



BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL SPORTS AND RECREATION PLAN

Background.

Brixton Parish has a number of sports and recreation facilities, but there are significant gaps in provision and there is scope for the improvement of existing facilities. In order to make best use of available and potential funding, particularly section 106 funding from the Venn Farm/Canes Orchard housing development, there is a requirement to review current provision, assess outstanding needs and provide justification and a plan for future developments.

The long term vision of the Parish Council is to create sustainable sports and recreation opportunities that are both formal and informal for all of the community. Opportunities and facilities will be affordable and accessible and will offer educational benefit. This is the Brixton Parish Sports and Recreation Plan.

The plan covers a 10 year period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2029.

Aim

To expand the provision of sport and recreation facilities in Brixton Parish to meet the requirements of a growing community.

Organisations Involved

Brixton Parish Council (BPC). Consists of 9 elected members, supported by the Parish Clerk. The Chair has lead responsibility for the Brixton Parish Sports and Recreation Plan.

Brixton Community Association (BCA). Umbrella organisation for a number of village clubs. Responsible for the administration of the Brixton Community Hall (BCH) including those existing community facilities shared with Brixton St Mary's Primary School.

Brixton St Mary's Primary School (BStM'sPS). Part of United Schools Federation. It has a large grass sports field, a hard asphalt outdoor sports pitch, outside table tennis tables and a sports hall, all of which are available to the community outside of school hours. The sports hall is bookable by prior arrangement (see below).

Other Interested Organisations

South Hams District Council
Plymouth

Active Devon. Supports specific activities through its Active Villages and Devon Active Communities programmes.

Devon County Council.

Population Profile

Sport England Market Segmentation for the PL8 postcode area (the closest demarcation to the Parish) shows that a large percentage of the Parish population is likely to be actively involved in a range of sports and activities and will therefore respond positively to improved facilities.

The Venn Farm and other housing developments since 2014 have, or will shortly have, increased the village by 25%. A significant proportion of new residents, including young families, would benefit from an increased range of local sport and recreation facilities.

Table 1 below lists the facilities required to meet the current expressed under-provision identified during the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Current S106 funds available

The Appendix lists the funds currently or potentially available to Brixton Parish from developments at Venn Farm and others (From SHDC Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) - Section 106 contributions by Parish/Town Version 03/08/2017

Consultation/Demand identification

This plan is based on the demand expressed during community consultation carried out during the preparation of Brixton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A summary of response to the parish questionnaire of 2016 is at Fig 1.

Question 5.2 asked which outdoor activities respondents wished to take part in if the facilities were available or improved.

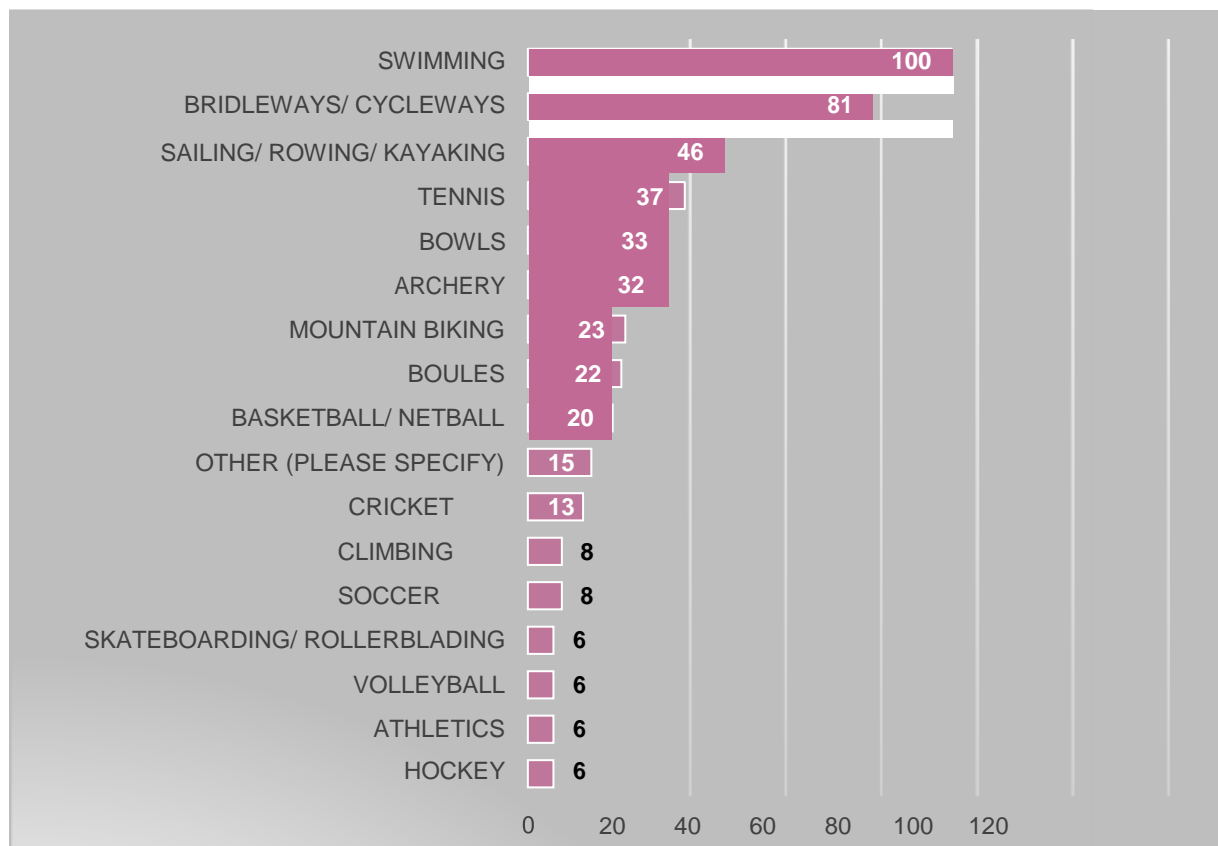


Fig 1 Extract from Brixton Parish Questionnaire 2016

In addition, Annex 2 of the Questionnaire responses report included comments with specific suggestions for each of the activities proposed in the table of projects below.

Current Facilities

Sports grounds, Grassed playing fields with Rugby pitches at the western edge of the parish, owned by Plymstock Albion Oaks Rugby Club (PAORC). Includes a pavilion with changing rooms and central area including bar and café all recently rebuilt and refurbished with money secured from Sport England and the RFU. Exercise and dance classes at Albion Oakes Club House. Trim Trail at Horsham Playing Fields.

Staddiscombe Playing Fields

Rugby and Football pitches maintained by Plymouth City Council and used by Plymouth soccer teams and Plymouth University.

Soccer Pitch in Brixton village, formally part of the Kitley Estate and used by their agreement by SB Frankfort Football club from Plymouth. Not currently available for Brixton teams. The changing facilities are in very poor condition but due to be replaced by a modest combined-use building to be shared with the Scouts and Cubs, re-located from the existing dilapidated building next to the A379. Note below the desire to make this a more substantial multi-use building available to the community.

Brixton St Mary's Primary School.

Grass sports field for athletics football, etc., and a small outdoor hard sports facilities surface for soccer, and potentially for basketball practice. The school-owned facilities are available out of school hours for use by the community. The school is interested in expanding the all-weather play surface for multi-sport use.

There is a small swimming pool at the school that is not currently available for public use outside of school hours, due to lack of adequate lifeguard arrangements.

Sports/Community Hall at Brixton St Mary's School

The school hall is also used by local groups, out of school hours, for badminton, short mat bowls, yoga, table tennis, gymnastics and dance, all on a regular basis. Hired out by the Brixton Community Association.

Community Room.

A room at the school is available for meetings and community indoor activities, hired out by the Brixton Community Association.

Venn Court Sheltered Housing.

Gentle exercise for improving balance, flexibility and preventing falls.

Greenways, footpaths, cycle paths, bridleways.

The parish has a network of public rights of way, which are currently well maintained and well used managed by BPC under the P3 Scheme with Devon County Council. Part of the Erme-Plym Trail runs through the Parish. There is a shared permissive footpath, Silverbridge Way, linking Brixton with Yealmpton through the fields adjacent to the A379. A footpath cycleway from Otter Garden Centre links the village to Elburton via Dawes Lane, however the surface within Plymouth City boundary is in poor condition and in

need of improvement. There is potential to add to these, including opening up neglected rights of way as described below. There are also plans, described in the Neighbourhood Plan for new public rights of way, which are listed in Table 1 under Access to Outdoor Spaces.

Cycleways are limited and there are currently no bridleways within the Parish. Access to the Sherford Country Park is proposed in the Brixton Parish Neighbourhood Plan for pedestrian, cycle and equestrian access.

Accessible Natural Green Spaces

Small grassed area at the head of Cofflete Creek.

Children's Play Spaces

Good quality children's play spaces are available at Elliots Hill and at Woodland Drive. A Play Trail links the play spaces and open spaces in the village. Small space for under 5's in Canes Orchard. The Feoffee Park provides informal play space.

Allotments

29 allotments at Stamps Hill

Table 1: Improved and/or new facilities required to meet existing quantity/quality/accessibility shortfalls, and anticipated future demand from additional housing development.

Note on Deliverability **Green** = easily deliverable short term; project plans being developed or in place. **amber** = deliverable with limitations and subject to project plan; **Red** = Not currently deliverable, needs longer term project plan.

Shortfall/ Issue	Facility	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Owner/ Project lead/ Partners	Indicative Cost and funding source	Deliverability	Target for Completion
Outdoor Sports							
Tennis Courts Basketball netball for multi use etc	Elbridge House	Renovation of Tennis Court and adapt to multi-use	BPNP	Land owner	£30k	Red	
Multi Use Courts indoor & outdoor	Brixton St Mary's primary school	Expanding existing facilities for multi-sport use	BPNP		£50k	Amber	
Indoor and Outdoor Space for activities for all age groups	1.Scout Hut	1. Multi-use buiiding with more facilities for the community	BPNP		£60k to complement contribution from landowner (S106)	Amber	
	2.Fitness Trails	2a. Horsham				Green	
		2b Brixton Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliots Hill, • Silverbridge 			106	Green	
						Amber	

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River Access	Steer Point	Public access to the slipway for water sports, Kayaking	BPNP	Land owner			
Mountain Biking		Access to off road trails - hopefully to be delivered in the Sherford Country	BPNP	Links to Sherford			
All year round swimming	St. Marys School		BPNP	St. Mary's School_____			
Extended play facilities at the school	St. Marys School	Cricket nets	BPNP	_____			
Playing Field Ridge Cross	Playing field	Nothing in this plan pending future review		_____			
Access to outdoor spaces							
Community Amenity Space	Cofflete Creek	A community amenity space. See Appendix 1 Project Plan	BPNP	SHDC	£21K S106 Existing		May 2019
Improve connectivity (no bridleways ; cycle ways not joined up)	Monkey Lane Access to Sherford Community Park	Footpath/ Cycleway/Bridleway	BPNP	Devon Highways Sherford Consortium	S106 (Sherford)		

Shortfall/ Issue	Facility	Project description	Evidence of need and community support	Owner/ Project lead/ Partners	Indicative Cost and funding source	Deliverability	Target for Completion
Access to countryside	Neglected footpath from Cofflete Creek to Spriddlestone	Status being investigated by DCC					
Safe pedestrian and cycle access to Steer point	Parallel to Steer Point Road	Footpath/ Cycleway	BPNP	Land Owner	S106 (future)		
Improved pedestrian and cycle access to Brixton Village	Along former railway line from Elburton to Brixton	Footpath/ Cycleway	BPNP	Plymouth CC & Devon CC	S106 (Sherford)		
Improved pedestrian and cycle access from Chittleburn to Yealmpton	Along former railway line from Chittleburn to Yealmpton	Footpath/ Cycleway	BPNP	Land Owner	S106 (future)		
Improve access to the country side for all	Cofflete Park Footpath	Improve this path so that it is accessible for all including replacing stiles with gates , and provision of suitable surfacing		BPC Footpaths group, DCC & Land owner			rd)
Access to residential & employment area	Chittleburn Hill	Footpath parallel to A 379 from Chittleburn Hill to Rodgers Garage	BPNP				
New footpath access from Halwell to Carrollsland	Halwell to Horsham Fields	Footpath	BPNP				
Improved Outdoor amenity space							

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Improved Outdoor amenity space							
Conservation & Preservation of the countryside	1. Cofflete	1.Restoring stone walls , 2.tree planting (orchard) 3.wild flower areas 4.Seats	BPNP				
Other							
Access to resources in wider community	Community Bus	Contribution to Purchase of Community Bus	St. Marys School		£25K		
Play spaces		Nothing in this plan pending future review					

APPENDIX – List of Brixton S-106 Funds (from SHDC OSSR Nov 2018)

Planning application	Status (s106 signed/funds received)	Amount	MF - monitoring fee applies	GI – Green Infrastructure officer	Clause	Trigger (if funds not yet received)	Spend by	Projects
Venn Farm	Funds received	£40,500	<5%	5%	Generic OSSR	N/a	13/05/2019	Via OSSR Plan
07/2022/12/F		£12,000	N/a	N/a	Maintenance sum for onsite Open Space Land to be paid to recipient of the Open Space Land	N/a	None specified	To be paid to recipient of the Open Space Land
Barn Conversions at Butlas Farm, Brixton 07/1601/08/F	Funds received	£16,255	None	5%	Generic OSSR	N/a	23/12/2041	Via OSSR Plan
Venn Farm 07/1196/15/F	S106 signed	£42,284	<5%	TBC	Play space improvements within Brixton	50% prior to occupation of the dwelling or on expiry of the Outline Planning Permission whichever is soonest. 907/1197/15/O,	5 years of receipt	Play provision within Brixton

	£45,220	<5%	TBC	Improvement of sport and recreation facilities at Horsham Playing Fields, Brixton and/or the football pitch at Frankfort Park, Brixton and/or access improvements to these	50% prior to occupation of 1 st dwelling Remainder on earliest of occupation of 8 th dwelling, or 24 st months from 1 st payment	10 years of receipt	Named projects: Horsham Playing Fields, Brixton and/or the football pitch at Frankford Park, Brixton
	£12,000	N/a	N/a	Maintenance sum for onsite Open Space Land to be paid to recipient of the Open Space Land	N/a	5 years of receipt	To be paid to recipient of the Open Space Land