



Fountain Fields Park

Fountain Fields Park, Queen Street, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9AR

Fountain Fields Park - Brief Background

Fountain Fields Park was officially opened in 1952. It has been the focus of many community events, carnivals and activities over the years and it is considered a town centre flagship green space.

Until early 2018, the onsite facilities included a tennis court, bowling green, a very small outdoor adult gym, a limited range of old play equipment, toilet facilities which are officially closed to the public and a small office/building with kitchen facilities which is also closed to the public. The site is completely enclosed by metal fencing which is in need of painting and the grounds contain a mixed selection of shrubs, trees and flower beds which need trimming, removing or weeding out.

Routine maintenance has been carried out over the years but large sections of the site and the equipment had deteriorated and become unsuitable which restricted people's enjoyment of the park. The park has also been subject to regular vandalism.

In 2012, the Middlewich Vision Parks & Play Areas Group listed Fountain Fields Park as a key priority project. The aim was to secure enough funding to create a park that the town can be proud of. We wanted the site to be fit for purpose so that it can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike for generations to come. To ensure that the rejuvenation of Fountain Fields Park reflected what local people wanted, a detailed consultation was carried out in 2015 and 2016 and we collated people's opinions and ideas about the type of equipment and facilities that they wanted as part of the renovation.

In 2018, over £300,000 in funding was confirmed, the final plans were drawn up and a tender was issued by Cheshire East/ANSA who are responsible for the site. Wicksteed, one of the UK's premier playground equipment suppliers, were contracted to carry out the work. The site was closed in May this year and work is underway.

It is intended to re-open the park at the end of August/beginning of September 2018

The Fountain Field Park Project is in two stages. The second stage will look at developing the existing bowling green building and make it a multi purpose asset which would be open during park opening times and other occasions.

Middlewich Parks & Play Areas Group: a small partnership group which includes staff from ANSA, Middlewich Town Council, Middlewich Vision, Cheshire East Council and local residents.