

Lets Talk Littlemoor ...
Results of the Survey November 2017

Report Summary

This report has been compiled from the community's feedback using the form "Littlemoor Park Survey" (appendix 1.). The FOLP (Friends of Littlemoor Park) were keen to understand how the park is currently used, and wanted to determine which of the proposed projects for the park would be important to the local community.

Thus far FOLP have received 39 surveys, 4 of which were spoiled papers.

Demographics

The survey has shown that both males and females of all ages use the park and that females in every age range were the larger proportion of people who using the park. It also indicated that the highest proportion of female users were in the age range 51-65 with the next most popular age range being 65+.

The survey has indicated that the most popular activity in the park is walking and whilst the survey had identified 6 user categories (blue text below) it has been acknowledged that the park is used for a much broader range of activities.

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| 1. Walking | 8. Family Games |
| 2. Walking the dog | 9. Ball Games |
| 3. Picnics | 10. Star Gazing |
| 4. Bird Watching | 11. Wildlife |
| 5. Running / Jogging | 12. Sledging |
| 6. Cycling | 13. Photography |
| 7. Hanging out with friends | |

FOLP was also interested to understand how frequently the people who completed the survey used the park and the results showed that the distribution was relatively even ranging from "Sometimes" through "Regularly" to "Every day", it was pleasing to see that all the respondents were using the park.

Community Ranking of the Proposed Projects

The survey presented the respondents with 15 projects being proposed in the current development plan. The respondents were asked to rank the projects 1-15 with 1 being their highest priority and 15 being their lowest priority.

The results were collated and then weighted to determine the Pareto distribution as a combination of all the responses from the community. The following list is the consolidated response from the community with number 1 being the highest priority.

1. Clear and resurface the paths
2. Reinststate the nature trail
3. Re-seed the wild flower meadow
4. Introduce Bat / Bird boxes
5. Re-stock the woodland
6. Restore the rock garden
7. Re-build the dry-stone walls
8. Reinstall the lake
9. Uncover the hawthorn hedge
10. Development programs for learning
11. Create new seating areas
12. Create a viewing platform
13. Replace furniture / Signage
14. Develop the orienteering course
15. Create a memorial area

Two additional projects were requested by members of the community.

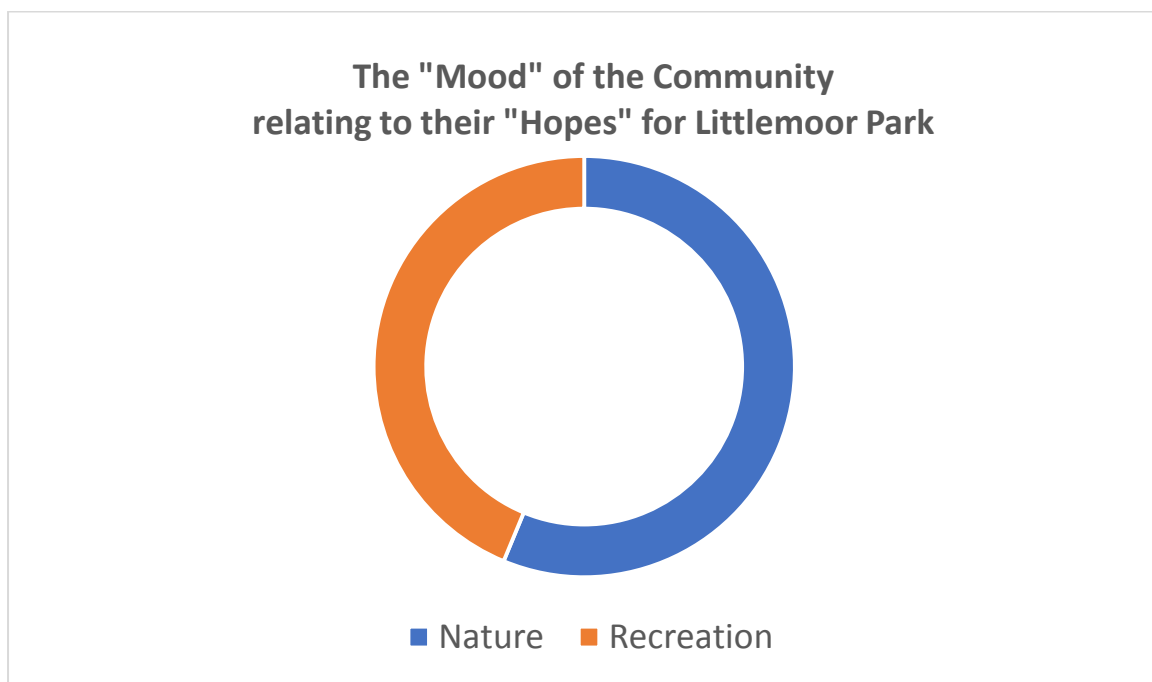
1. Accessible Paths (this request was relating to the very poor drainage)
2. Children's play area

It is the intention of the FOLP committee to share the communities with the Bradford Council to ensure that the proposals are considered and actioned in-line with the priorities identified above.

Community Feedback

It was hoped that for this report FOLP would be able to present an independent analysis of the narrative which was provided by the community "Tell us about your hopes for Littlemoor Park" in the feedback section of the survey.

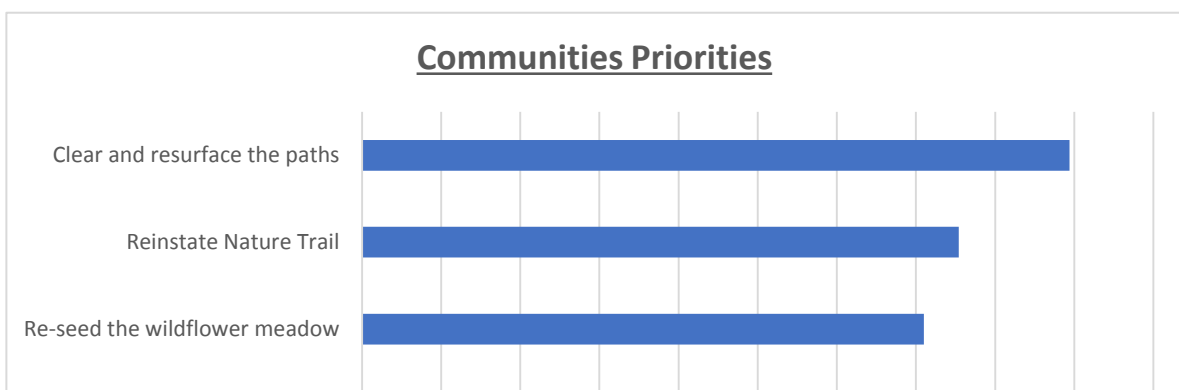
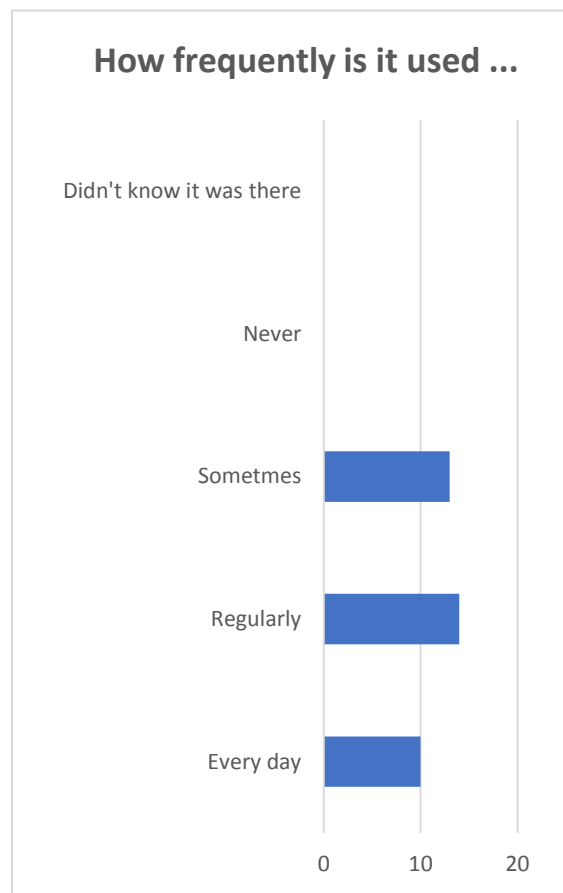
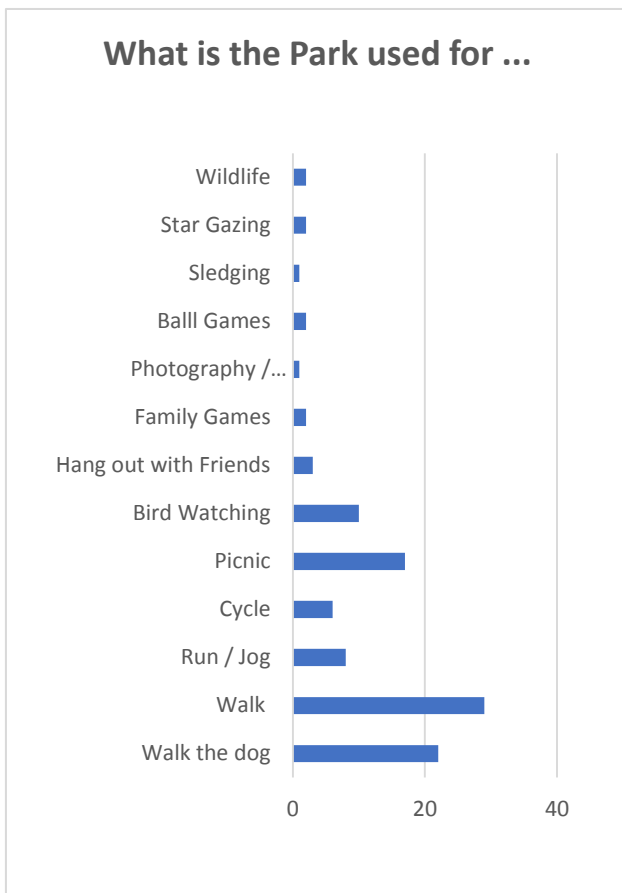
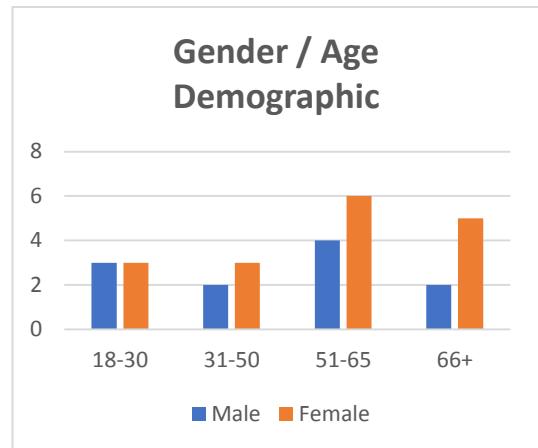
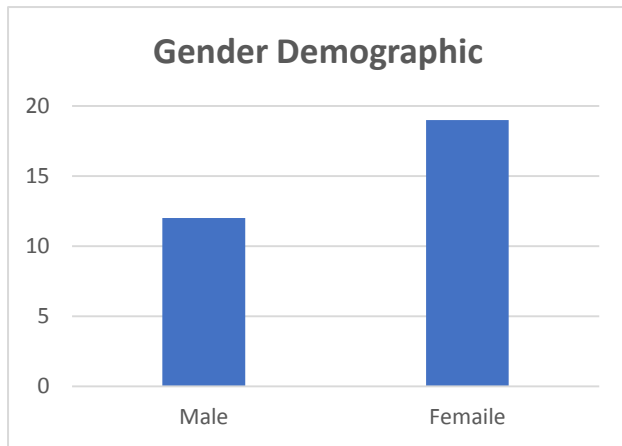
As a volunteer group with limited funds we found that this was not possible. However, the feedback has been included (anonymously see appendix 2) for the community to see that the simple summary below is representative of the "hopes" of the community.



The FOLP committee are faithful to the results of the survey and will consider the detail of narrative to ensure that the hopes for recreational activities are implemented and harmony with the communities wishes for the park to remain a natural environment where nature can continue to evolve.

Overview of the Community Survey thus far

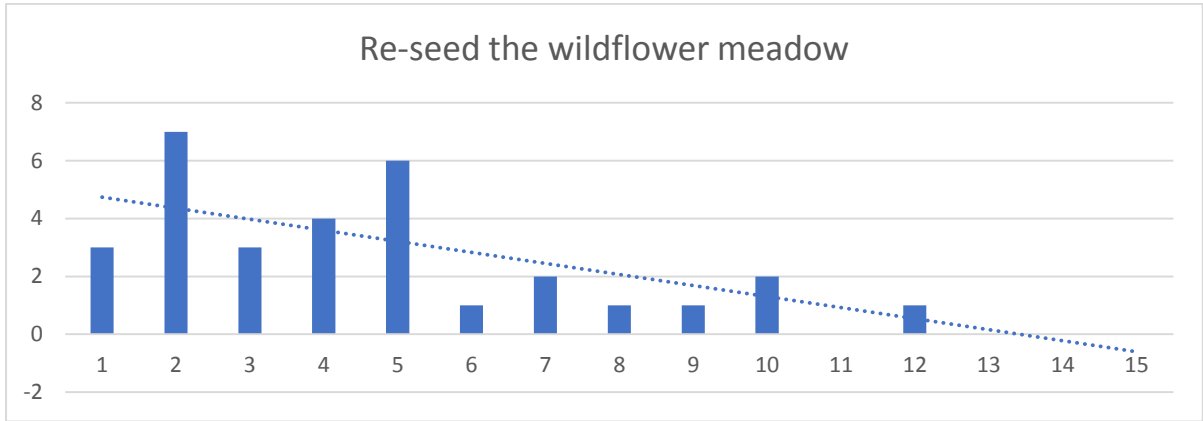
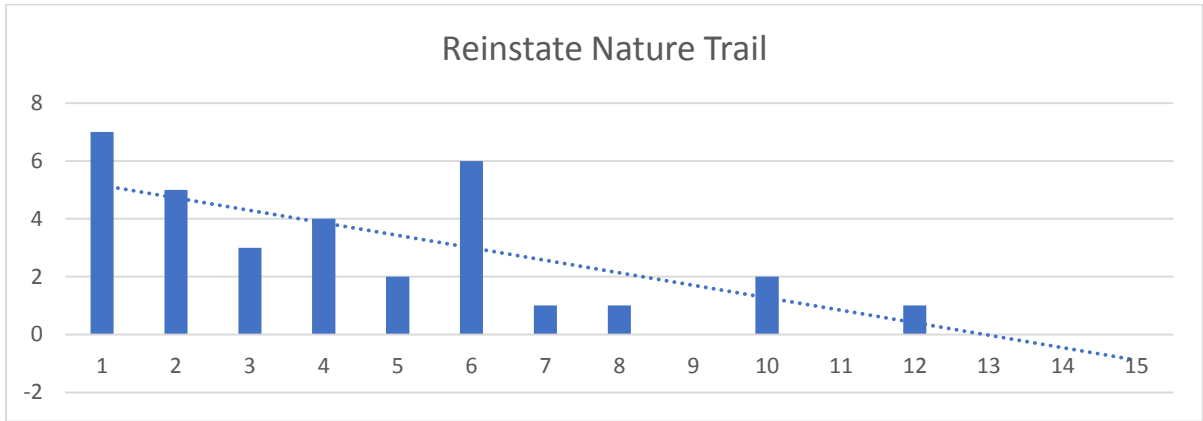
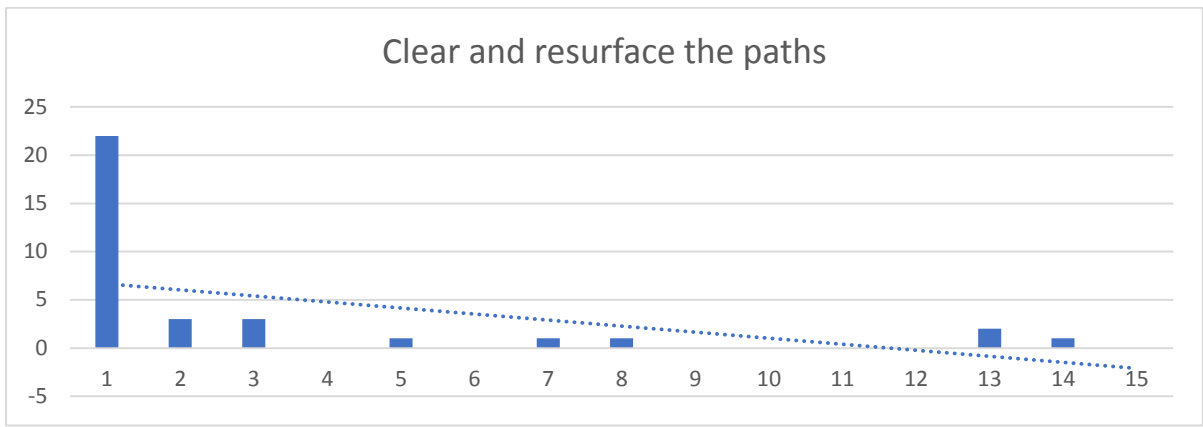
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- 4 spoiled papers



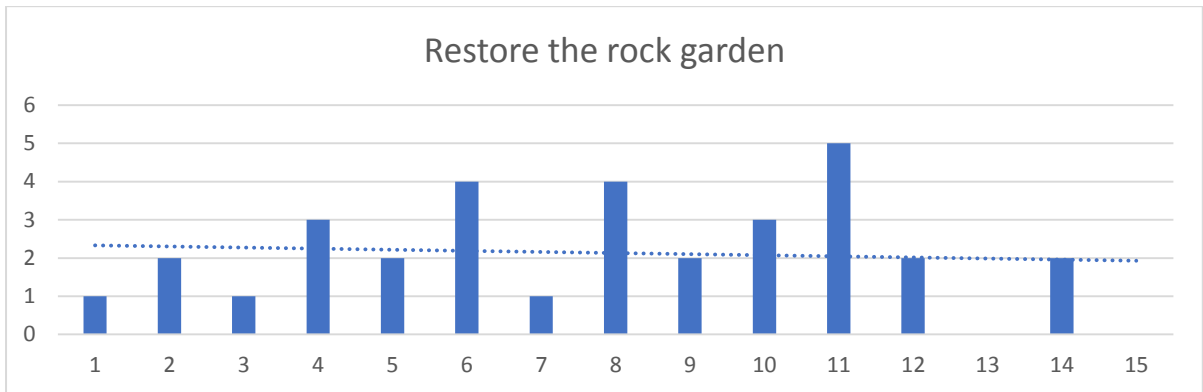
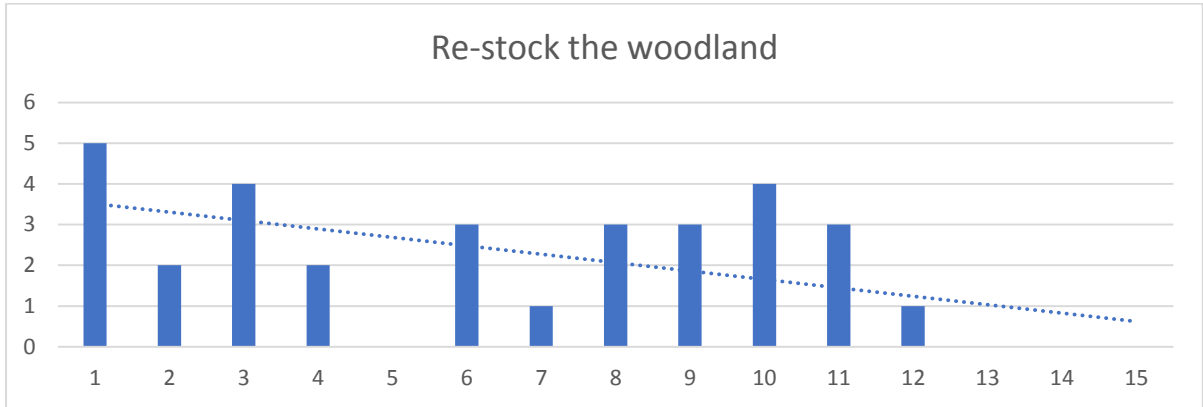
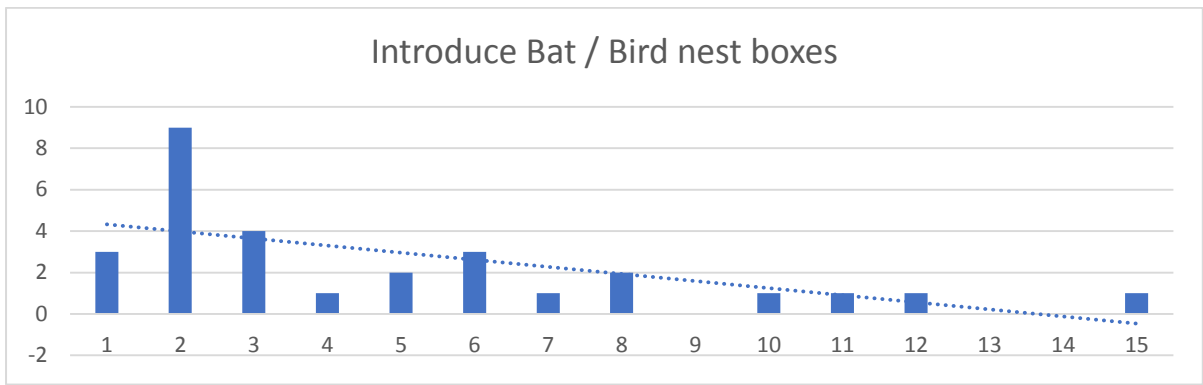
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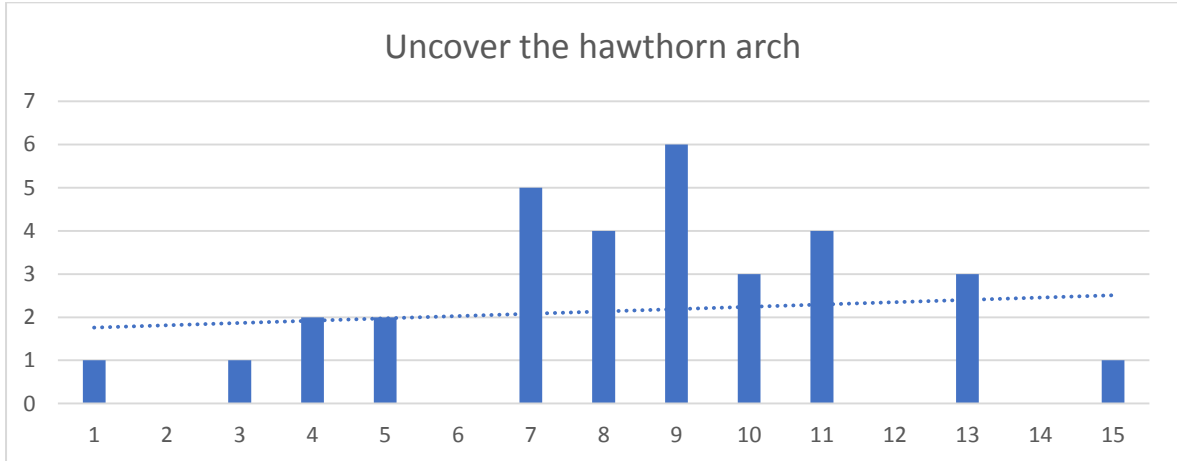
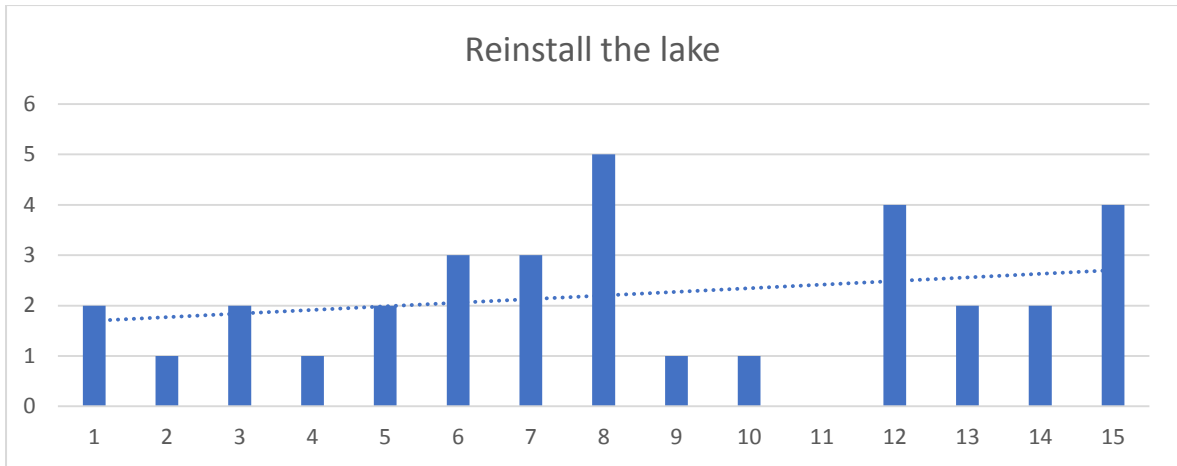
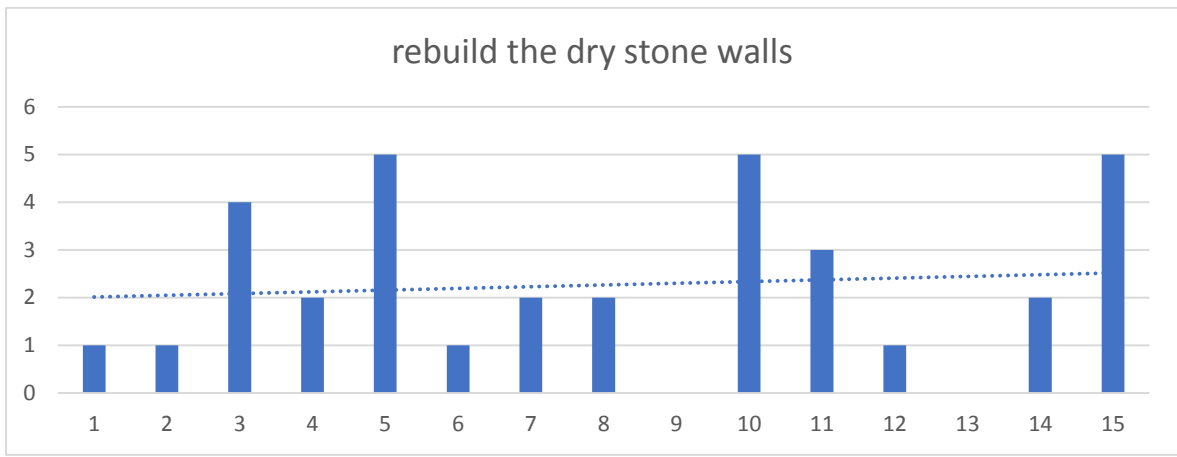
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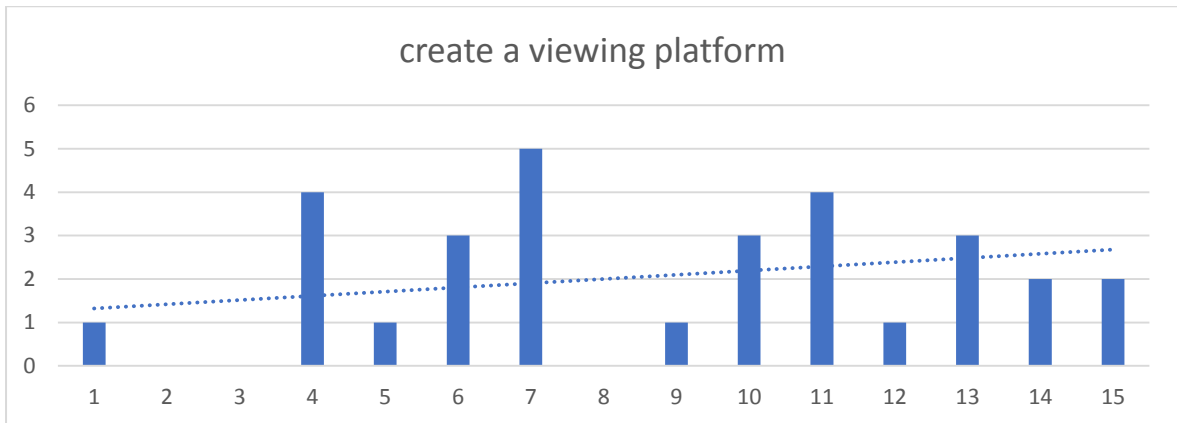
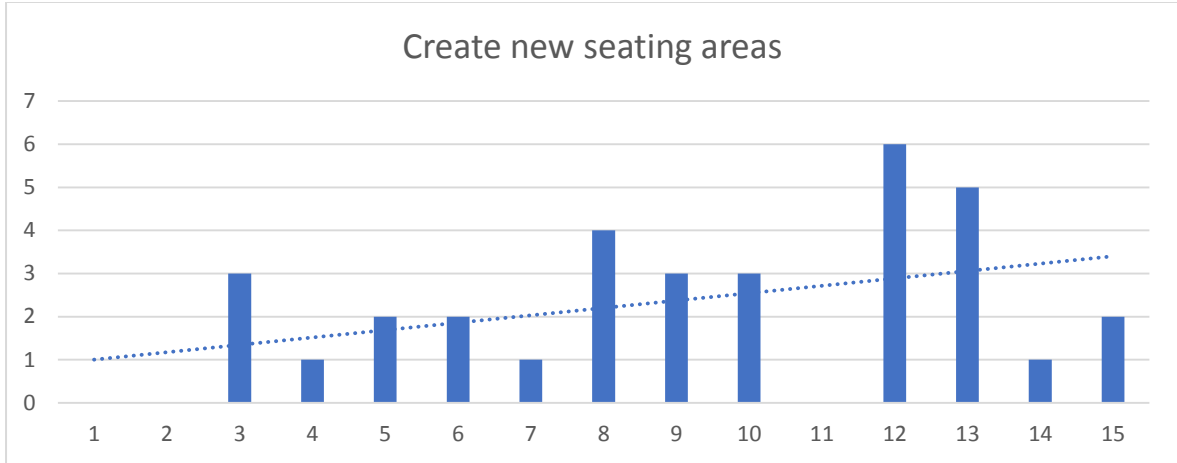
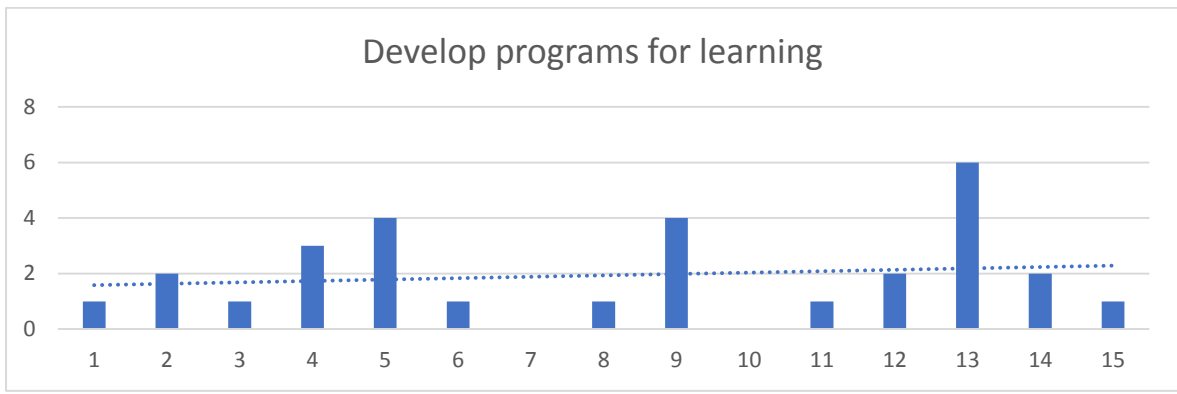
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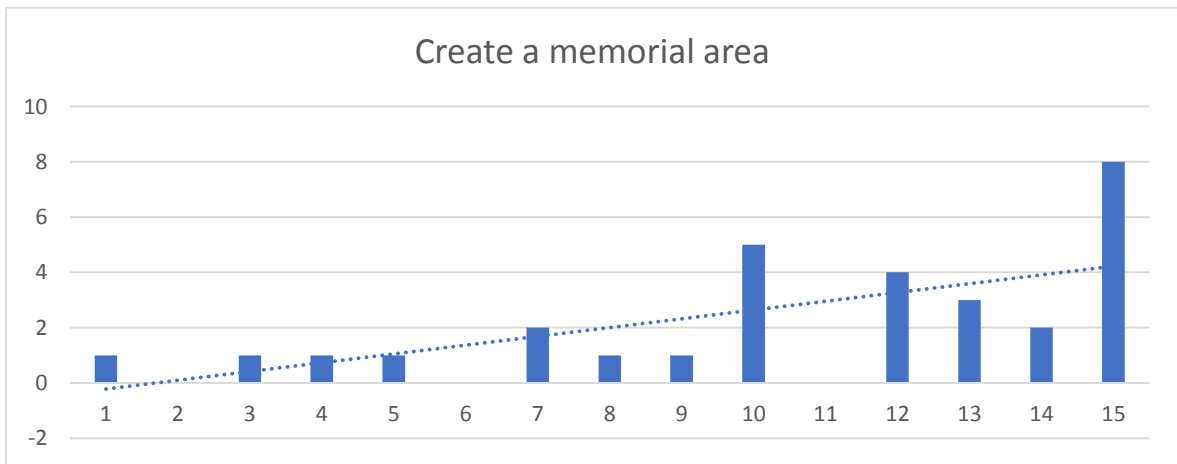
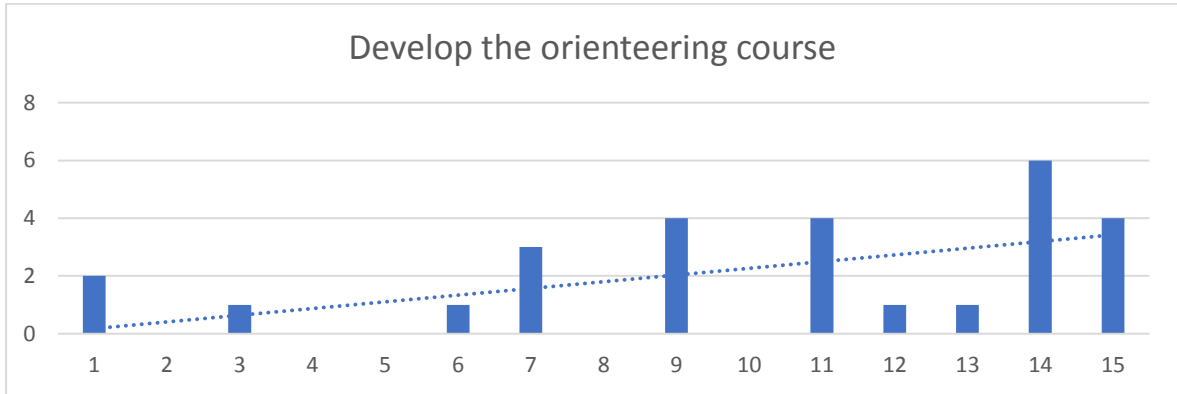
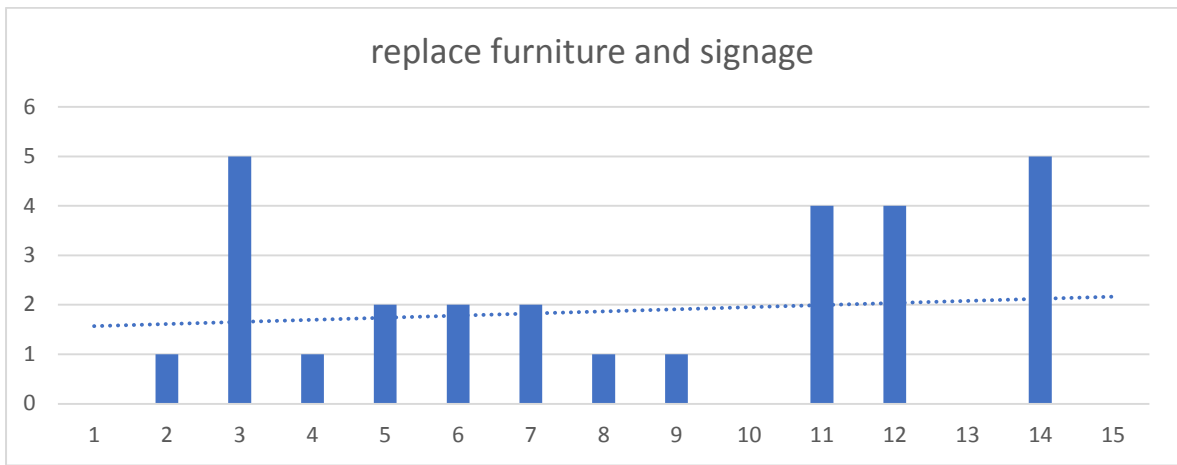
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Appendix.1.



LITTLEMOOR PARK SURVEY

The Friends of Littlemoor Park are keen to understand how the park is currently used. This survey seeks to determine which of the projects currently identified in the development proposal would be important to you and to capture any additional ideas we may not have considered.

The Development Proposal is based on the theme: Uncover, Restore & Protect. It has been approved by Bradford Council and was prepared in accordance with the following understanding:

The park was gifted to the inhabitants of Queensbury for recreation and held in Charitable Trust by Bradford Council.

It was given the status of Bradford Wildlife Area for its biodiversity interest and to be maintained for the quiet enjoyment of nature.

As a designated Special Area for Conservation (SAC) the Council will protect the nature conservation value from development not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the site, and which is likely to have significant effects on the site.

A status as a High Priority Network given by the Forestry Commission also adds value to the site as an ecologically important area.

We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire.

Thank you.

How often do you use Littlemoor Park?

- Every day
- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Never
- Didn't know it was there

Four empty checkboxes for additional responses.

If you use the Park, what activities do you carry out there?

(Please tick all that apply)

- Walk dog
- Walk
- Run/Jog
- Cycle
- Picnic
- Birdwatching
- Other

Please specify: [Empty text box with a vertical scrollbar]

Please rank the following projects from the current Development Plan in order of how important you think they are for Littlemoor Park?

(Mark from 1 to 15 - 1 most important, 15 least important)

- Reinstate the nature trail
- Clear and resurface paths
- Re-seed the wildflower meadow
- Develop the orienteering course
- Develop programs for learning
- Reinstall the lake
- Uncover the Hawthorn Arch
- Restore the cave/rock garden
- Create viewing platform for telescopes and wildlife
- Provide bird/bat nesting boxes
- Create a memorial area
- Rebuild the dry-stone walls
- Replace furniture and signage
- Create new seating areas
- Re-stock the woodland

Please use the space overleaf to tell us your hopes for Littlemoor Park.

Two empty checkboxes for additional responses.

Tell us about your hopes for Littlemoor Park.

Form area for providing hopes for Littlemoor Park.

A little about you:

Gender:

Male

Female

Age Range:

18-30

31-50

50-65

65+

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please provide your email address below:

Form area for providing email address.

Appendix.2. Feedback – Hopes of the community

Narrative taken verbatim from the Surveys Nov - Dec2017

N	1	I hope Littlemoor stays a beautiful natural piece of heaven in Queensbury
	2	I enjoy the park with my children every season
	3	We love to watch it grow and change throughout the year
	4	It's a safe place for children to run around and enjoy and appreciate the beauty of nature and wildlife
N	5	I don't want cycling in the park because of the health and safety risk i.e. the potential risk to walkers, runners, and children
	6	I don't want cycling in the park because of the potential damage cycles do to the paths and the adjacent natural areas of the park
	7	I don't want cycling in the park because it will be impossible to police and control
	8	Any suggestion to have areas given up to cyclists will not work, they will get board and look for other challenges its natural for kids and cycle enthusiast to do that
R	9	The friends of Littlemoor park are doing a great job of securing funding and the future of the park
	10	A future that I hope can include activities that appeal to a variety of people to further engage the youth of the village
	11	I note the laws about cycling in parks only at specified events but time change
	12	Cycling could be allowed on certain days
	13	There is always a compromise if people try to work together
	14	I think there is room in the park to accommodate other less sedentary pursuits
	15	A quiet park will not attract young human life which is where the future of all life lays
	16	I am nearly 60 and I love the hustle and bustle of youth around me
	17	We all need to think out of the box sometimes
	18	It doesn't harm to give something new a try
	19	As one of the FOLP notices said "The park recovered after the event, land always does
	20	The cycling club are good people give them a chance, I assure you it will pay dividends
N	21	I hope it remains a place for walking and bird watching
	22	I hope it remains a place for quiet contemplation
	23	I hope it remains a wildlife haven
N	24	The park should be maintained as a wildlife and nature area as it was originally intended
R	25	Used it for dog walking for 25 years and regularly went as a child and a teenager to play
	26	Noticed in the last 5 to 10 years that it not being used regularly by local residents anymore
	27	Often see daily walkers but not many other groups of people or families
	28	It would be lovely to see it used more but not like other parks in the area where I cannot really walk my dog off lead due to young children and football etc.
	29	I envisage it to be like Ogden family nature trail, a healthy mile walk etc.
	30	I know there is another proposal for a cyclo-cross area, personally I don't want this as it would put me off walking my dog there.
	31	I would welcome a track for walking and cycling as a leisure activity
	32	If it does happen I would like a fence or hedge to partition this from the park
	33	I hope I can continue to use the park for many years to come
N	34	I would like a little pond with picnic benches
R	35	More wildlife
	36	More activities
	37	Seasonal trails
R	38	I would like an accessible for all park somewhere where pushchairs and the infirm can visit
	39	I would like somewhere for children to play and local recreation clubs accommodated
	40	There is a lot of space in the park, everyone can be accommodated if you chose to do it
	41	I am very happy for the nature to be looked after but not at the detriment of people
R	42	It would be good to see some development for the young children of Queensbury and the surrounding area
	43	I feel there needs to be more emphasis on the activity to support the young people and there families
	44	The items that are on display at this drop-in session are very good but young people are active and have lots of energy
	45	We need to be more open minded about the kind of activities we should be proposing for this unique resource
N	46	Keep the park as a nature area and replant daffodil bulbs and lupins as it used to be years ago
R	47	A place for cycling and playing
R	48	I hope that the park be upgraded so that families are encouraged to use it more fully
N	49	It would be nice to see the area kept as a nature reserve
	50	A cycle path would be good
	51	Definitely do not put a children's play area in there as I feel this would attract the wrong element of people
	52	Keep the area clean and tidy and free from vandals
N	53	I hope the park does not change too much
N	54	I do not want the park to be used for housing or a crematorium

R	55	I think Littlemoor Park should be a safe green place where people of all ages can enjoy no matter the weather
N	56	This is the last place in Queensbury for future generations to learn about the natural world and the history of Queensbury
N	57	The park is used for lots of things but it should be preserved as a woodland and a nature reserve
R	58	I would hope that the committee listen more to park users rather than follow their own agenda
	59	The constitution was hugely disappointing as no new ideas were discussed, just existing plans.
	60	Overall I would say the evening was to dictate your plan, not to listen
	61	A cycle provision is essential as most of the community have tried to tell you it may not fit with your vision but the park belongs to us all I found the attitude to this idea disgraceful
	62	Most of your plans are great but you must also listen to the opinions of others
	63	I hope that you are capable of compromise with the community and stop dictating
R	64	I would like to see Littlemoor used for the benefit of the community, recreation and for the quite enjoyment of nature, I don't believe these things are mutually exclusive
	65	I am disappointed but pleased about the candor and to see that the friends of group are opposed to cycling in the park
	66	A commissioned report by the forestry commission which examined the impact of various outdoor leisure activities (including cycling) showed little or no negative impact on wildlife
	67	I don't see a reason why the plans the group have outlined (which are fantastic) cannot co-exist with a reasonably thought-out cycle trail around the perimeter
	68	A lot of work has gone into the proposal by the friends of Littlemoor park but it excludes the wishes of a large number of people by ignoring the recreational aspects of the parks legacy
	69	A perimeter path would greatly increase access by walkers, baby buggies, and cyclists of all ages
	70	For all the great ideas proposed the committee is excluding a lot of potentially active volunteers
N	71	It is run by a competent management committee that has the people of Queensbury's wishes at heart by making the park useable and not discriminating against leisure users
R	72	I hope it becomes more accessible for families not just a dog walking area
N	73	I hope it can be made a useful child friendly place to encourage wildlife in a safe environment
R	74	A community place for all people, all ages and all interests.
	75	A place that can bring people into the area from out of Queensbury
	76	The cycle event held last year was fantastic especially the kids event
	77	Its great to see the history of Littlemoor Park at the drop-in session
	78	Very good ideas put forward by the FOLP however I do not feel that the plans proposed represent the whole community of Queensbury would like to see.
R	79	I must admit I have seen alternative plans put forward by Ian Spencer and whilst some of them are quite large I think there are elements which could be incorporated into FOLP plans
	80	At the moment the plans put forward by the FOLP are quite one dimensional based on a nature reserve
	81	I have also seen comments on Facebook distributed by members of FOLP that are quite unprofessional and don't put the group in a good light
	82	Summary is that people should work together and not dismiss other peoples views.
	83	The park was left to the people of Queensbury and it is these people that should decide
R	84	Please make Littlemoor more accessible by paths and parking, at the moment what there is is not enough and neither is it safe
	85	Everyone should be able to access all areas of the park by some form of path
	86	I'd hope at every stage the FOLP consult with the people of Queensbury to find out what people want
	87	If it is what people want then I wish you all the best in making it happen
N	88	Ensure the park remains a trust for the people of Queensbury to enjoy as the Fosters intended
	89	Protect the park from any building developments i.e. Crematorium or Housing
	90	As Queensbury becomes increasing overdeveloped by the creation of further housing estates it is important to maintain a green "lung" area
	91	Keep the park as an unspoiled area where nature and wildlife can thrive alongside dog walkers and ramblers with a country park atmosphere
	92	Ensure the council cuts the grass around the edge of the meadow on a regular basis
	93	Maintain pathways as a priority.
	94	The major path running from Sutcliffe Fold past the bottom of the steps to the main drive needs to have the shrubbery cut back and some gravel laid as it is becoming impassable due to mud and encroaching brambles
	95	Ensure any cycling events do not cause damage to grassy areas nor erosion of the paths
	96	Whilst recognising the importance of bio-diversity and woodland management the park has many large and mature sycamores, I would not like to see these chopped down, nor the Rhododendrons
	97	Previous trail signs (wooden arrows with a squirrel logo) were not useful, I think photographic information boards showing the species that maybe seen are more useful and educational (too expensive)
	98	Ensure any additional or replacement seating is robust, well spaced out and will not encourage any anti social behavior
	99	Call me pessimistic, but I do wonder how long some of the proposal projects would survive before being vandalized.
100	Previous sign posts have been up rooted and seating damaged	
101	Orienteering courses are only useful whilst the markers remain in place, is there much demand for a permanent orienteering course	
102	The sign on the drive near the lodge which was informative and interesting has long since gone. As many people now have smart phones perhaps a replacement sign could include the parks web address	
103	If provided with a list of flora and fauna to be found in the park local schools may be interested in getting their pupils to produce a table of information as part of their science / IT curriculum	
104	I'd envisaged a chart with pictures of common birds and perhaps info on their diet and perhaps a chart with the names of the trees in the park with a photo of their leaf shape, flowers and fruit	
105	A project like this would raise the pupils awareness of the existence of the park and tier research would provide them with excellent background information	
106	It might be suggested to the pupils that as a completion a few selected charts could be laminated and taped to the trees around the park for others to view thereby ticking the boxes for the nature trail	
107	The involvement of schools and their pupils might provide opportunities to show examples of the pupils work on the website	
108	Could any of the restoration work be carried out by older students to support the Duke of Edinburgh awards as part of their community service	
109	Consider how local residents and park users are being kept informed, my neighbor has used the park for decades collecting litter whilst walking her dogs	

	110	Local residents are interested in getting involved but they do not have computers / email, think about how you might communicate with everyone in the local community
	111	The drop-in session at Victoria Hall was very interesting and informative thank you
	112	There are regular craft markets at the Heritage venue I wonder if it would be worth repeating the displays at these venues
	113	Tesco's display board is also a good place to disseminate information as is the Queensbury directory
N	114	Make the park somewhere for everyone without destroying the natural wildlife
	115	I hope Littlemoor stays as it is
N	116	Green space is highly underrated and we always seem to want to develop every inch of space for the "kids"
	117	Well what about the adults who just want to walk their dogs or sit on a bench or birdwatch or look after their mental health?
	118	Keep it quite and stop the bloody cyclists tearing it up.
	119	I hope that the park remains protected for the purpose that it was left in trust by the Foster family
	120	It is vital that we protect what green spaces we have and the wildlife that inhabits the park for the future generations of Queensbury
	121	Protecting, preserving and developing the park for the wellbeing of our generations is vital in an increasing populated area.
N	122	Protecting and preserving will also allow for the continued provision of opportunities and experiences for all age groups to access and learn from nature whilst preserving the habitat for wildlife
	123	A passion to protect this beautiful park has been ignited amongst the local community and facilitated community action and ownership in looking after the park.
	124	Looking after the park can only serve as a role model to other residents volunteering and being involved in the places we inhabit
	125	No area gets given Bradford wildlife status and high priority network for no reason, the reason is simple, its an area favored by wildlife and so requires protection
	126	The park was gifted to the inhabitants of Queensbury, that includes the people and the wildlife
	127	The park should continue to be a haven for wildlife and their quiet enjoyment of nature
N	128	Allowing large cyclo-cross events in such an area is short sighted and is an attempt to appease those who shout loudest
	129	The park is not an asset to be fought-over for the benefit of the bullies, it is an area to be protected by people who also believe in being the voice of the very beings who ensured its protection from building developments
	130	It should now become a local nature reserve to wholly protect it from ALL development in the future
	131	As a resident of Littlemoor I want to be able to see the wildlife thrive in the park, whether it's the deer, rabbits, birdlife, insects, bats, there are few places in Bradford now that this can happen
	132	It's a wonderful environment to reconnect with our nature at the same time as doing something useful like walking the dog, or training by going for a run.
	133	The paths do need cleaning but I believe that this is on the councils "to do" list, then more people will be able to enjoy walks and runs through the park
	134	My real fear is that the park will try to become too many things for too many people.
N	135	Is there room to accommodate walkers and cyclists without someone getting hurt
	136	Can the very boggy ground come back from being used for outdoor events
	137	Where is the parking for large groups of people using the park at the same time
	138	There are lots of other parks in Queensbury and the surrounding areas that have a children's playing equipment, vandalized children's playing equipment
	139	If the park tries to accommodate everyone I don't think it will be useful for anyone in the end and that's when the council we re-visit the idea of it being a crematorium