

The Meadows Public Consultation



On 4th January Wirksworth Town Council finalised the purchase of the Meadows. The successful campaign to buy the land was made possible by the generous contributions of the residents of the Town. The council is now looking ahead to what improvements could be made to the Meadows and what use, if any, could be made of the area.

Background

The Meadows is a 4.8-acre piece of land. For almost 60 years, it has not been used or maintained except for two public footpaths that cross the space. It sits behind Warmbrook and can be accessed on foot from Hammonds Court, Fogg's Entry, Yokecliffe Drive, Yokecliffe Crescent and Summer Lane. There is currently no vehicular access.




What will the process be?

The Meadows has been unused for many years and we will now take time to ascertain the most suitable usage for the land. As the first step in the process we are gathering people's ideas on how the space might be used. All residents are welcome to submit suggestions, the Town Council will also consult the schools and community groups directly. Ideas will then be collated and summarised to form the next stage of consultation.

What are the options?

At this stage of the process we welcome all ideas, big or small!

How to submit your ideas:

-  Email us your idea (in 100 words or less) to:
enquiries@wirksworth.gov.uk
-  Complete the form over leaf and post/drop into Wirksworth Town Hall, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth DE4 4EU.
-  Any queries? Call the Town Council on 01629 823408

See overleaf

Your ideas

Please tell us in 100 words (or less)


What you would like to see on the Meadows?

Why not just leave the space as it is?

In 2019, an application to register the land as an 'asset of Community Value' was rejected by Derbyshire Dales District Council with the reason given that there was insufficient evidence that the space is used by the community (other than the Rights of Way). Therefore, the best way to protect the space may be to provide it with some kind of regular usage, other than a footpath.

Submit your ideas in one of the following ways:

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Deadline for suggestions: 29 March 2020