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# St Johns Play Space Report

## June 2022

Theme 2 – Creating a more attractive environment

Priority 3 - Improve local amenities and open spaces

Activity 1 – Improve and increasing play opportunities in the BBL area

Report – March 22



After consultation on St John's green space with the community it was found that the young people who use that play space would like to see the Skate Park improved.

With Central Park Boston now housing an amazing new Skate Park it was discussed within BBC at one point whether to remove the Skate Park in St John's.

However at the wish of the community it is still in-situ and is still being used by children and young people who live in that area.

Also discussed with the community on St John's was the fenced play area which although has many play opportunities was thought to be only suited for toddler to 7 year olds. Parents, children and young people would like to see more challenging equipment or indeed a large piece of equipment likened to the Pirate Ship which was installed in Woodville Road Play Area.

The community were however very happy to have had goal posts, outdoor gym equipment and a basketball court area along with a trim trail installed in St Johns over the last few years.

As mentioned previously a tour will take place with BTAC of all of their play sites which will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July and all findings will go to the next BTAC meeting for full discussion in September.

Even though this will not be until September I think it would be worth waiting for BTAC views on what budget they may wish to spend on updating any of their play areas before BBL decide what the £25,000 budget for St John's area should be spent on in case joint funding (if made available) could be spent on a bigger project. This of course may not be the case at which I will continue with further consultation.

I hope this is a decision you will agree with.

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