

Lea Play Area

The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of developing the play area in Lea to include some equipment for the older children in our parish. We have recently had a specific request to consider a basketball hoop. In the past, the council has consulted children at Lea School and within the parish to ascertain their wishes for their play area. Unfortunately, an application for funding for the equipment was denied. We do acknowledge the need for healthy outdoor activities for our children and are very supportive of the request. In reality, the obstacle will be the costs. We intend to convene the play area working group to approach companies for ideas, design and costs. We will research possible funding sources and the parish council may be able to contribute. Residents' views, skills and knowledge would be most welcome; if anyone has any experience with funding applications, development of play areas or any ideas they would like to put forward, please contact any of the parish councillors.

We would also like your views on whether we, as residents would be prepared to contribute financially. From the limited research we have completed so far, it appears that, if we were in an inner city, deprived area, funding from external sources may be more forthcoming. But, in our case, probably not so. Your opinions and thoughts would be much appreciated.

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