

## **Summary of current play from information provided by Cheveley Parish Council**

This Summary of Play report has been produced by East Cambridgeshire District Council following the 2012-13 Play Audit on behalf of parish councils to help guide their planning and funding for new or upgrading play facilities.

The report includes details of current provision and any issues highlighted by the Cheveley Parish Council when completing the consultation. The findings are based on information provided by the parish council during 2012-13 and have been compared to the local planning standards which provide a benchmark on provision that should be available according to population size.

The findings indicate where there may be deficits and will be useful for parishes that are considering any improvements or enhancing play provision to address deficits or growth.

### **Play Provision and Informal Open Space**

The table below identifies all play areas and areas of informal open space in Cheveley, using information provided by Cheveley Parish Council in September 2012.

Map Ref	Location	Category <sup>1</sup>	Age Group(s)	Size (hectares)
2A	Recreation Ground	PLAY	J	0.038616
3A	High Street	INFORM		0.03181
3B	Park Road	INFORM		0.078618
3C	High Street / Pump Green	INFORM		0.064716
3D	Broad Green	INFORM		0.508393

T = Toddler (2 to 5 year olds)

J = Junior (6 to 12 year olds)

Y = Youth (13 to 18 year olds)

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<sup>1</sup> Play Area: A space with equipment sited for the purpose of enabling children and young people to play legitimately (including Skate Parks)

Informal Open Space: Areas of informal space (not used for formal sports), including parks, kick-about areas, green corridors and village greens.

Map illustrating the locations of existing play areas and areas of informal open space.

The following map illustrates the locations of play areas and areas of informal open space in Cheveley.

Radial travel distances have been outlined to illustrate catchment areas for each play area. The radial travel distances are a part of the East Cambs planning standard for play areas set out in the East Cambs Sports Facilities & Play Areas Assessment 2005.

Toddler: Approx 600m straight line distance

Junior: Approx 600m straight line distance

Youth: Approx 1000m straight line distance



## **ECDC Assessment of play provision and informal open space against the local planning standard**

### East Cambs Planning Standards for Play Areas and Informal Open Space

Local provision standards set by the East Cambs Sports Facilities & Play Areas Assessment 2005 and the East Cambridgeshire Informal Open Space Study 2005 were used to measure against existing provision in order to determine whether or not there is a surplus or deficit of provision.

<b>Category of Space</b>	<b>Space per person (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Standard size of area (ha)</b>
Informal Open Space	25 square metres (2.5 ha)	
Toddler Outdoor Play Space (2 to 5 years old)	0.2 square metres (0.02 ha)	0.01 ha
Junior Outdoor Play Space (6 to 12 years old)	0.8 square metres (0.08 ha)	0.04 ha
Youth Outdoor Play Space (13 to 18 years old)	1 square metres (0.1 ha)	0.1 ha

### Population

1,990<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 2011 Census, Neighbourhood Statistics, January 2013

Informal Open Space (hectares)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.6835 hectares	4.975 hectares	-4.291 hectares

Toddlers (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	3.98 facilities	-3.98 facilities

Juniors (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.97 facilities	3.98 facilities	-3.01 facilities

Youths (facilities)		
Actual	Requirement	Deficit/ Surplus
0.00 facilities	1.99 facilities	-1.99 facilities

- deficit
- surplus
- no response
- incomplete response

## **Analysis of existing provision in Cheveley**

There is currently one play area and four areas of informal open space in Cheveley.

### **Deficits and surpluses of provision**

Cheveley has a deficit of provision for all ages and open space. Cheveley's play area caters for the junior age group however provision is insufficient to serve the entire population.

This is also backed up by Cheveley Parish Council who have identified that there are insufficient play areas to meet existing community needs. The Parish Council specify that a play area for teenagers is desired at the Recreation Ground.

Cheveley Parish Council advises that there is adequate provision of informal open space, however the audit identifies that this is in fact a deficit based on the planning standard per head of population.

The following areas that fall outside of the radial travel zone of Cheveley's junior play area:

- High street (south of Church Lane), including Spurling Close, Coach Lane and Little Green

### **Play experiences**

Cheveley Parish Council scored the existing play areas using a modified version of Play England's Play Space Quality Assessment Tool Kit which considered the following criteria:

- Level of usage
- Maintenance
- Health & Safety
- Location
- Range of play experiences

The parish council identified that the current play area is not well used by children despite being well located and that the range of play experiences could be improved. The parish council specify that there is not enough play experiences for children aged 10 and over.

### **Future development**

Cheveley Parish Council has advised that they wish to develop existing play areas within the recreation ground.

### **Consultation**

Cheveley Parish Council advised that consultation was carried out with some local children (aged ten and above) at a meeting, to discuss what they would like to see added to the recreation ground.

### **Accessibility**

Cheveley Parish Council states that the current play area is not sufficient for disabled play.

## **Further information**

### **Fields in Trust protection**

Protecting outdoor recreational space is vital for the health and wellbeing of communities now and in the future, and to increase wildlife diversity and provide habitat.

Fields in Trust works with landowners to protect outdoor spaces with legal documentation. The landowner will nominate the site and a deed of dedication is drawn up by Fields in Trust and signed by both parties. There's no transfer of ownership or management to Fields in Trust.

For further information on safeguarding outdoor recreational space, visit [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org).

### **Best Practice Guidance**

Attached you will find up-to-date, best practice guidance on play area development, with information on the following:

- Location
- Design
- Access and inclusion
- Consultation and participation
- Quality
- Risk Management

### **Promotion of online tools**

The following websites may provide useful information regarding play and open space, along with helpful ways to promote your existing facilities:

Fields in Trust Protected Fields Map  
[www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)

East Cambridgeshire District Council  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

Play England Nature Play Map  
<http://www.playengland.org.uk/nature-play-map.aspx>