

# Recreational Facilities in the Parish.

As well as suggesting improvements to facilities for the young people of the parish, some thought has been given to providing better recreational facilities generally, mainly local walks which could double as circuits for jogging.

Haughton Parish is situated in some very pleasant countryside but it is not always easy to gain access to it in a way which would benefit more people.

The most obvious improvement which has been made in recent times has been the opening up of the old disused railway line – now known as The Greenway – for walkers, cyclists and, with certain appropriate restrictions, horse riders.



However, access to the Greenway is not very “user-friendly” at either the Station Road entrance or, more especially, at the Brazenhill Lane point of access. There is also a need for more regular maintenance to keep vegetation from encroaching on the walkway.

There are a number of designated footpaths in and around the parish but these are poorly maintained and signposted and do not offer a comprehensive network which could form the basis of some linked circular walks, pedal cycle tracks and bridleways.

Within the village itself there only limited scope for older residents, young families with prams and pushchairs or simply those wishing to take a short stroll, to walk anywhere other than round a fairly limited selection of pavement routes.



There are obvious dangers involved in attempting to walk along any roads without pavements, especially with pushchairs, wheelchairs etc.

Consideration could be given to the provision of space for other forms of recreation and sport which could be catered for in the improvements to the playing field.

An area of parkland could be created where people could take a pleasant stroll or sit on a bench and pass the time of day with other residents. This would enhance a community atmosphere and possibly also provide a venue for whole village events such as fetes which are at present organised by separate groups within the parish.



### **Our proposed policies:**

- To develop a network of pathways around the village for walking, jogging, cycling and riding with improved access to The Greenway.
- To create an area of parkland within the suggested housing development scheme.