

HAUGHTON PLAYING FIELD

Haughton Playing Field was first opened in 1986 following several years of fundraising via a “100 Club”. As there were several football groups active at this time the field was divided into two, one section for young children and a full size football pitch.



However, the football pitch is no longer used.

The equipment is now over twenty years old and is in need of replacement.



The children have requested that a BMX track be provided on the playing field.



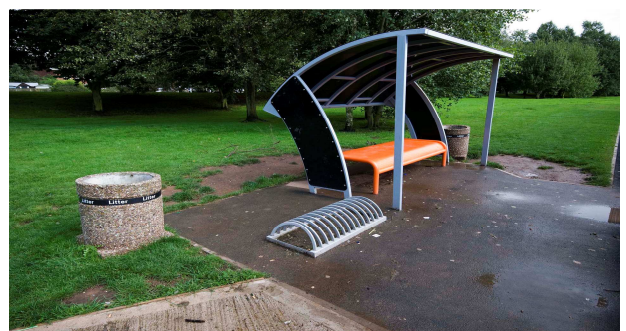
If the playing field was redesigned it could be split into two or three areas.



Funds could then be obtained for a Multi-sport area and BMX track.

Both these facilities could be used by boys and girls.

The area for younger children could also be separated.



A Gnosall group applied to the Lottery Fund and were successful in obtaining £50,000 which was used to provide the children of the village with a multi-sport area.



The Gnosall play area for young children has also been expanded and is separated from the multi-sport area used by the teenage group.

Funds and grants are available from various projects to Steering Groups who wish to develop multi-sport areas, children's play areas and other projects such as improving paths, access through to wildlife areas and access for the disabled. [\(See additional information\).](#)

The Government's "Play Builder" Scheme

Fair Play

A consultation on the play strategy



The Government's current consultation document state that:

“Strong, vibrant communities should offer a variety of places for children to play, places in which children have a stake and that they can help shape through their active involvement in design and decision making. All children and young people should be able to find places, near their homes, where they can play freely and meet their friends. They should feel confident and safe to play both indoors and out, and in a manner that is appropriate to their needs and interests. Play will support community cohesion and help keep children healthy”.

Unfortunately the Parish Council cannot submit applications for some grants for these facilities. Therefore a parent or community group needs to be formed.

If the young people of the village were involved in fund raising and design of the playing field this could increase ownership and reduce vandalism.

Our Proposals:

- To update the equipment and layout of the playing field area, including access and lighting with the support of a parent/community steering group.

If you would like to be part of a steering group to develop new playing field areas for the children of Haughton, or you would just like to be involved in helping to raise the funds, please contact any member of the Parish Council or Parish Plan Group.

