



AGENDA ITEM NO.9

GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 14TH MARCH 2016

Report of: EASTWOOD FARM PLAY AREA GROUP

Title: FIRST STEPS ACTION PLAN

Contact Telephone Number:

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the First Steps Action Plan

To discuss the allocation of funds from the NP Neighbourhood Budget

1. Eastwood Farm Play Area was built in the 1980s. There are two sites; a children's play area on the upper section and a basketball court on the lower.
2. Local residents had become frustrated with this lack of investment and felt that it is time that something was done especially as the site has such potential with surroundings such as a local nature reserve, Eastwood Farm & Beeses Tea Gardens.
3. Local residents collected over 200 signatures which was then presented to the council. The council accepted that something needed to be done and the working group was formed.
4. The attached action plan is the culmination of the work undertaken by the working group.
5. The indicative cost to have a updated and new play facility in this location would cost in the region of £80k to £120k
6. The group is requesting the NP to discuss the possibility of providing support to help towards the development of the play area.

Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability, Sexual orientation, Age, Gender reassignment, Religion and belief; Sex, Race, Pregnancy and maternity.

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

Community Action Plan for Eastwood Farm Play Area



Introduction:

- *Eastwood Farm Play Area was built in the 1980s. There are two sites; a children's play area on the upper section and a basketball court on the lower. This park serves a "huge" amount of people however, as it was last updated some 20 years ago it has become run down and inadequate.*
- *The upper area consists of a metal climbing frame, which becomes too hot for the children in the summer, and a few wooden sprung mounted seats, all of which are unsuitable for children under the age of 2.*



- *The lower is a tarmacked area with 1 basketball hoop and circular seating arrangement which has also become run-down with broken glass etc, so is now no longer a suitable area for teenagers to play.*



- *Local residents had become frustrated with this lack of investment and felt that it is time that something was done especially as the site has such potential with surroundings such as a local nature reserve, Eastwood Farm & Beeses Tea Gardens. There is an active conservation group called Friends of Eastwood Farm friends@eastwoodfarm.org.uk which has been working in conjunction with the council for the last ten years in improving this beautiful and unique riverside open space, in a suburb of Bristol, which is mixed residential and light industrial.*

- *The council was contacted to clarify if development of the site was planned but we were informed that as no funding is available for the area it could not be completed. This was not an answer that the residents would accept so they decided that a petition was the best way forward and collected over 200 signatures which was then presented to the council. At this point the council accepted that something needed to be done and the working group was formed.*



See Appendix 1 for larger aerial photograph of park and locality.

Appendix 2 for Key statistics from Neighbourhood Profile Brislington East and West

Appendix 3 architects brief.

Appendix 4 interpretation leaflet for Eastwood Farm Open Space

Appendix 12 for further background information in the blog submission

Method

- *Questionnaires to schools and local residents - July 2015 and ongoing. The earlier surveys were carried out using a generic questionnaire (a sample of the generic questionnaire is not provided).*
- *After extensive discussion with both the interested parents/residents and Friends of Eastwood Farm a second questionnaire was devised to integrate the playground and conservation agendas - see **Appendix 5 The November 2015 survey**:-*
 - o *It was completed with the support of Broomhill Junior School.*
 - o *It covered the specific need of the project*
 - *views of a representative sample of parents*
 - *covering the needs of all age ranges*
 - *An age distribution of households was established*
 - *Ethnic diversity was measured*
- *Canvassing/ chatting to local residents - July 2015 and ongoing. We have a contact list of 20 so far.*

*Assembly at Broomhill Juniors- Jo Moore completed in November 2015 and contact made with link teacher for future work with children to help architect - this resulted in the completion of the **Appendix 5** surveys and the preparation of **Appendix 11** children's playground drawing.*

- *Links with Children's Centre via Jan Palmer- Lead Teacher at Centre*
- *Presence at Broomhill Infant School Fete distributing questionnaires and canvassing - July 2015*
- *Set up facebook page (311 likes) April 2015*
- *Regular Tuesday LPW Play worker sessions after school since August.*
*See **Appendix 6** for LPW Newsletter article*
- *Regular open meeting of friends of Eastwood Farm Play area - including local councillors and council representatives, neighbourhood partnership officer, parks officers and play officers. Monthly meetings since May 2014. The attendance and involvement of local residents at these meetings has grown each month. On average there are 20+ people present at each meeting. See who makes up our network for more detail on page 8.*

Findings:

Our initial questionnaire (a generic questionnaire was used) to local residents through Broomhill Primary School produced these results:

- 12- 9 year olds responded **Appendix 7**
16 - 11 year olds responded **Appendix 8**
21 adults responded on behalf of 2 to 4 year olds **Appendix 9**
 - This is a summary of these responses:
The statistics from both surveys show a high degree of discontent with the present playground.
Of those who made a comment nearly half wanted "bigger and better" facilities.
The top request was for "Round-a-bout, climbing Frame, Death Slide, See-saw, tidy and looked after".
A quarter wanted "a swing". One in ten mentioned "football".
Of the 11 year olds 30% wanted it to be "Suitable for older children" with a request to
"Add a park for teenagers + put a bike path + add water stuff".
Analysis was done by D. Browne 2/10/15
 - The results of the The November 2015 survey are attached (**Appendix 10**)
 - Key words include:-
It's unsafe at the moment. I don't want my children there.
Needs were clearly expressed in numeric terms:-
 - Swings * 8*
 - Safe fun play area for younger children * 7*
 - Slides * 4*
 - Climbing equipment * 2*
 - Maze * 2*
 - Skate ramps * 2*
 - Trampoline * 2*
 - Smaller climbing frame for younger children*
 - Use grassy area at bottom*
 - Gym equipment*
 - See-saw*
 - Climbing walls*
 - Zipwire*
 - Bins*
- Children produced wonderful drawings of all the things they would like.
- Merry go round*
 - Zip slide*
 - Outdoor table with umbrella*
 - Café with toilets*
 - Skate park for teenagers*

Sand pit
Baby climbing with tunnel
Scoot concrete for kids and babies
Netting climbing frame with fireman's pole
Normal swings
Baby swings
Monkey bars
Climbing wall and slide
See saw
Trampoline
Football pitch
Climbing tree house
Toad stools

- Together these requirements identify aspirational and pragmatic playground needs.
- Over half the contributors to the survey visit Eastwood Farm monthly, weekly or daily.
- The demography of in the survey showed over half of the sample covered were children - covering a wide distribution of ages.
- The ethnic mix of the sample includes 14% of people of Black or Black British, Caribbean, African origins.
- The survey was presented to the school by Jo Moore in November and the analysis was done by D. Browne 19/2/16.
- The new survey form is a powerful recruiting tool for the project and further efforts are to be made to attract more people from the wider community who may wish to support the project and/or join the Friends of Eastwood Farm.

Furthermore, official government statistics further support our case. Please see Appendix 2 for Key statistics sourced from Neighbourhood Profile Brislington East and West to illustrate this.

List of community liaison groups and activities attended:

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings
 Neighbourhood Forum Meetings
 Bristol 2015 Green Play Day
 School Assemblies and Fetes
 Playworker sessions
 Eastwood Farm Conservation Group

What our residents want from the area:

- *A safe place for their children to play*
- *Healthy residents*
- *A green environment for all the community to enjoy*

As a result of these activities the local community has decided upon the following priorities:-

List of priorities:

- **Priority 1**
*To improve or re build the play area in Eastwood Farm
Phase 1-Upper level - younger children's play area*
- **Priority 2**
*Phase 2 - Lower Level - to create an area suitable for older children e.g. sports pitch.
To improve the access and visibility of this area, by removal of bramble banks.*
- **Priority 3**
To build on the community support for the project to get underway and supported
- **Priority 4**
To raise funding to match grants applied for from Veolia
- **Priority 5**
To develop links between conservation area and the play area

Local Volunteers audit:

12 people offered their support to future community projects on the surveys.

Those volunteers offered the following skills: [examples below]

- *Running a facebook page*
- *Baking and produce making*
- *Running assemblies and work groups at local schools*
- *Analysis of survey results and geographical analysis of support*
- *Street party planned for next year*
- *Door to door awareness and recruiting*
- *Designing a leaflet to give to local businesses*
- *Canvassing local businesses*
- *Community fundraising events*
- *Litter picking*

In-kind resources:

The following items have been offered for use for community projects, either free or discounted: [Examples below]

- *Meeting hall - Broomhill children's centre*
- *Friends of Troopers Hill offered a gazebo and support at events*
- *Beeses have offered meeting space when open*
- *LPW Play rangers to run activities in the play area*
- *Gemma Adams from Young Bristol involved in the project*
- *Survey design and analysis*

Who makes up our Network:

Friends of Eastwood Farm

Brislington Community Partnership - Mark Wallacott

The Nightingale- Community Magazine

Bristol City Council Parks Team - Tom Penn

Bristol City Council Play Officer - John Knowlson

Bristol City Councillors - Mike Langley and Mike Wollacott

Bristol City Council Community Development Team - Lindsay Wall

Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership -Mary Jane Wilshire and Ariaf Hussain

Broomhill Infants and Junior schools

Broomhill and St Annes Children's Centre

Learning Partnership West - Danny Williams and Deborah Sharp

Young Bristol- Gemma Adams

First Steps Programme Relationship Manager - Lois Wild

Local Police - Neil Scarborough, Gareth Ayers

Projects already taking place in our ward:

Friends of Eastwood Farm Open Space - Chairperson Lindy Leahy -Beeses Tea Gardens

LPW working at the play area and in local schools

Play pod from scrap store has worked in the area

Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership - New signage and notice boards on all other areas of open space in Brislington

Hungerford Road Play Space has recently been completed in a neighbouring local area with lots of social housing.

The Children's Centre in Broomhill has had new equipment added to its outdoor space.

Whitmore Ave and Capgrave Crescent have been designated as An Area of Need, an area of flats and social housing. Lindsey Wall, Community Development officer is working in this area of the community.

Implementation and timeline

Priority 1

To engage architect and local residents, to create a plan for the top site. Catering for all age ranges and using the results of the survey and ideas from working groups to ensure that local residents have input into the scheme.

Priority 2

To make the security on the lower site better by improving access and visibility from Eastwood Road. As with priority 1 - To engage architect and local residents, to create a plan for the site. Catering for all age ranges and using the results of the survey and ideas from working groups to ensure that local residents have input into the scheme.

Priority 3

The friends of Eastwood Farm will grow to establish a robust and larger group of people who will continue to help maintain and monitor the maintenance of the area. This will include the playground area and nature reserve. To establish Eastwood Farm Open Space as a well-known, and well used local amenity. Local events such as an informal gathering at the pub and also a street party at the play area are planned.

Priority 4

To fill in funding bids from Veolia and match funding sending requests to Brislington Community Partnership so match funding can be obtained.

To canvas local businesses on the local industrial estate requesting support.

Setting up of a "Just Giving" website.

Fund raising activities by local residents.

Priority 5

- A fully balanced survey programme is planned, targeting all ages. The core of this is engage with the local infant and junior schools to collect road by road interest and age profile.*
- Follow up any contacts from questionnaires regarding Friends of Eastwood Farm.*
- Invitation to new members at the meet and greet evening at the local pub.*
- To establish regular meetings of the group to develop plans of action to ensure Eastwood Farm Open Space continues to flourish and improve the lives of local residents.*

Timeline for the project (dates subject to change)

Action	Lead person	Timeline
Submit Community Action Plan to complete First Steps Programme	Jo	February 2016
Apply for a Well Being Grant from the council	Group with Ariaif	February 2016
Access grant money from Groundwork	Lois, Rob, Jo, Derek, Ariaif	February 2016
Appoint architect	Derek	Early March 2016
Site survey	Tom Penn	March 2016
Consultation with architect, residents and children	Alex Frazer (Afla), working group (Jo, Derek)	April 2016
Project Working Group meeting	Group	March 2016 (ongoing monthly)
Present findings to the community	Architect, Derek and group	May/June 2016
Identify funding sources	Group with VOSCA	May/June 2016
Identify what support Bristol City Council is to the project	Ariaif	May/June 2016
Fete/fundraising community engagement exercise	Working group, local community, network	August 2016
Submit grant applications	Group and Cllrs	June/July 2016
Out to tender	Group	September 2016
Build: Top area	TBA	October 2016
Build: Bottom area	TBA	October 2016 (dependent on grants)
Friends of Eastwood Farm continue to oversee the project	Group	Ongoing
Street party	Working group, local community, network	March 2016
Launch party	Group to coordinate, the locality, network	April 2017

Funding Strategy (correct at time of writing - subject to change)

Funding is required in the first instance to pay for the planning work (site survey, the architect to consult with us our work and the community our findings) to provide us with plans for which we can apply for funding to develop the space

The outline plan for obtaining funds is listed below:

Phase 1 - Planning

First Steps grant £2,500 (February 2016)

Well Being Grants from Bristol City Council £2,000 (February 2016)

Neighbourhood Watch monies £300

Tesco 'Bags of Help' Community Green Space Grants, up to £12,000 (next round open April 2016)

Phase 2 - Development

Veolia Landfill £50,000 (deadlines: 27th May, 26th August)

Community fundraising for match funding (Just Giving, crowd funding, events)

Bristol City Council (conversation to discuss support in May/June)g

Key Contacts

Derek Brown - Secretary

Gemma Hodder -Set up group to start the ball rolling and Facebook Admin

Lindy Leahy - Chairperson Eastwood Farm Open Space

Rob Acton Campbell - Treasurer Eastwood Farm Open Space

Mary Jane Wilshire- Neighbourhood Officer

Lois Wild - First Steps Programme Relationship Manager

Jo Moore - Link person with First Steps and submission of action plan

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List of appendices

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Appendix 12 Blog entry submitted to the First Steps Programme



Appendix 2

Sourced from 'Neighbourhood Partnership Statistical Profile: Brislington East and Brislington West' 2015

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/32767/NP12%20Brislington%20East%20-%20West%20>

Demographics:

- *Eastwood Farm is located in the area 'Brislington East' in Bristol*
- *Brislington East has a population of 11,996 people (the whole of Bristol has a population of 442,474)*
- *This is made up of 5,088 households in the area (182,747 in Bristol overall)*

(Taken from Bristol City Council Neighbourhood Profiles)

Deprivation:

- *Some localities in the area experience multiple deprivation and are ranked in the 20% most deprived wards in the UK.*
- *In particular, 2 localities in the area are within the 10% most deprived areas in the UK in terms of Education, Skills and Training deprivation.*
- *Furthermore, areas are reported to face high levels of deprivation (within 20% of the most highly ranked areas in the UK) in terms of; income deprivation, employment deprivation and barriers to housing and services*

(Indices of Multiple Deprivation, 2015 - from 'Deprivation in Bristol 2015' report)

Health:

- *In 2014 it was reported that 55% of residents were overweight and obese, comparatively higher than in Bristol overall (47%)*
- *Just 26% of residents take moderate exercise at least 5 times a week, comparatively lower than in Bristol overall (35%)*
- *68% reported they were satisfied with life, comparatively lower than Bristol as a whole (72%)*

(taken from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment JSNA, and the Quality of Life Survey QoL 2014)

Community:

- *50% feel they belong to a neighbourhood (lower than Bristol 56%)*
- *Just 53% agree that people treat other people with respect in their neighbourhood, very low, compared to Bristol overall (66%)*

- *Just 76% are satisfied with their neighbourhood (Bristol much higher amount 82%)*

(From the Quality of Life Survey QoL 2014)

Local environment and outdoor space:

- *A very low number reported as satisfied with leisure facilities/services for all (just 35% compared to Bristol overall 57%)*
- *And very low numbers comparatively reported as satisfied with quality of parks and green spaces (Bristol overall 83%)*
- *Again, a very low number reported as satisfied with children's playgrounds, 52%, compared with 68% in Bristol overall*
- *And consequently, just 38% visit parks and open spaces at least once a week (very low compared to Bristol overall 50%)*

(From the Quality of Life Survey QoL 2014)

Appendix 3

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Draft project brief for Broomhill Play Area, Bristol AFLA Project reference 2015(723) 6th July 2015

1. Background information

AFLA Ltd has been asked by Mary-Jane Wilshire of BCC to provide a fee proposal and method statement for the re-design of the play area at Eastwood Farm Open Space, Broomhill, Bristol. The design work is to support funding applications to carry out the regeneration of the play area and is likely to include visualisation drawings, scale drawing, design statement and cost estimate for the work.

2. Site description



Bing aerial images

The play area is adjacent to Eastwood Road and is split over two levels as the photo above shows. The play area is adjacent to one of the main routes into Eastwood Farm Open Space and near the access to Beese's Teas, a well-known local attraction.

The upper level closest to the road has steel equipment for younger children and is enclosed with hoop top railings. The lower area has a teen shelter and basic ball games area.

From the meeting notes of 10th June 2015:

"There is significant concern about the lack of facilities for children and young people and the existing play area is well below good practice standard set out in the Bristol City Council Parks and Green Space Strategy. However it provides the first impression of the park and serves as an important gateway into an exceptional woodland resource that has huge ecological and recreational value. An improved play and teen area would provide a much needed space for local families to come together for play and for social activity. The group want to work with local residents and agencies to find out what they need and want for a play space that is attractive, welcoming, engaging and accessible for all children and young people. The group want to make the park a valued part of the neighbourhood and encourage families to extend their visit to the reserve and explore further into the park."

3. Client's requirements and general principles

At this stage, these are not fully known but will be developed through consultation with Council officers in general terms and local residents for site specifics. AF can consult with play officer John Knowlson for history of the site, for what's likely to work and not work on this site and consult with maintenance staff for ground conditions and local issues.

The following comments were recorded at the first meeting of the Eastwood Park Children and Young People's working group on 10th June 2015:

- All ages playground
- Mountain bike track to open access to the park for young people
- Involvement and ownership by all ages
- Bringing the community together
- From babe to grey: accessible and welcoming to all
- Education meets play – links to schools for environmental education combined with great play facilities
- Investing in the future: thinking about the development needs of children and young people
- A gateway to nature: referring to the play area being the first impression of the nature reserve and the importance of attracting young people to a fantastic wild play resource beyond
- Local community led

See also MJW's notes from meeting held on 10th June 2015 for more background information and a mission statement for the project.

4. Proposed design process
 - 4.1 Visual site survey (note, not a topographic survey), visiting the play area and the open space to get an idea of the local landscape
 - 4.2 Client briefing from meeting of 29th September & from workshop activities carried out by the group
 - 4.3 Sketch scheme for play area, with hazard & risk consideration and elimination
 - 4.4 Cost estimate
 - 4.5 Consult with group on the proposals
 - 4.7 Amend proposals and re-issue as a detailed plan for grant applications
5. Consultation
 - 5.1 With Council play and landscape maintenance officers, Eastwood Farm and local residents.
 - 5.2 Friends of Eastwood Farm have a sub-group of residents carrying out school and residents consultation now. The questionnaire has age ranges, activities etc Helen Bone to process the results.
 - 5.3 AF can then attend workshops and walk about with children and residents (similar to consultation for play areas at Whitchurch, Stockwood and St Andrews) but this will charged on a time charge basis.
 - 5.4 AF can then do a plan for consultation.
6. Planning permission
 - 6.1 Not known at this stage
7. Programme
 - 7.1 Please let me know any specific deadlines.
8. Budget
 - 8.1 Please advise on available and planned for budgets. Grants of up to £50k from Veolia Trust mentioned at inception.
 - 8.2 £2k is available from Well Being Fund for design fees for this initial stage.
9. Services and documents to be prepared for Client
 - 9.1 Outline design
 - 9.2 Cost estimate
 - 9.3 Sketch design & updated cost estimate
 - 9.4 Design statement, including maintenance recommendations
 - 9.5 Proposals for materials
 - 9.6 Designers risk assessment
10. Information required from Client & BCC
 - 10.1 Any site survey information (a levels survey will be needed at some point, approximate cost £500-£1000, by others)
 - 10.2 A digital base plan from the Ordnance Survey will suffice for early work and will cost about £50

10.3 Below ground services information will also be required and there will be a cost for this.

11. Other consultants recommended

None currently but the client must be aware of their duties under the CDM Regulations 2015 to ensure that site information is made available to designers and contractors, to ensure that the project proceeds without risks to anyone. Depending on the scope and scale of the work, the client may need to appoint a Principal Designer and Principal Contractor.

12. Project directory

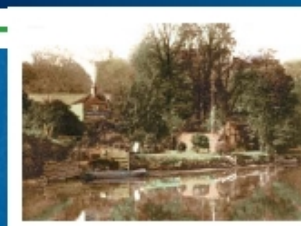
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- Danny Williams LPW (Learning Partnership West),
- Debs Sharp LPW,
- Jan Palmer Deputy Lead Teacher at Broomhill Children's Centre,
- Chris Hodder (resident)
- Gemma Hodder (resident)
- Leighton Daintree (residents)
- Jim Moore (resident)
- Vicky Britton (resident)
- Derek Browne (resident)
- James Horsman (resident)
- John Knowlson (Play Officer)
- Emma Daintree (resident)
- Cllr Mike Wollacott
- Mary-Jane Wishire Neighbourhood Officer
- Detective Inspector Jen Appleyard (Police)

Appendix 4

↓ Places to eat and drink



Beebe's Riverside Bar and Tea Gardens

For menus and opening times visit
beebes.co.uk. T: 0117 977 7412

Of note: Beebe's Riverside Bar and Tea Gardens – established by Mrs Beebe in 1846. Mr Beebe was the ferry boat captain. No one knows how long ago the ferry came into use, but before World War II the journey continued.

Contacts

Eastwood Farm is owned and managed by Bristol City Council. For more information or to report problems please contact:

bristolparks@bristol.gov.uk
T: 0117 922 3719

The Friends of Eastwood Farm are a group of local residents who take an interest in all aspects of the site. New members are always welcome at meetings and events. Keep in touch with what's going on at:



bristol.gov.uk/eastwoodfarm
eastwoodfarm.org.uk



Welcome to Eastwood Farm

Take time out to visit the tranquil riverside reserve at Eastwood Farm. With over 65 acres to roam in, it's one of the richest wildlife sites in Bristol. The range of habitats to be found at Eastwood Farm is as diverse as the plant and animal communities they support.

↓ Find:

- Mixed age woodland with grassland edges
- Wildflower rich meadows
- Water meadows – liable to flooding in winter
- A pond and a lagoon
- The river

Look out for birds such as herons, swans and woodpeckers. Less apparent will be the foxes, voles, shrews and bats that live here.

Watch leaves change through the seasons and enjoy their autumn colour. Listen to birdsong, the wind in the trees, the bell to call the ferry, water flowing, boats chugging, whooshing trains, the woodpecker's hammer.



European damselfly

↓ Getting there

Eastwood Farm is located in the Avon Valley in Brislington, south east Bristol.

- **Bike:** For cycle routes visit betterbybike.info/getthereand
- **Bus:** Several buses stop close to the Reserve. For more details please call Traveline South West 0871 200 2233 or visit traveline.info
- **Car:** Access is via Whitmore Avenue, off Broomhill Road, Brislington, BS44UD. Parking is free – weekday working hours only.
- **Accessibility:** Some areas are buggy/wheelchair accessible but there are some steep slopes and paths can be muddy.
- **Opening times:** Eastwood Farm is open all year round.

↓ Please:

- Take litter home
- Keep dogs under control
- Leave wildflowers for others to enjoy
- No motorcycles

If you would like this leaflet in another language, Braille, a audio tape, large print, easy English, BSL video or computer disk please call 0117 922 3719



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Eastwood Farm LOCAL NATURE RESERVE



*A peaceful riverside refuge
for people and wildlife*



↓ Bristol's last dairy farm

The fine house and buildings of Eastwood Farm are the only remainer of the last dairy farm within the Bristol City boundary. The last dairymen, Arthur Heal lived at Eastwood Farm from 1928 until 1959, although he delivered the milk until 1961.

The site became a farm because the meadows that are often flooded by the River Avon create ideal conditions for agriculture and livestock-rearing. Arthur Heal's herd were of Shorthorn and later, Friesian cows. During World War II, conscientious objectors were sent to help grow vegetables on the farm to support the war effort.

Arthur watched the Broomhill area grow up around him and gave up the farm in 1971.

→ A load of rubbish!

Bristol City Council acquired the Farm in 1971. The site became a tip to bury the increasing amounts of domestic waste produced by the growing city. Tipping carried on until 1978 when, much to the delight of local people, the site was restored for the benefit of nature and people.

Relax, unwind, enjoy...

See the map inside for more about what to see and where you can see it.

Extract from Brislington Conservation & History Society interview with Arthur Heal:

"I had all the land round there... We had no water, no electric, no nothing when we moved in. We had a spring and we used to have to dig it out when the cows drank from it. It didn't do us any harm did it? But we used to deliver the milk twice a day because fresh milk went over quicker. A girl in the morning and a girl at night – half of half a pise."

Photos: Eastwood Farm c. 1960. Thanks to Jonathan Rowe, Brislington Conservation and History Society.
Arthur Heal delivering milk in the winters of 1952, Bristol Evening Post. Thanks to Brislington Conservation and History Society.



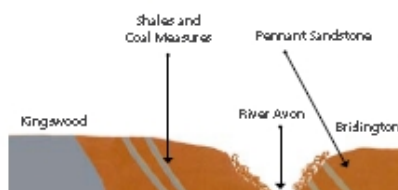
Eastwood Farm – what to see and where you can see it...

Beneath our feet

Eastwood Farm and the river valley have been shaped by the action of water carving its way through 300 million year old Pennant sandstone. Rivers flowing through the rain forests of the time brought the original sand. This useful stone, used for the Eastwood Farm buildings and the GWR airshafts, probably came from one of the many quarries that grew up here.

The River Avon

Once busy transporting coal, copper, brass goods and stone, the Avon Valley narrows as the river cuts through the Hanham Gorge. Although the river is tidal and salty as far as Hanham, it is fresh enough to allow light to penetrate so underwater plants can grow to oxygenate the water and provide essential food for fish.



Heron

Admire amphibians



Smooth newt

Get close to wildlife at the ponds, lagoon and floodplain area



Yellow flag iris

Investigate insects



Small tortoiseshell

Great Western Railway

Eastwood Farm's introduction to the industrial age came with Brunel's engineering triumph, the Great Western Railway. Connecting Bristol with London since 1841, hundreds of trains pass beneath here every day. The original 'dome' of the tump area was created by spoil excavated during the construction of the tunnel. You can hear the trains whoosh past beside the five airshafts at the western edge of the site.

For reasons of cost, and because it helped blend the railway into the landscape, Brunel used local materials for bridges and other structures. These ranged from stock brick at the London end of the line, to red brick, Bath stone east of Bath and Pennant stone here for the air shafts.

Wander in wildflower meadows



Meadow

Look out for rich bird life



Green woodpecker

Explore mixed woodland and planted trees

Oak branch

Discover ancient woodland



Wren

Strawberry



Discover wildlife on your doorstep

Appendix 5

Play and Exercise on Eastwood Farm

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A Survey carried out by the Friends of Eastwood Farm*

What do you think about places to play and exercise in Broomhill

01/11/2015

A survey for active families - and what they want in their lives

D Browne

Play Area

1. Is the play equipment in Eastwood Road Play Area Suitable?

Yes

No

2. If 'No' - what age needs more play equipment?

a. Under 5 years

b. 5 – 11 years

c. Over 11 years

d. Adults e.g gym equipment

3a. What is the most important thing needed?

3b. What age group from question 2 would use it? Please ring your choice?

a b c d

4. What do you think of the standard of play equipment provided at the moment

Not acceptable – needs a total redevelopment

OK but needs some improvement

Fine as it is

Great

5. What would you like to see more of in terms of things for children and young people to do?

Being active – running, jumping, swinging, skipping

Hanging out – social spaces, seating, shelters

Tracks for Wheels – skate boards, bikes, scooters

Safety – somewhere safe from bullies, strange adults, traffic etc

Adventure play – high climbing, high rope swings, taking risks

Making things – building dens, tree houses, wood craft

Environmental education – pond dipping, nature walks, bug hunts

6. How often to you visit the Eastwood Farm conservation area?

Very rarely

Once a month

Once a week

Every second day or daily

* See latest news about Friends of Eastwood Farm at end of Survey

7. What improvements would make you visit Eastwood Farm more often?

Better access and parking	<input type="text"/>
Better way marking	<input type="text"/>
Resting places and seats	<input type="text"/>
Picnic areas	<input type="text"/>
Better interpretation and maps	<input type="text"/>
More to do	<input type="text"/>
Events / festivals	<input type="text"/>

Please say

8. What else do you think would make Eastwood Farm better?

Please comment:-

9. The gate on the Whitmore Avenue entrance has been closed.

Is this inconvenient to you?

Yes	<input type="text"/>
No	<input type="text"/>

10. Would you like to be involved in further consultation about the play area?

Yes	<input type="text"/>
No	<input type="text"/>

11. Would like to be involved in the working group that has formed to support this project?

Yes	<input type="text"/>
No	<input type="text"/>

12. If you are interested in the whole of the conservation area would you like to become a Friend of Eastwood Farm and join in the Spring Programme?

Yes	<input type="text"/>
No	<input type="text"/>

13. Name:-

Address:-

Postcode:-

Phone No:-

e mail:-

14. Your Household

How many people in your household

Age 0 – 5 :	1 – 2 – 3 – 4
Age 6 – 11:	1 – 2 – 3 – 4
Age 12 – 17:	1 – 2 – 3 – 4
Age 18 +:	1 – 2 – 3 – 4
Age 60 +:	1 – 2 – 3 – 4

15. Postcode:-

16. From these choices select those that best describes your household

White - British, Irish or Any Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British - Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or Any Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or Black British - Caribbean, African or Any Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed - White, Black Caribbean, Black African, Asian or Any Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Business interested in the Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return to:-

* Friends of Eastwood Farm - Update

Friends of Eastwood Farm are a group of local residents who have been working with Bristol City Council for many years to improve the management of the Nature Reserve. We have organised events to improve the Nature Reserve and we help with school visits. We are preparing our programme for early 2016 and would welcome the involvement of more local residents who would like to help look after this special site.

The upgrading of the children's play area adjacent to Eastwood Road is important to many of our existing members - and the Council will also facilitate this project.

The Nature Reserve, play area and the adjacent Beese's Bar & Tea Garden together have the potential to provide a facility that everyone in Brislington can enjoy and be proud to have in their part of Bristol.

Email friends@eastwoodfarm.org.uk or include you details on this form to be added to our mailing list and we will send you details of next year's programme when the details are finalised.

Appendix 6

A new broom in Broomhill

Broomhill is one of those parts of Bristol forgotten by most. Local facilities, particularly for children and young people are meagre, and not the best. Along with the local community, LPW is attempting to change that.



Working with Young Bristol, My Neighbourhood and One Day: Day One, we held a fun day at Eastwood Road playground, in part to give local children and young people something enjoyable to do, but also to find out what they, and their families, want for the area. Sports, street art and other play spurred on by our Engagement Workers helped shape a successful event and everyone's views and hopes will be put forward into a local plan for better play and activity facilities. Result.

Appendix 7

Broomhill Eastwood Park - Survey of nine year olds (12).

What I like to do.....

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21/09/2015

	Total	Sample %
Be Safe	11	92%
Be Quiet	11	92%
Be Active	10	83%
Make Things Happen	10	83%
Hang Out	8	67%
Be Adventurous	8	67%
On Your Wheels	7	58%

What I think about the places where I play and hang out....

	Total	Sample %
2 Quite Good	5	42%
1 Very Good	3	25%
3 Hmm... OKAY	2	17%
5 Very Bad	2	17%
4 A Bit Bad	0	0%

What would make it better?

I would like a swing. *More equipment * 2*
Repainting, bigger space. Football goals.
Swings because it is a bit boring and also its starting to break and paint is coming off.
More places to play like a rope swing. *If it had more equipment like swings.*
Not enough play stuff and not bullies.
Round-a-bout, climbing Frame, Deth Slide, See-saw, tide and looked after.
More a quitmet and seating and it needs to be re-done.

Is there enough choice?

	Total	Sample %
1 Yes! Lots	3	25%
2 Yes! Some	3	25%
3 Hmm... OKAY	3	25%
4 No! Not Much	2	17%
5 No! None	1	8%

What choice is there?

	Total	Sample %
Parks	12	100%
Grassy Areas	9	75%
Small Play Areas	9	75%
Woods	8	67%
Playing Fields	8	67%
Large Play Areas	8	67%
Adventure Playground	7	58%
Bike Tracks	6	50%
Hang Out Areas	6	50%
Skate Parks	5	42%
Ball Courts	4	33%
Streets	3	25%

Appendix 8

Broomhill Eastwood Park - Survey of eleven year olds (16).

What I like to do.....

	Total	Sample %
Be Adventurous	15	94%
Be Active	14	88%
Hang Out	13	81%
On Your Wheels	10	63%
Be Safe	9	56%
Make Things Happen	9	56%
Be Quiet	5	31%

D Browne
21/09/2015

What I think about the places where I play and hang out.....

	Total	Sample %
2 Quite Good	6	38%
3 Hmm... OKAY	6	38%
1 Very Good	2	13%
4 A Bit Bad	2	13%
5 Very Bad	0	0%

What would make it better?

If they improved it a bit better because Broomhill Park is boring.
Better equipment and bigger equipment.
Make it suitable for older children.
Thing for older children.
To have more play parks around Broomhill.
Have an adventure assault course for all ages.
Putting swings and more adventure activities in Broomhill Eastwood Park.
Add a park for teenagers + put a bike path + add water stuff.
Because we got fields to play football and I've got lots of friends.
I think where I live is okay it should be more cleaner.
Scrubbing off rude graffiti, changing bark to - flooring grass, more play equipment.
Slides, swings - a proper park.
More safety.
Parks more my age. Older children.
Better equipment for older children.

Is there enough choice?

	Total	Sample %
4 No! Not Much	4	25%
1 Yes! Lots	3	19%
3 Hmm... OKAY	2	13%
2 Yes! Some	2	13%
5 No! None	1	6%

What choice is there?

	Total	Sample %
Grassy Areas	13	81%
Woods	11	69%
Small Play Areas	11	69%
Playing Fields	10	63%
Parks	10	63%
Streets	10	63%
Ball Courts	7	44%
Bike Tracks	6	38%
Large Play Areas	6	38%
Hang Out Areas	5	31%
Adventure Playground	5	31%
Skate Parks	4	25%

Appendix 9

Broomhill Eastwood Park - Survey of Adults about 2 to 4 year olds (21)

What I like to do.....

D Browne
21/09/2015

	Total	Sample %
Be Active	21	100%
Be Safe	19	90%
Make Things Happen	15	71%
Hang Out	13	62%
Be Adventurous	10	48%
On Your Wheels	7	33%
Be Quiet	7	33%

What I think about the places where I play and hang out....

	Total	Sample %
3 Hmm... OKAY	8	38%
2 Quite Good	7	33%
1 Very Good	2	10%
4 A Bit Bad	2	10%
5 Very Bad	1	5%

What would make it better?

New park area.

More equipment.

Play park by flats is tired and falling apart. Could be more things to do like some adventure playground equipment along the walks. Too much dog poo!

Safer play parks.

More places to go to which are local such as swimming pool, soft play gymnastic classes. All that.

More for toddlers.

Slide.

A park with swings and somewhere you could have a kick about that is clear of rubbish etc.,

Is there enough choice?

	Total	Sample %
2 Yes! Some	11	52%
3 Hmm... OKAY	3	14%
1 Yes! Lots	2	10%
4 No! Not Much	2	10%
5 No! None	2	10%

What choice is there?

	Total	Sample %
Woods	17	81%
Grassy Areas	14	67%
Parks	11	52%
Small Play Areas	11	52%
Playing Fields	8	38%
Streets	6	29%
Hang Out Areas	5	24%
Large Play Areas	5	24%
Bike Tracks	3	14%
Skate Parks	2	10%
Adventure Playground	1	5%
Ball Courts	0	0%

Appendix 10

Play and Exercise on Eastwood Farm

A Survey carried out by the Friends of Eastwood Farm*

The views of parents of 23 school children in the BS4 area in November '15

With thanks to children/parents and teachers of Broomhill Primary School

Play Area

1. Is the play equipment in Eastwood Road Play Area Suitable?		Negativity
		100%
What do you think of the standard of play equipment provided at the moment		91%
<i>It's unsafe at the moment. I don't want my children there.</i>		
<i>It needs to have new better equipment for all ages.</i>		
2. What age needs more play equipment?		% Age Profile
	Under 5 years	61%
	5 – 11 years	87%
	Over 11 years	57%
	Adults e.g gym equipment	17%
3a. What is the most important thing needed?		
<i>Swings * 8</i>	<i>Gym equipment</i>	
<i>Safe fun play area for younger children * 7</i>	<i>See-saw</i>	
<i>Slides * 4</i>	<i>Climbing walls</i>	
<i>Climbing equipment * 2</i>	<i>Zipwire</i>	
<i>Maze * 2</i>	<i>Canon</i>	
<i>Skate ramps * 2</i>	<i>Bins</i>	
<i>Trampoline * 2</i>		
<i>Smaller climbing frame for younger children</i>		
<i>Use grassy area at bottom</i>		
3a. Children's Drawing (attached)		
<i>Merry go round</i>	<i>Normal swings</i>	
<i>Zip slide</i>	<i>Baby swings</i>	
<i>Outdoor table with umbrella</i>	<i>Monkey bars</i>	
<i>Café with toilets</i>	<i>Climbing wall and slide</i>	
<i>Skate park for teenagers</i>	<i>See saw</i>	
<i>Sand pit</i>	<i>Trampoline</i>	
<i>Baby climbing with tunnel</i>	<i>Footballpitch</i>	
<i>Scoot concrete for kids and babies</i>	<i>Climbing tree house</i>	
<i>Netting climbing frame with fireman's pole</i>	<i>Toad stools</i>	
6. How often to you visit the Eastwood Farm conservation area?		Frequency
	Monthly/weekly/daily	52%
	Very rarely	43%
14. Your household		Population Profile
	Age 0 – 5 :	7
	Age 6 – 11:	35
	Age 12 – 17:	9
	Age 18 +:	42
	Age 60 +:	1
16. Ethnicity		
	White - British, Irish or Any Other	86%
	Black or Black British - Caribbean, African or Any Other	14%

Appendix 11



Appendix 12

Broomhill Park Blog (Submitted as a requirement for the First Steps Programme, September 2015)

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/content/funding-programmes/first-steps/first-steps-blogs/south-west-region-blogs/?nav=1>

History

Broomhill Park, formally known as Eastwood Play Area, was built in the 1980s. There are two sites - a children's play area on the upper section and a basketball court on the lower. This park serves a "huge" amount of people, however as it was last updated some 20 years ago it has become run down and inadequate.

The upper area consists of a metal climbing frame, which becomes too hot for the children in the summer, and a few wooden sprung mounted seat, all of which are unsuitable for children under the age of 2.

The lower is a concrete area with 1 basketball hoop and circular seating arrangement which has also become run-down with broken glass etc, so is now no longer a suitable area for teenagers to play.

Local residents had become frustrated with this lack of investment and felt that it is time that something was done especially as the site has such potential with surroundings such as a local nature reserve, Eastwood Farm & Beese's Tea Gardens.

The council was contacted to clarify if development of the site was planned but were informed that as no funding is available for the area it could not be completed. This was not an answer that the residents would accept so they decided that a petition was the best way forward and collected over 200 signatures which was then presented to the council.

At this point the council accepted that something needed to be done and the working group was formed.

Working group

The working group originally consisted of a number of residents and the parks coordinator from the council. Discussions took place regarding the site and what would be required to complete the project, as no funding is available from the council we learned that we would have to find various sources for this so would need to have some idea of design and costings to proceed. The parks coordinator surveyed the site with a landscape designer and provided a plan along with a rough cost of £150K to complete.

From this point we were introduced to the council neighbourhood officer who has experience in this area and began planning the way forward. Quickly we involved various other groups, Friends of Eastwood Farm, LPW, Broomhill infant and junior schools, The First Step Programme all who either have an interest in the area or can aid us with our project.

Objectives

With the guidance of The First steps induction course, we began to set out clear objectives for the project so that we can maximize support from the local residents and businesses.

- *We created a questionnaire aimed at the local youth and distributed through the local schools. This was a success and after analysing the result were able to not only support the need for the development but could also identify which type of equipment would be best received.*
- *Raising awareness for this project would not only improving community support but is key to raising the required funds so a Facebook page, which has received over 300 likes, and webpage have been created along with LPG running involvement workshops at the park.*
- *One initial source of funding had been identified but as we need to match it by 20% further sources would be required. The First Step Relationship Manager has helped to identify a further source which could fund half of this long with others that we could approach.*
- *Fundraising events which would involve the local community could be another source of funds and one we will pursue.*
- *Local businesses are probably the best opportunity we have to raise funds, there is a possibility that they could sponsor the park so we will be looking to approach them for help.*