



Neighbourhood Area: East

**Community & Neighbourhood
Manager:** Carol Jones

Walkabout Area: Heartsease Towers
Park

Background

In September Mike Parker, parks and open spaces officer for the city council identified that he had a budget of £34,000 to spend on equipment which could be located in the Heartsease area. He suggested that Heartsease Towers Park would be suitable. He clarified that older teenagers and adults had already been catered for by the multi-use games area (the tarmacked area within fencing), the skateboarding halfpipe and the Pink Peddle Way. He also acknowledged that the younger children had their own play area too. However, there was little to attract 13 to 15 year olds.

Mike Parker, Sara Martinez the communications officer, Mark Pimlott chaplain of the Open Academy and Jeff Compton the community engagement officer then planned how we could engage students from Open to ask for their ideas on how to spend the money, particularly targeting their age group. This is what we organised;

Survey

A survey was created deliberately for this age group. It contained pictures of equipment that could be installed and the prices of each piece so that students could both be aware of how expensive they were and also have a choice of which items they could have within the budget. A larger version of the survey was displayed prominently at the school for a week prior to the assembly.

School Assembly

On Tuesday 10 December Mike Parker and Jeff Compton were invited to the Open Academy by Mark Pimlott, to speak to the assembly of 160 year nine students. We gave each student a copy of the survey, explaining that their views were important and would be taken into account if they completed them and handed them in.

We then returned a week later to collect the forms, collate the information and use this to influence the final decision about which equipment is installed. We estimate that the installation will take place in Spring/Summer 2015

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