 6yr old busy together	1/23/2020 10:49 AM
94	The equipment is minimal, on a slope and its not enough to entertain children from 4-9years	1/23/2020 10:21 AM
95	Not enough to keep them busy	1/23/2020 10:16 AM
96	Older children	1/23/2020 7:54 AM
97	Dated play equipment not suitable for my 4 year old	1/23/2020 7:31 AM
98	It's lacking in equipment, there are much better playgrounds to go to locally.	1/23/2020 7:31 AM
99	If I hadn't visited, it would be because the equipment isn't fit for young children	1/23/2020 7:16 AM
100	Children find park boring	1/23/2020 7:03 AM
101	Very old equipment	1/23/2020 6:30 AM
102	Lack of equipment	1/23/2020 6:03 AM
103	Layout is problematic with young children.	1/22/2020 11:44 PM
104	Its not as good as the otger play facilities	1/22/2020 11:07 PM
105	The play equipment isn't very good	1/22/2020 11:06 PM
106	The climbing frames is scary	1/22/2020 10:26 PM
107	Out of date equipment	1/22/2020 10:23 PM
108	The park is getting run down, it's been like that since I was little I think it needs new equipment for children of all ages and have new swing sets similar to the old set but better and needs a new slide that actually slides and monkey bars that doesn't constantly give off static shock. Be like Hempstead & Hughes way park.	1/22/2020 10:21 PM
109	NA	1/22/2020 10:00 PM

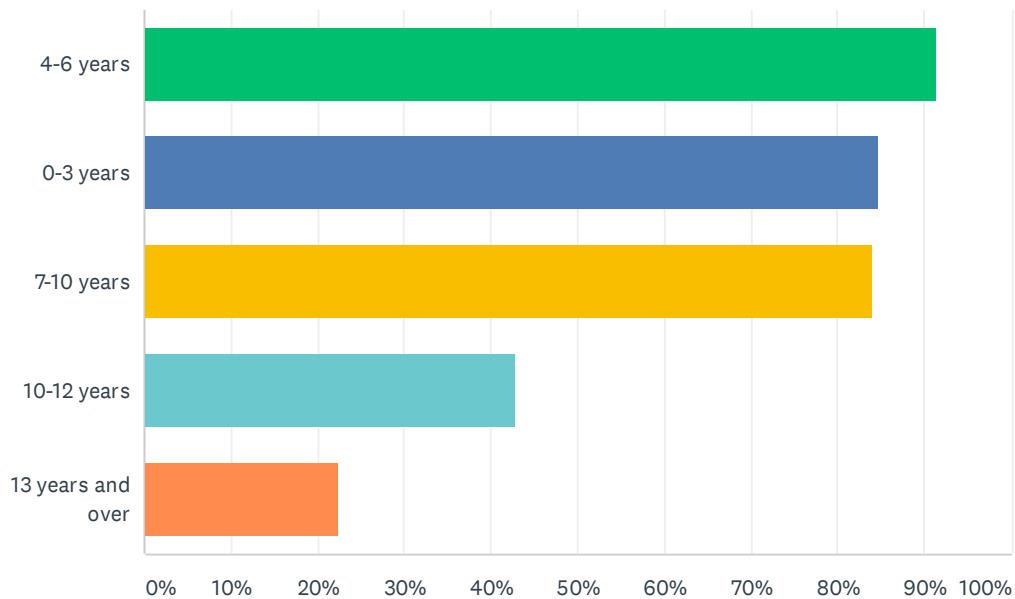
110	Na	1/22/2020 9:56 PM
111	We don't because it is scruffy and tucked away from the main path	1/22/2020 9:55 PM
112	It's outdated. And badly maintained	1/22/2020 9:54 PM
113	.	1/22/2020 9:44 PM
114	Equipment is old, damaged and horrible	1/22/2020 9:35 PM
115	Old and worn	1/22/2020 9:22 PM
116	There isn't enough to keep the children interested since the roundabout and tractor slide were removed around 5 years ago.	1/22/2020 9:21 PM
117	Family now grown up.	1/22/2020 9:20 PM
118	Too spread out to keep an eye on toddler and baby, not ideal for toddlers needs, don't often pass that way when heading into town	1/22/2020 9:11 PM
119	N/a	1/22/2020 9:09 PM
120	Its the worst park i have ever been too!	1/22/2020 9:09 PM
121	Needs updating and parts need repairing	1/22/2020 9:03 PM
122	N/a	1/22/2020 9:00 PM
123	It's not very nice. Hardly anything for the children. Too spaced out and very old	1/22/2020 8:56 PM
124	N/a	1/22/2020 8:54 PM
125	Play equipment isnt very good.	1/22/2020 8:42 PM
126	Na	1/22/2020 8:33 PM
127	We go much less now due to the decline of the park	1/22/2020 8:33 PM
128	Shape of play area and seating	1/22/2020 8:31 PM
129	The play area is not well equipped, the equipment is in poor condition and does not engage with children.	1/22/2020 8:13 PM
130	It's a little bit dangerous for little ones	1/22/2020 8:11 PM
131	Youths hanging around	1/22/2020 8:09 PM
132	Babysitting children	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
133	We try and steer clear as little there	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
134	N/a	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
135	Most of the equipment is either broken or there isn't much to plan on!	1/22/2020 8:03 PM
136	We have	1/22/2020 8:01 PM
137	Not much equipment and existing equipment is tired and dirty. Often rubbish and broken glass around.	1/22/2020 8:00 PM
138	Poor equipment	1/22/2020 7:58 PM
139	It's winter! We visit daily in the summer....would like to see new play equipment as things have been taken out and not replaced	1/22/2020 7:54 PM
140	Because it's awful :-(and full of dog muck.	1/22/2020 7:47 PM
141	Lack of equipment and rubbish	1/22/2020 7:44 PM
142	But very attractive and older teenagers often in there.	1/22/2020 7:43 PM
143	We haven't visited for a while because it seems in cared for and I have seen smashed glass as I imagine it attracts young people being near the town. I find it being on a hill inconvenient and if my youngest is in the swing my older son wants to climb it he's so far away that I can't help him if he needs me.	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
144	There's not much there. Especially for toddlers. Out of all the parks in Uckfield it is pretty boring!	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
145	Not much for the children to do and equipment is old	1/22/2020 7:40 PM

146	It's awful condition	1/22/2020 7:40 PM
147	Dirty, teenagers, not much to use.	1/22/2020 7:37 PM
148	Not much suitable for my younger kid	1/22/2020 7:33 PM
149	Chosen to use a different park with more equipment	1/22/2020 7:30 PM
150	None	1/22/2020 7:30 PM
151	We stopped going due to how unsafe it is and lack of things to do.	1/22/2020 7:29 PM
152	There isnt enough to play on for toddlers & outdated	1/22/2020 7:29 PM
153	Less equipment to play on	1/22/2020 7:27 PM
154	N/A	1/22/2020 7:22 PM
155	MOST of the equipment had been taken away and what is left is in poor condition.	1/22/2020 7:22 PM
156	We would go more often but the equipment is old, outdated and poorly laid out	1/22/2020 7:07 PM
157	Lack of proper paved area from top to bottom of the play area and the gate at the top ends paving around it	1/22/2020 7:06 PM
158	Unkempt, not much there	1/22/2020 6:59 PM
159	It's a awful play area ATM. I have seen glass and heard of needles being on the floor. I'm a childminder so would love to use it more.	1/22/2020 6:55 PM
160	Equipment too spread out for multiple children it could do with being zoned and also sometimes we don't visits because it's so run down the youths like to use it as a weed smoking place and it's so off putting	1/22/2020 6:47 PM
161	So run down. Lots of older kids there (bad language). Everything falling apart	1/22/2020 6:43 PM
162	It offers such limited and poorly maintained play equipment.	1/22/2020 6:38 PM
163	Too muddy, not enough suitable equipment	1/22/2020 6:36 PM
164	Don't visit regularly as nothing really for younger children	1/22/2020 6:34 PM
165	N/A	1/22/2020 6:34 PM
166	Better parks in the area	1/22/2020 6:31 PM
167	It's dirty, broken, not suitable for mixed ages as you have to run from one end to the other	1/22/2020 6:29 PM
168	N/a	1/22/2020 6:27 PM
169	No young children. The whole area is unattractive and unwelcoming with teenagers hanging around	1/22/2020 6:27 PM
170	Distance	1/22/2020 6:26 PM
171	N/a	1/22/2020 6:25 PM
172	We have but don't use reguarly as equipment damaged/old	1/22/2020 6:24 PM
173	Fence can be unsafe as not secure	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
174	We do visit it, not sure why asked this question!	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
175	Closer to home	1/22/2020 6:09 PM
176	N/a	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
177	Old equipment	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
178	Lack of equipment	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
179	Rundown and too many teenagers hanging out there smoking and swearing	1/22/2020 6:07 PM
180	Lack of play equipment - difficult to be there with more than one child at sae time as such a long play area with gates both ends! Hard to keep them safe	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
181	Not much to do a revamp Is a great idea	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
182	It's very dated and life to play in for kids	1/22/2020 6:01 PM
183	It's lacking in variety of equipment. Very run down.	1/22/2020 5:55 PM

184	Facilities are not good at all. Nothing for toddlers. Older children get bored quickly.	1/22/2020 5:54 PM
185	its terrible. equipment is missing.	1/22/2020 5:44 PM
186	It's rubbish	1/22/2020 5:40 PM
187	N/A	1/22/2020 5:38 PM
188	Old, and boring	1/22/2020 5:35 PM
189	Children	1/22/2020 5:33 PM
190	They are too old now	1/22/2020 5:29 PM
191	The equipment is old compared to other parks and there is no toddler equipment other than swings	1/22/2020 5:27 PM
192	We do visit	1/22/2020 5:25 PM
193	na	1/22/2020 5:17 PM
194	Because there is nothing for my 3 year old to play on	1/22/2020 5:16 PM
195	None	1/22/2020 5:10 PM
196	Needs more for teenage	1/22/2020 5:09 PM
197	Lack of equipment. Unsafe rubbish (broken glass etc)	1/22/2020 5:08 PM
198	N/A	1/22/2020 5:04 PM
199	test	12/18/2019 3:42 PM

Q5 For which age groups should Luxfords Play Area provide facilities? (please select all that apply)

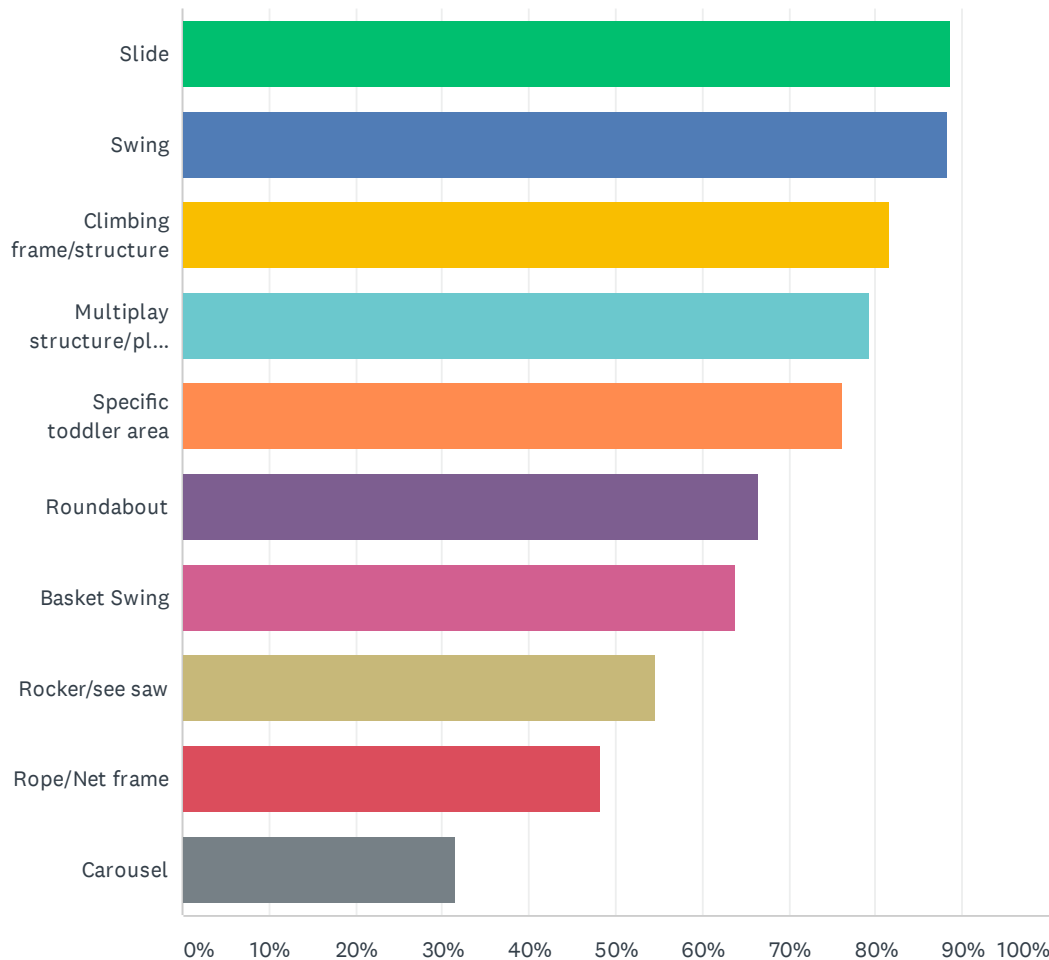
Answered: 282 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4-6 years	91.49%	258
0-3 years	84.75%	239
7-10 years	84.04%	237
10-12 years	42.91%	121
13 years and over	22.34%	63
Total Respondents: 282		

Q6 From the following list which piece of equipment would you like to see in the play area for children/young people? (please select all that apply)

Answered: 284 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Slide	88.73%	252
Swing	88.38%	251
Climbing frame/structure	81.69%	232
Multiplay structure/play house/castle/rocket	79.23%	225
Specific toddler area	76.06%	216
Roundabout	66.55%	189
Basket Swing	63.73%	181
Rocker/see saw	54.58%	155
Rope/Net frame	48.24%	137
Carousel	31.69%	90
Total Respondents: 284		

Q7 Are there any other pieces of play equipment that you would like to see in the children's play area?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 93

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Zip wire, jeep like in Hempstead park	2/9/2020 1:57 PM
2	Shaded areas	2/7/2020 5:12 PM
3	Dont do it on the cheap like the ridgewood disaster	2/6/2020 5:42 PM
4	zip wire	2/6/2020 2:07 PM
5	Monkey bars (most kids love monkey bars)	2/3/2020 6:52 PM
6	No	2/3/2020 11:36 AM
7	Zip line? Climbing wall/rope climb/sand pit with playframe on top	2/2/2020 11:45 PM
8	Zip wire	2/2/2020 9:22 PM
9	Hammocks	2/2/2020 12:26 PM
10	No	1/31/2020 10:42 PM
11	Small bouldering wall	1/31/2020 5:33 AM
12	Slide	1/31/2020 5:28 AM
13	Outdoor gym	1/30/2020 10:58 PM
14	Zip wire / structures to explore like castle	1/30/2020 10:14 PM
15	Climbing wall	1/30/2020 9:32 PM
16	Outdoor gym	1/30/2020 8:03 PM
17	Sand pit and/or water play.	1/30/2020 7:45 PM
18	No	1/30/2020 7:44 PM
19	Toddler	1/30/2020 4:59 PM
20	Picnic benches would be nice	1/30/2020 1:02 PM
21	Really big slide	1/30/2020 12:29 PM
22	no	1/30/2020 12:14 PM
23	Wheelchair accessible equipment	1/30/2020 11:31 AM
24	Hand washing facility	1/30/2020 11:18 AM
25	Fireman pole, different types of swings, maybe ones where you can sit facing your children like they have at Godstone Farm	1/30/2020 11:15 AM
26	Adult exercise area	1/30/2020 10:13 AM
27	A fire pole. Disabled accessible equipment, water features like the park in Hayward's heath, nature based play areas, I.e. like a mud kitchen similar to wilderness wood in buxted, Also Have a look at the park in Dorking center, it's a great park	1/29/2020 3:46 AM
28	The zip wires that we use at ridgewood and Hempstead lane park are a favourite and always popular with the children.	1/29/2020 3:27 AM
29	Shaded area for hot summer days	1/28/2020 1:07 PM
30	No	1/27/2020 6:02 PM
31	Zip line	1/27/2020 2:57 PM
32	Splash pad area would be fantastic as we don't have one locally	1/27/2020 12:23 PM
33	Zip wire	1/26/2020 7:24 PM
34	Toddler area. Water. Sand. Climbing	1/26/2020 5:21 PM
35	Sand pit	1/26/2020 5:19 PM
36	No	1/26/2020 4:48 PM
37	Role play areas	1/26/2020 2:51 PM
38	Teen fitness equipment- pull up bars, etc	1/26/2020 11:00 AM

39	No sand pit!!! It's a very linear space and not enough seats currently and sight lines are hard - can it be wider and less long and thin?	1/26/2020 10:08 AM
40	Tall slide, maybe two side by side where kids can race each other	1/26/2020 9:47 AM
41	climbing frame type equipment suitable for toddlers & also a swing suitable for children with disabilities.	1/26/2020 8:53 AM
42	Basketball hoop,	1/25/2020 10:34 PM
43	Large musical instruments	1/25/2020 4:48 PM
44	Picnic benches and plenty of bins. Can we please have a splash pad like Eastbourne and Haywards heath?!	1/25/2020 3:46 PM
45	climbin fb frame	1/25/2020 12:49 PM
46	Zip wire swing	1/25/2020 12:14 PM
47	Sunk in trampolines	1/24/2020 11:57 PM
48	Water play area	1/24/2020 10:50 PM
49	Exercise equipment	1/24/2020 9:35 PM
50	Sand pit, zip wire, climbing wall	1/24/2020 6:51 PM
51	No	1/24/2020 6:29 PM
52	Disabled children's equipment. Wheelchair swing / roundabout / sensory area. Gedling country park had one (Nottinghamshire) which is great and all funded by volunteers if you need some examples / advice.	1/24/2020 4:05 PM
53	Zip wire	1/24/2020 2:26 PM
54	No	1/24/2020 1:21 PM
55	Basketball court, sand area, zip wire rope climbs	1/24/2020 10:33 AM
56	zip wire	1/24/2020 10:13 AM
57	Soft under surface. Little toddler bit and a bigger bit with slide stuff to climb	1/24/2020 9:45 AM
58	None i can think of	1/24/2020 9:43 AM
59	Zip Wire	1/24/2020 7:59 AM
60	Sand area with play equipment	1/24/2020 7:38 AM
61	Sand pit	1/24/2020 7:32 AM
62	Role play structure- train, fire engine, Princess carriage etc	1/24/2020 7:28 AM
63	Risky climbing with soft floor. More swings maybe in a circle like seaford park. A long slide. Outdoor instruments to play. Splash park for warmer weather. Roleplay huts to encourage imaginative play. Climbing wall.	1/24/2020 7:25 AM
64	Adequate seating for parents and possibly rain shelter.	1/24/2020 6:03 AM
65	More bins!	1/24/2020 12:33 AM
66	Zip wire	1/24/2020 12:24 AM
67	Role play area	1/23/2020 10:57 PM
68	No	1/23/2020 10:11 PM
69	Tunnels, soft landings	1/23/2020 9:56 PM
70	Play bits like a tractor	1/23/2020 9:23 PM
71	Balance beams/planks	1/23/2020 8:47 PM
72	Sandpit	1/23/2020 8:17 PM
73	The tractor thing again	1/23/2020 8:08 PM
74	Zip wire	1/23/2020 7:59 PM
75	Something no other park has in town	1/23/2020 7:37 PM

76	Climbing course	1/23/2020 7:12 PM
77	No	1/23/2020 7:12 PM
78	Water play	1/23/2020 6:33 PM
79	Splash pad	1/23/2020 5:35 PM
80	Accessible play items. Sandpit. Spashpad for summer.	1/23/2020 5:30 PM
81	Basket ball net for older kids or football net	1/23/2020 2:15 PM
82	Trampoline	1/23/2020 1:40 PM
83	Safer smaller climbing frame not one as high as the slide and monkey bars	1/23/2020 1:33 PM
84	Sandpit	1/23/2020 12:56 PM
85	Something to challenge the older kids but that younger siblings can do too!	1/23/2020 10:49 AM
86	Zip wire ... it could work there as it's got the length for a decent one	1/23/2020 10:21 AM
87	Balance beams or stepping stones made from logs.	1/23/2020 10:16 AM
88	No	1/23/2020 7:54 AM
89	Na	1/23/2020 7:31 AM
90	Trampoline (set into floor)	1/23/2020 7:31 AM
91	No	1/23/2020 7:16 AM
92	Picnic area	1/23/2020 7:14 AM
93	It would be good if we had a water play area for summer like Victoria park in Haywards heath do children can enjoy hot summers playing in water	1/23/2020 7:03 AM
94	Big wooden castle	1/23/2020 6:30 AM
95	Tunnel	1/23/2020 6:03 AM
96	Anything that can be used imaginatively in different ways	1/22/2020 11:44 PM
97	Trampolines built into the ground.	1/22/2020 11:07 PM
98	Water play park like Hayward's heath or sand like crowborough	1/22/2020 11:06 PM
99	Sunken trampoline (like at the park in Newick)	1/22/2020 10:36 PM
100	sandpit	1/22/2020 10:28 PM
101	Please keep the swings with the long chains. They are the best swings. Most swings now have very short chains and it's just not a proper swing on the short chains.	1/22/2020 10:26 PM
102	Swings and roundabouts suitable for wheelchairs	1/22/2020 10:23 PM
103	Benches or picnic benches so families can sit on it.	1/22/2020 10:21 PM
104	Sand pit	1/22/2020 10:00 PM
105	Exercise	1/22/2020 9:56 PM
106	Climbing wall	1/22/2020 9:54 PM
107	Toddler play area	1/22/2020 9:44 PM
108	Maybe a skate area or something for older kids. Although mine are younger we constantly fail our young people in Uckfield so they end up just hanging out on the kids park anyway. Would be great if they actually had something to do.	1/22/2020 9:37 PM
109	Sand with diggers	1/22/2020 9:35 PM
110	Water play	1/22/2020 9:31 PM
111	No	1/22/2020 9:22 PM
112	No.	1/22/2020 9:20 PM
113	Age appropriate safe climbing frame, structures for imaginative play, cars/tractors, outdoor trampoline that lies flat to the floor, swings, slides, potential mud kitchen	1/22/2020 9:11 PM

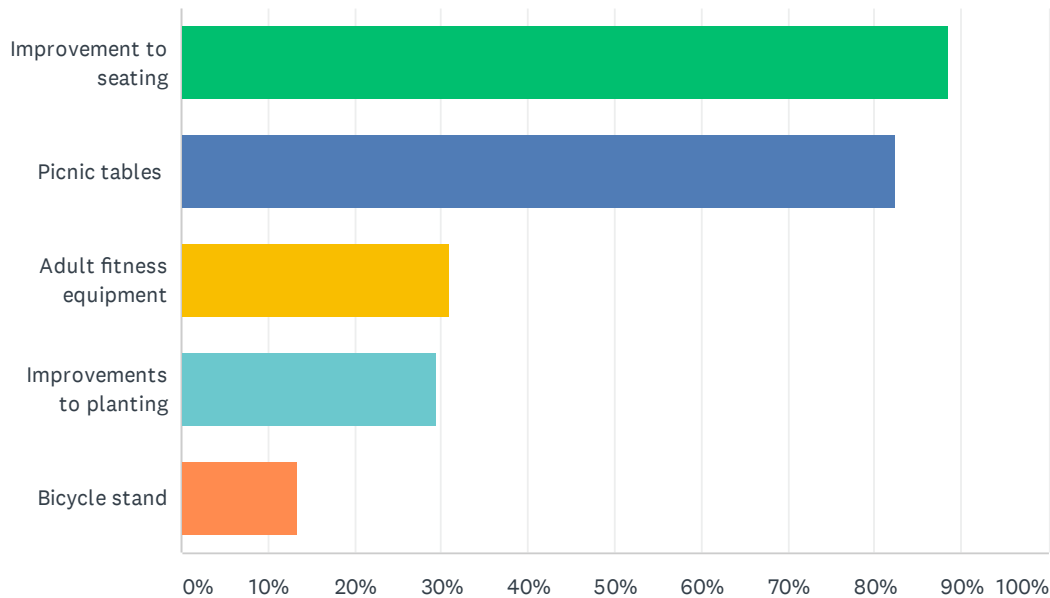
114	Sand pit	1/22/2020 9:09 PM
115	Zip wire	1/22/2020 9:03 PM
116	Small in ground trampoline	1/22/2020 9:00 PM
117	In the ground trampoline	1/22/2020 8:56 PM
118	Double swing so mum and baby	1/22/2020 8:54 PM
119	Splash play, parent/child swing	1/22/2020 8:44 PM
120	Small children area	1/22/2020 8:42 PM
121	Jeep or vehicle to sit in.	1/22/2020 8:38 PM
122	Zip line	1/22/2020 8:33 PM
123	Tunnel	1/22/2020 8:31 PM
124	Skate park facilities for older children	1/22/2020 8:30 PM
125	Some shelter from Sun as its very open in the summer	1/22/2020 8:15 PM
126	Please can we not just add play items from the catalogue! The best play areas are not those with just play equipment plonked down in a sea of recycled rubber mats. Uckfield already has these type of play areas. Please take inspiration from the big park at Newhaven and the level in Brighton. Both of these use landscaping to create an interesting area to explore and use imagination. They use landscaping to create rooms for different groups, eg music area, willow tunnels linking "rooms". Wooden climbing frames, wooden play houses, sandpits etc. These elements area cost effective. I would also say that no comparable play area is located in the area creating this would draw people into the town resulting in benefits to shops and other facilities.	1/22/2020 8:13 PM
127	Sandpit, zip wire, water pool	1/22/2020 8:13 PM
128	No	1/22/2020 8:11 PM
129	As above	1/22/2020 8:09 PM
130	Gym equipment	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
131	Mini below ground trampoline	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
132	Sand pit and ground level trampolines	1/22/2020 8:04 PM
133	N/a	1/22/2020 8:01 PM
134	Sand pit or water fountains/splash area	1/22/2020 7:58 PM
135	Zip wire. Exercise equipment	1/22/2020 7:54 PM
136	Zip wire, tree house, fireman's pole, splash area	1/22/2020 7:47 PM
137	Splash pad or sand? Zip wire? Double swing like ridgewood, trampoline. Some painted animals hopscotch or patterns on ground	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
138	As previous question answered. A designated area for toddlers.	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
139	Slide	1/22/2020 7:40 PM
140	Water play!!	1/22/2020 7:40 PM
141	Anything a toddler can climb onto without help	1/22/2020 7:33 PM
142	No	1/22/2020 7:30 PM
143	Playhouse	1/22/2020 7:29 PM
144	Kids sports equipment	1/22/2020 7:27 PM
145	No	1/22/2020 7:22 PM
146	Sunken Trampoline	1/22/2020 7:07 PM
147	No	1/22/2020 7:06 PM
148	Zipline	1/22/2020 6:57 PM
149	Ground trampoline	1/22/2020 6:55 PM

150	Disabled swing and other disable friends equipment as uckfield has none of these.	1/22/2020 6:55 PM
151	Sensory items	1/22/2020 6:54 PM
152	Splash pad	1/22/2020 6:50 PM
153	something Interactive like a pirate ship with rope pullies and sand etc	1/22/2020 6:47 PM
154	Seating for parents. Safe bins to use. Sandpit	1/22/2020 6:43 PM
155	A sand pit or splash park area would be great and really attract visitors to the town.	1/22/2020 6:38 PM
156	Multiple swings	1/22/2020 6:36 PM
157	Parent & child swing	1/22/2020 6:34 PM
158	More for younger 0-3	1/22/2020 6:31 PM
159	Tunnels, natural obstacle course to balance on, picnic tables and benches, basketball hoop, zip wire, monkey bars,	1/22/2020 6:29 PM
160	Benches for parents!	1/22/2020 6:27 PM
161	Climbing rock	1/22/2020 6:26 PM
162	Zip wire	1/22/2020 6:25 PM
163	Things toddlers can climb and use themselves ie a slide that is easy access for them	1/22/2020 6:24 PM
164	Exercise equipment	1/22/2020 6:24 PM
165	Zip wire or anything a bit different to make a reason to choose Luxor's field	1/22/2020 6:22 PM
166	A climbing wall	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
167	The trampolines at the park near Lewes Prison Crossroads are great as there are 3 in a row. There is one at Newick, which is good too. Also the play sand areas at various playgrounds across Sussex are superb and the kids play in them for hours	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
168	N/a	1/22/2020 6:09 PM
169	Maze	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
170	Some equipment for older people	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
171	No	1/22/2020 6:07 PM
172	Not play equipment as such but a seated undercover / roof area for parents to sit. Families to picnic at etc. More should be made of the play area and field to facilitate family days out. Football goals, picnic benches, an enclosed Astro turf football/ basketball area	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
173	Exercise equipment	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
174	More stuff for toddlers	1/22/2020 6:01 PM
175	Zip wire	1/22/2020 6:01 PM
176	No	1/22/2020 5:55 PM
177	Picnic benches, adult/child swing like at ridgewood	1/22/2020 5:54 PM
178	Sunken trampet	1/22/2020 5:49 PM
179	splash park	1/22/2020 5:44 PM
180	Water splash pad	1/22/2020 5:41 PM
181	Sensory area	1/22/2020 5:38 PM
182	Water play	1/22/2020 5:35 PM
183	.	1/22/2020 5:33 PM
184	Climbing wall	1/22/2020 5:29 PM
185	No	1/22/2020 5:27 PM
186	Toddler equipment that they can access (eg not a rope ladder stairs instead)	1/22/2020 5:25 PM
187	Somthing for toodlers to climb	1/22/2020 5:16 PM

188	Water play and Wendy houses like calverly park	1/22/2020 5:12 PM
189	None	1/22/2020 5:10 PM
190	Zip line	1/22/2020 5:09 PM
191	Monkey bars/rings, obstacle course	1/22/2020 5:08 PM
192	No	1/22/2020 5:04 PM
193	animals	12/18/2019 3:42 PM

Q8 From the following list, what equipment and facilities would you like to see for you as an adult visiting the play area? (please select all that apply)

Answered: 285 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improvement to seating	88.42%	252
Picnic tables	82.46%	235
Adult fitness equipment	30.88%	88
Improvements to planting	29.47%	84
Bicycle stand	13.33%	38
Total Respondents: 285		

Q9 Do you have any suggestions about the ways in which facilities can be improved for adults visiting the play area?

Answered: 173 Skipped: 113

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you!	2/10/2020 1:52 PM
2	If all the ground can be soft rubber rather than grass/mud. It would make it more all year around and easier for parents.	2/9/2020 1:57 PM
3	Shaded areas	2/7/2020 5:12 PM
4	More seating out of the mud if possible	2/7/2020 1:42 PM
5	Paths and seating with shaded area	2/6/2020 5:42 PM
6	ensure there are bins and consider the flooring. The flooring at ridgewood mels and leaves black stains on the childrens clothes. This doesn't happen at Hempstead and so I would really like this considered.	2/6/2020 2:07 PM
7	No	2/3/2020 11:36 AM
8	More seating	2/2/2020 11:45 PM
9	Sheltered picnic area	2/2/2020 9:22 PM
10	A sandpit for children with adults seating/table	2/2/2020 12:26 PM
11	No	1/31/2020 10:42 PM
12	Planting area would be amazing, with a focus on wildlife friendly flowers etc.	1/31/2020 5:33 AM
13	Pleny of bins	1/31/2020 5:28 AM
14	Regular emptying of bins,	1/30/2020 10:58 PM
15	Better layout. Room for blankets and some seating would be nice. Bins so people have somewhere to put their rubbish	1/30/2020 10:14 PM
16	Separate areas for different age kids so easier to keep eye on toddlers. Seating. Covered area.	1/30/2020 9:00 PM
17	Adult outdoor gym equipment	1/30/2020 8:05 PM
18	More seating	1/30/2020 8:05 PM
19	More open seating. Not back along fence line	1/30/2020 8:03 PM
20	Seating	1/30/2020 7:45 PM
21	No	1/30/2020 7:44 PM
22	Cleaner, safer (equipment that isn't so high), nice seating	1/30/2020 4:59 PM
23	No	1/30/2020 1:02 PM
24	no	1/30/2020 12:14 PM
25	More seats near all equipment	1/30/2020 11:31 AM
26	No	1/30/2020 11:18 AM
27	Make the gates better, they're too easy to open from inside but difficult to get in with a pushchair. Get rid of the rotten double gates which are a hazard, I end up leaning against them to stop my toddler running face first into a splinter or the chain holding them shut. Put benches midway through the park.	1/30/2020 11:15 AM
28	Just needs bringing into the future.	1/30/2020 10:13 AM
29	Keep a decent level of shaded areas where the seats will be.	1/29/2020 3:46 AM
30	Personally I don't think it would be helpful to have adult fitness equipment inside the play area, as children just want to climb on them which ends up being unsafe. Very hard to enforce that things in a park are not actually for a child to play on. Seating close to play areas would be very helpful particularly for those needing to feed young babies.	1/29/2020 3:27 AM
31	I don't think the value of a good park can be underestimated, especially when paired with a cafe. It brings huge footfall to a town and boosts the highsteet. See REIGATE for a fantastic example.	1/28/2020 1:07 PM
32	No	1/27/2020 6:02 PM

Luxfords Play Area		SurveyMonkey
33	Toilets and cafe	1/27/2020 2:57 PM
34	Coffee shop and toilets nearby mean that can spend longer at the play area	1/26/2020 7:24 PM
35	More benches. More bins. Picnic area.	1/26/2020 5:21 PM
36	No	1/26/2020 4:48 PM
37	Paths that link the play equipment. Grass is lovely but it can get very muddy in the winter and it would be nice to get to all the play areas without going in mud. Sheltered areas to sit if it's really sunny and you need some shade.	1/26/2020 2:51 PM
38	Better surfaces in the playground so you can move around without squelching through mud.	1/26/2020 11:00 AM
39	A water fountain would be nice, more seats, swings that are not at an angle like they are now	1/26/2020 10:08 AM
40	Not really, just seating areas around the park	1/26/2020 9:47 AM
41	Please no adult gym equipment, it doesn't get used.	1/26/2020 8:53 AM
42	Proper access paths to equipment so can be used all year round	1/25/2020 10:34 PM
43	Better seating	1/25/2020 4:48 PM
44	Bins, making sure the seating is in shaded areas and smooth paths for buggies	1/25/2020 3:46 PM
45	exercise equipment and seating	1/25/2020 12:49 PM
46	Shape of the park with seating around so can view across the park currently difficult to watch the children	1/25/2020 12:14 PM
47	Seating at a variety of points throughout the park so adults can see children when they are on different pieces of equipment.	1/24/2020 10:50 PM
48	Benches	1/24/2020 9:35 PM
49	More seating for adults.	1/24/2020 6:51 PM
50	Seating	1/24/2020 6:29 PM
51	Sheltered are to sit (with wind barrier) and sun canopy esp with climate change.	1/24/2020 4:05 PM
52	More seating / toilets/ refreshments closer	1/24/2020 2:26 PM
53	Seating and safer mats for one the kids fall	1/24/2020 1:21 PM
54	Make it bigger	1/24/2020 12:06 PM
55	Think big!!!!	1/24/2020 10:33 AM
56	keep fit circuit	1/24/2020 10:13 AM
57	None i can think of	1/24/2020 9:43 AM
58	Yes well maintained exercise equipment which isnt the case with the Buxted equipment	1/24/2020 8:00 AM
59	Toilets	1/24/2020 7:38 AM
60	A water fountain to top up children's water bottles	1/24/2020 7:28 AM
61	No	1/24/2020 7:25 AM
62	Adequate seating and possibly rain/wind shelter.	1/24/2020 6:03 AM
63	Just better seating and more bins please	1/24/2020 12:33 AM
64	Play park locked at specific times during seasons high fences to stop vandalism	1/24/2020 12:24 AM
65	Level the whole area. High fences and locked at night	1/23/2020 10:57 PM
66	Coffee shop	1/23/2020 10:11 PM
67	Shelter with good views of the park.	1/23/2020 9:56 PM
68	Seating area	1/23/2020 9:23 PM
69	The area being cleaned regularly. I rarely bring my daughter anymore because there is always broken glass and litter in the play area.	1/23/2020 8:47 PM
70	Separate areas for different age groups	1/23/2020 8:17 PM

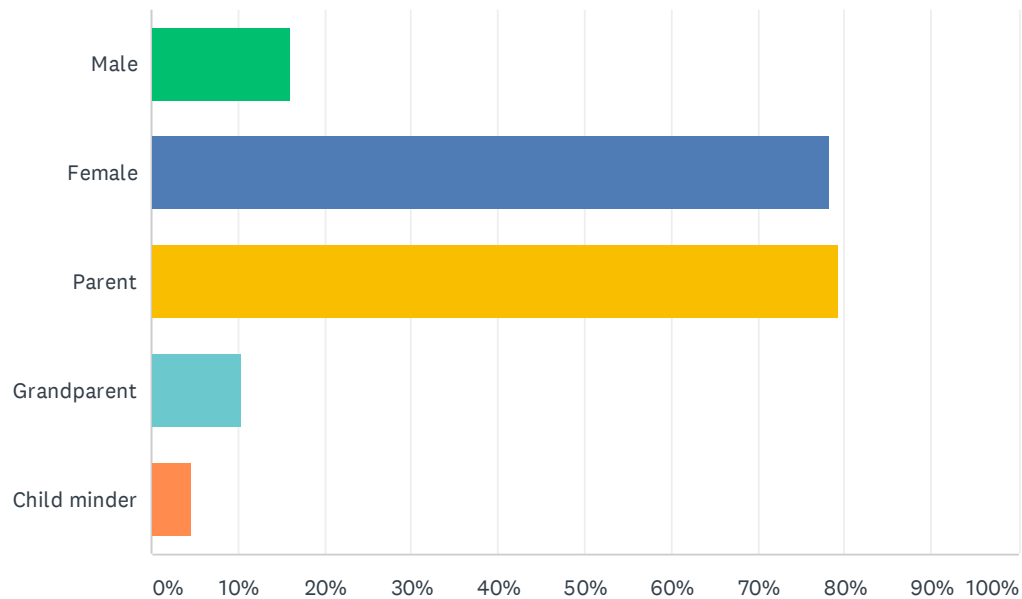
Luxfords Play Area		SurveyMonkey
71	Maybe fixed fences there dangourous !	1/23/2020 8:08 PM
72	Seating in different areas so parents can see their children better	1/23/2020 7:59 PM
73	Picnic area	1/23/2020 7:37 PM
74	There needs to be fencing and maybe a system when park is locked at 6pm?	1/23/2020 6:33 PM
75	Made paths, seating, bins	1/23/2020 5:30 PM
76	No gaps in the fence, perhaps shorter in lenght but more square, more wooden equipment, padded flooring	1/23/2020 2:24 PM
77	AstroTurf for wetweather play. Better lighting	1/23/2020 2:15 PM
78	The gates should be better and fixed. A shade place to hide from the sun	1/23/2020 1:40 PM
79	More seating areas and the ground to be more level more people using pushchairs and wheelchairs	1/23/2020 1:33 PM
80	Make the area bigger and have a small cafe	1/23/2020 12:56 PM
81	More seating would be great!	1/23/2020 10:49 AM
82	Just keep it clean!	1/23/2020 10:21 AM
83	Seating both ends of the park and equipment for young children one end and older children the other end.	1/23/2020 10:16 AM
84	No	1/23/2020 7:54 AM
85	Make it safer for children to play unassisted	1/23/2020 7:31 AM
86	Seating area. Safe viewing points.	1/23/2020 7:16 AM
87	No	1/23/2020 7:03 AM
88	Wooden bark on the floor	1/23/2020 6:30 AM
89	More artificial surfaces, as oppposed to grass which gets muddy in the wetter months	1/23/2020 6:03 AM
90	play equipment closer together not stretched out in a long line- it makes it too difficult to be with 2 or more kids if they want to play on different equipment. Central seating area perhaps?	1/22/2020 11:44 PM
91	Information board	1/22/2020 11:07 PM
92	No	1/22/2020 11:06 PM
93	A better path to and from the park will help. But also antisocial behaviour is an issue. The way the park is situated at the back of the field there are unsavoury types who frequent the seating just outside the entrance to the park. It does make it uncomfortable being in the park with them there, smoking cigarettes.	1/22/2020 10:26 PM
94	No	1/22/2020 10:23 PM
95	To have more updated equipments. Regular check up to ensure all equipment works. Bins for litter.	1/22/2020 10:21 PM
96	No	1/22/2020 10:00 PM
97	Make more if the area easier to walk or push pushchairs or wheelchairs on, and less muddy to walk on	1/22/2020 9:56 PM
98	Add plenty of bins to stop rubbish being left	1/22/2020 9:54 PM
99	No	1/22/2020 9:44 PM
100	Picnics tables and seating would be great. Planting a bonus. Adult fitness equipment always seems under utilised in parks so would rather see investment in the kids equipment.	1/22/2020 9:37 PM
101	Cafe and toilets	1/22/2020 9:35 PM
102	Water fountain. Toilets	1/22/2020 9:31 PM
103	Na	1/22/2020 9:22 PM
104	No	1/22/2020 9:20 PM
105	Good pathway access into play area, seating	1/22/2020 9:11 PM

106	Na	1/22/2020 9:09 PM
107	Make it look nice and plenty of seating or picnic areas	1/22/2020 9:09 PM
108	No	1/22/2020 9:03 PM
109	No	1/22/2020 9:00 PM
110	Rain proof area	1/22/2020 8:56 PM
111	Shaded areas and seatibg	1/22/2020 8:54 PM
112	More seating	1/22/2020 8:42 PM
113	More seating	1/22/2020 8:33 PM
114	The current play area is difficult if you have one child either end. Play area should be square	1/22/2020 8:31 PM
115	Shades area for summer, more bins, more seats	1/22/2020 8:15 PM
116	Just adding picnic tables would be nice.	1/22/2020 8:13 PM
117	Toilets, cafe	1/22/2020 8:13 PM
118	No	1/22/2020 8:11 PM
119	No	1/22/2020 8:09 PM
120	Seating area and sporting equipment	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
121	No	1/22/2020 8:08 PM
122	More areas to sit and have a picnic	1/22/2020 8:04 PM
123	Somewhere to sit and to make sure the fencing and gates are secure so children can't walk out	1/22/2020 8:01 PM
124	Path down side of play area. Often gets muddy.	1/22/2020 8:00 PM
125	Just better seating	1/22/2020 7:54 PM
126	Rubbish bin, dog poo bins, sheltered area for rainy days	1/22/2020 7:47 PM
127	More seating	1/22/2020 7:44 PM
128	Gates that can't be easily opened and bin at both ends	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
129	Seats at the toddler part. So they can play and we don't have to stand with buggys waiting. Also, gates that children can't open!	1/22/2020 7:42 PM
130	Seating area and bins and some plants/shrubs	1/22/2020 7:40 PM
131	Seating areas. Sheltered seating	1/22/2020 7:40 PM
132	No	1/22/2020 7:30 PM
133	Larger fence around with lockable gates. When you have more than one child it can be tricky to watch both when they want to do different things so knowing they cant get out would be nice. Can also be locked at night to stop all the glass bottles that are smashed in there.	1/22/2020 7:29 PM
134	More benches	1/22/2020 7:27 PM
135	Sheltered seating	1/22/2020 7:22 PM
136	A buggy park	1/22/2020 7:07 PM
137	No	1/22/2020 7:06 PM
138	Toilets and cafe	1/22/2020 6:55 PM
139	Just a better area to have a picnic or to sit	1/22/2020 6:54 PM
140	Just that they are zoned with seating in all areas otherwise it's a long walk from one end to the other with more than one child also multiple items as it was a popular park which means only one child can go on some of the items	1/22/2020 6:47 PM
141	Seating. Signage. Police to make appearances especially in dark evenings. Lots of young people congregate on steps in lane behind luxford (by rocks pk)	1/22/2020 6:43 PM
142	Proper paths for pushing a buggy or wheelchair on, seating areas near to play equipment.	1/22/2020 6:38 PM

143	No	1/22/2020 6:31 PM
144	Paths to the gate, all weather ground cover to stop getting muddy which also protects the equipment (eg recycled tyres?), signs saying don't climb up the slide, more equipment in the middle and benches around the outside so easier if you have more than one child, move the park so it's level and not on a hill, move it closer to the main path at the bottom of the field with path from car park, gates wide enough for double buggies	1/22/2020 6:29 PM
145	Seating	1/22/2020 6:27 PM
146	No	1/22/2020 6:25 PM
147	A path for pushchairs when the ground is wet	1/22/2020 6:24 PM
148	Fitness equipment	1/22/2020 6:24 PM
149	Area to have a picnic	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
150	Seating makes such a difference, but it can be low cost cut off logs, doesn't have to be fancy seating.	1/22/2020 6:11 PM
151	N/a	1/22/2020 6:09 PM
152	Coffee/snack bar toilets close by	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
153	Fitness equipment	1/22/2020 6:08 PM
154	No	1/22/2020 6:07 PM
155	See the above comment I made - its too long and narrow and present can't visit alone with more than 1 child as can't be in two places at once. If one is top end and other wants to go bottom end you can't be there safely with both. There are hardly any decent benches / could do with picnic benches. A hard lay surface as opposed to so much grass / mud. It just looks so awful and run down when family visit we never go to that park it's just awful and equipment is old and broken. Which is a shame as it's in the middle of town! Would be used sooo much more if renovated to a good spec.	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
156	Paths and better seating	1/22/2020 6:03 PM
157	Seating	1/22/2020 6:01 PM
158	No	1/22/2020 5:55 PM
159	Seating area. Better fencing. Doors which are tricky for toddlers to open so feel safe when visiting with multiple children	1/22/2020 5:54 PM
160	Grass only to the side, soft tarmac or astro to save everything getting muddy	1/22/2020 5:49 PM
161	Shade for adults and kids.	1/22/2020 5:41 PM
162	Better seating areas	1/22/2020 5:38 PM
163	Different shape of the park, a rectangle does not provide easy viewing off all the children in the park.	1/22/2020 5:35 PM
164	A covered seating area.	1/22/2020 5:31 PM
165	Keep it under 10 so the teenagers don't wreck it	1/22/2020 5:29 PM
166	Plenty of seating	1/22/2020 5:27 PM
167	Unfortunately the play area is used in the evenings by young adults and as a parent we have to clear up broken alcohol bottles and often a lot worse.	1/22/2020 5:25 PM
168	No	1/22/2020 5:16 PM
169	Seating close to play equipment to allow better supervision	1/22/2020 5:10 PM
170	More seating	1/22/2020 5:09 PM
171	More seating spread out over the play area. Non grass surface. Shady areas to sit.	1/22/2020 5:08 PM
172	Adult exercise equipment	1/22/2020 5:04 PM
173	no	12/18/2019 3:42 PM

Q10 What is your gender and your most relevant relationship when using the play area? (please select all that apply)

Answered: 284 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	16.20%	46
Female	78.17%	222
Parent	79.23%	225
Grandparent	10.56%	30
Child minder	4.58%	13
Total Respondents: 284		

APPENDIX B – COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION OPEN DAY ON DESIGNS PRESENTED (SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2020)

PREFERENCE HAGS - SMP	
4	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>All weather ping pong table and basketball hoops. Extralong chains for swings, fitness equipment, Climbing wall – Tall, Teenager Friendly, and extra benches and picnic tables for families</p> <p>Could you please add fitness equipment and stuff for basketball hoop with correct flooring, need more sports</p>
5	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Trampolines please and swings with long chains Basket ball hoop and all weather table tennis and fitness equipment Teenagers are an age group often not provided for but regularly meet in Luxford Field. Please please do provide a space for them. Benches there are never enough benches</p>
7	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>More colour and more benches please, we like the castle theme as long as there are monkey bars.</p>
8	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Whichever wins, seats for adults and some shade in summer would be great.</p>
10	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>All looked very good</p>
11	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Great to be able to vote</p>
12	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Access path from the path behind Tesco to the park, Picnic in the area created by shortening the playground</p>
13	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Perhaps include extra ideas from the children. Well done Uckfield Tc at last a decent playground for the centre of town</p>
15	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>The new turfed areas needs a path from the bottom of Holy Cross School entrance. This will frequently be used by pupils after school and soon be ruined by prams and buggies being pushed over it. Also maybe some picnic tables.</p>
16	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>Don't forget whichever one is chosen to make sure plenty of seating dotted around for parents and carers.</p>
17	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>The Hags was the most popular with the children and even matched (almost) a couple of designs by children from local schools.</p>
18	<p>Choice - Hags SMP</p> <p>The Hags looked the best and have used their equipment in other parks. Seating for parents is a must.</p>
PREFERENCE WICKSTEED	
1	<p>Choice - Wicksteed</p> <p>Wicksteed seem to have more activity but I would like to see more colour and less black and orange or grey. The illustration had mostly blue and yellow, other colours would be nice to. HAGS seemed to have more swings and variety of styles. I would like to see more of the Wicksteed layout. ABC and some numbers would be good too, maybe on the ground and something like a hopscotch layout.</p> <p>HAGS theme of castles, knights and Princesses was fun but maybe a bit out dated. There will be those who complain it is sexist. I would like to see something like dragons added to that – again more colour requested here.</p> <p>Loved the talking tubes idea. I would love to see the two ends as flowers.</p> <p>Playdale had a few picnic benches, these are a good idea, I would like to plenty of these.</p> <p>Fun bins – Maybe which say thank you as you put rubbish in. HAGS had a sensory wheel. That was very good. Do Wicksteed have anything like that? To Wicksteed bring back the horses.</p>

3	Choice - Wicksteed Would like to see more colour in the rubber ground, maybe a few rainbows as well. A hopscotch layout would be good too. Need more swings, Hags seemed to have a good selection but the other 2 didn't. More variety of colours would be more fun. Must have picnic tables, more than just 3 and standard benches. Recycling bins feed the animals various containers maybe. Or bins with sounds anything to encourage the disposal of litter and recycling.
9	Choice - Wicksteed I really liked the Wicksteed option because it looked very attractive and looked like fun
PREFERENCE - PLAYDALE	
2	Choice - Playdale All Designs were excellent and will be a much-needed addition to the town
14	Choice - Playdale Playdale seem to have taken into account not only the children but the needs of the parents and carers layout and design excellent.
NO PREFERENCE GIVEN	
6	No choice given I like the monkey bars (Wicksteed) and the Black Gro Slide (HAGS) and like the monkey bars in Playdale. Please can you put a basket ball hoop in and football goals.

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TO CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE 'OUR PARKS INITIATIVE'

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Wealden District Council's Community & Regeneration department advised the Town Clerk of the following initiative, and wondered whether Uckfield Town Council would be interested in exploring the initiative further.

2.0 Our Parks

- 2.1 *Our Parks is an organisation that seeks to improve people's mental and physical health and wellbeing in the UK. Their aim is to maximise the usage and benefits of amazing parks and open spaces that are present across all communities. They aim to maximise the interaction of our communities across their website and mobile phone applications platforms.*
- 2.2 *Our Parks is a brand new initiative bringing FREE, group exercise classes, led by experienced, fully qualified and insured instructors, to parks in partnership with Councils / Local Authorities. Our Parks is the brainchild of the East London born and bred technology entrepreneur Born Barikor who is CEO of Our Parks Ltd. It was whilst the former athlete was employed as a Sports Development Officer that he realised he had the solution to overcome the three biggest hurdles we all face when wanting to participate in exercise:*

Finding a class

Convenience

Cost

'Working for a Local Authority, trying to engage people in sports initiatives, that were often fully funded by the borough, people just wouldn't know what was available to them. They would worry that they would have to travel long distances and that it would be too expensive, when in fact, often none of these were true' says Barikor.

- 2.3 *Our Parks combats all of these issues by providing a state of the art website, that is mobile and tablet friendly, where you can see all classes, which are colour coded to indicate the level of intensity, available in your area. The website allows you to simply book your place online and most importantly, attend classes for free. Site users can interact with their fellow classmates and coaches and also incorporates tools such as BMI and Mood calculators designed to incentivise users. Classes are funded by the local authority as part of their Sporting and Health Agendas.*
- 2.4 From my understanding, the Town Council would make space available for the exercise classes, and the Town Council would work with Wealden District Council and 'Our Parks' to attract funding to cover the cost of running this; potentially could cost £8-10k per annum. By funding the classes, it then provides free classes for local residents/businesses.
- 2.5 Hailsham have recently launched this initiative, with 15-80 year olds welcome.
- 2.6 It provides opportunities to offer the following <https://www.ourparks.org.uk/>
- *Brings FREE group exercise classes, led by experienced, fully qualified and insured instructors, to parks near 'you' in partnership with Councils/ Local Authorities;*

- *the initiative works by conducting free classes to local areas- the duration of a class is one hour*
- *You must be aged 16 or over to attend a class without an adult;*
- *Children aged 3 and over are welcome to attend classes, one child per adult;*
- *If you are under 16 but wanting to attend un-accompanied, you must have your legal guardian's permission;*
- *You are able to tell them where and why you would like them to bring Our Parks and their free classes to your local area;*
- *They will then get in touch with your Sports and Leisure Team or Health and Equality department. – They will let you know when classes are available to book ;*
- **GET UP - GET OUT - GET ACTIVE**

2.7 For those attending, they would have to:

HOW IT WORKS IN OPERATING BOROUGHES:

You can Join FREE.

Complete your personal details including a valid email address.

You receive a confirmation email and click link to access your account.

Your unique profile will be created.

Browse / search for classes in parks near you via postcode or class types and book class.

Attend classes for FREE.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider if they would like office staff to explore this initiative further.

Contact Officers: Holly Goring

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REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS: SPEED INDICATION DEVICE (SID) WORKING GROUP

Unfortunately not much progress has been made by the working group recently, because a replacement has not been found for the organising role after the previous organiser resigned in 2019.

Contact has been made with working group members, to see if a volunteer would come forward to assist with this role, but to date no one has come forward.

It has therefore been suggested, that the group be disbanded, and to explore other measures to manage speeding traffic within the town of Uckfield.

Councillor P. Sparks

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REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS: CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

The most recent meeting of the Climate Change Working Group took place on 22nd January 2020, with five working group members in attendance.

Climate Change EXPO Event

The group have been working on preparations for an EXPO event. The Environment & Leisure Committee agreed to alternate this with the annual Road Safety day. It was agreed that the EXPO would take place on **Saturday 13th June between 10am and 4pm in the Weald Hall of the Civic Centre**; enabling companies that promote eco friendly and renewable energy sources or alternatives in domestic settings to showcase their wares and products. A pitch would be priced at £25.00. The restaurant would also be asked to theme it's menu for that day as locally sourced products (which much of the existing menu is) and have vegetarian and vegan options available.

School engagement

The group would like to arrange a day when councillors could visit local primary schools and listen to the children's ideas on how we could make positive changes to slow down climate change. It was also proposed that a poster competition be carried out to be judged by the Mayor and Town Crier, and displayed at the event.

Going paperless

The working group were keen to push forward with their ambition to go paperless, and encourage all Town Councillors to go paperless by 2023. At present 10 out of 15 Town Councillors received their papers by email, only five received paper copies so it was possible in the next 12 months or so.

Tree planting

The contact Charlotte Whitestone would be invited to a future climate change working group meeting, and to look at how the group could support the Town Council's tree planting policy, and Uckfield's tree planting groups. The group were also planning to contact Uckfield College to see if any students would like to be involved in the work of the group.

Traffic congestion

The access corridors into Uckfield were discussed and current pinchpoints such as the junction at Church Street, and options for reducing traffic congestion in these locations. It was questioned whether even the phasing of the traffic lights at the main junctions would improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion.

The group were also keen to open up their working group to other interested parties, and suggested promoting this at the EXPO in June 2020.

Councillor K. Bedwell

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REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: UCKFIELD RAILWAY LINE PARISHES COMMITTEE

Much of the January meeting involved discussions regarding the Transport for the South East consultation document. It was noted that Crowborough, Uckfield and Buxted councils were all responding individually to the document and that there is support from other parishes along the line together with Lewes for the re-opening of the Uckfield/Lewes link and reconnection of the line to Royal Tunbridge Wells.

It was agreed that improved connectivity to all areas was of great importance. Discussions considered the collapse of the Wealden Local Plan and its possible effect on the infrastructure of the district and future development. The group expressed the wish to be included in future studies for this area. The Chairman agreed to write in response to the document encompassing all the points discussed and raised by members.

Other items included in the meeting confirmed that, at present there were no plans to extend the car parking at Buxted. This matter should therefore be included in their representations when the franchise is due for renewal. The works to the footbridge replacement at Eridge will commence in late January and this will involve closure of the station at times when there will be a replacement bus service. The group have invited a representative from GTR to the next meeting to update members on their plans.

The current service update recorded several problems on the line, and its effect on the reliability of the service including the London terrorist attack at London Bridge, electricity failure at East Croydon and line flooding in the recent bad weather. There are still turn backs at Crowborough which cause great difficulties for Buxted and Uckfield passengers and we continue to speak to GTR on these.

The next meeting will be on 11th March 2020.

Councillor C. Macve
January 2020

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REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:

REPORT FROM WEALDLINK MEETING – 29TH JANUARY 2020

Meeting attended by Cllr. Angie Smith

Despite some reduction in funding from some parish councils the bus services are holding up well, with passenger numbers similar to last year. The Ashdown Forest bus route could do with being more popular. Numbers have picked up in December and January, but it would be good to advertise it as a tourism option for visiting the Pooh Corner museum.

Wealdlink have had a marketing campaign, in the form of hand delivered leaflets, in Forest Row and Hartfield, particularly advertising the shopping buses.

The service has enough volunteers and paid staff currently. They currently have five buses, including a Mercedes Vario, which they would like to sell, as it is not fuel efficient. If this is sold they would purchase a new bus, the cost of which would also be met through a depreciation fund.

Wealdlink are not currently thinking of converting to electric buses, because the charging infrastructure is not sufficient. However, their buses use Euro 6 engines that are greener than the average petrol car.

Cllr. Angie Smith