

# Hambleton Parish Council

## Bob Williamson Park

### Future Development



Hambleton is a large village with a population of approximately 2750. The main area for outdoor recreation is the Bob Williamson Park on the edge of the village. The park has proved to be invaluable to the residents of the village during the COVID 19 pandemic. Hambleton Parish Council would like to see the park continue to develop and aims to provide facilities that are inclusive and meet the needs of as many of the parishioners as possible from the very young to our more elderly citizens and those with additional needs. The park is an area for recreation, it is not a sports field as such.

Hambleton Parish Council aim to enhance the overall appearance of the park by planting more spring bulbs, planting more flowering Cherry trees along Church Lane, the planting of fruit trees, the provision of bird boxes, owl and bat boxes, the addition of a sensory garden around the millennium circle, enhanced drainage, and further remedial work on all the paths around the park.

The park can be split into the following areas:

**Millenium Circle:**

This area is in the need of further enhancement so that it could be a quiet area for reflection. The improvements to this part of the park could include sensory planting, of the provision 'Chat benches' (where if you sit on the bench it indicates you would welcome a chat) and the furbishment of the sign post.

**Teenage area:**

The teenage area is for the young people of the village who do like somewhere just to chill and further development may involve some sort of equipment for skateboards. There is limited space and so the provision of a large ramp is not feasible, but the council is keen to look at the possibility of provision for skate boarding.

**Play area/Outdoor Gym:**

The play area is a popular facility, but is looking tired and it does suffer from drainage issues as does the Outdoor gym equipment, the council will be looking at improving the drainage/surfaces in these areas and consider any enhancement that could be made to the current play equipment. The access to the picnic table for those with additional needs also requires improvement.

**Football pitch:**

The football pitch provides an area for informal games and there are no plans for any additional facilities at the moment.

**Woodland Area:**

The plans for the woodland area include more maintenance and where appropriate the replacement of the more mature trees and the planting of additional trees and bulbs. The provision of a 'Fairy Garden' with toadstools for the very young is envisaged to be a welcome addition.

**Pond Area:**

The pond area provides a haven for wildlife and is an area for future developments such as a wildflower area. The pond has benches and picnic tables to provide a quiet area to enjoy the surrounding countryside.

**Dog Area:**

The fenced dog area is the only area where dogs are permitted to run free - without being on a lead. The future plan for this area includes further extension of the hedge and remedial work on the path.

Hambleton Parish Council are in the process of formulating all the above ideas into a long-term plan for the Bob Williamson Park and one proposal if there is enough village interest and support is for the provision of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) either on the park or on an alternative site - yet to be identified.

If you have any views on what additional facilities would enhance the park or would support the provision of a MUGA please make your views known to the Hambleton Parish Council Clerk ([hambletonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hambletonpc@yahoo.co.uk)), via the website <https://www.hambletonparishcouncil.org.uk> or the Facebook page.