

# Report on a survey of use of a park on Meeting House Lane (and Barrett's Lane) Balsall Common

## 1. Background

There is an area of land shown as a recreation ground next to the Catholic Church on Meeting House lane in the Ordinance Survey maps.



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This area of land was once rented on short term basis by Balsall and Berkswell PC jointly and subsequently by Berkswell PC as a playground with play equipment. Since that time it has been open land used by the community and it is understood by the Hornets football club. Given its community use, Berkswell NDP Steering Committee organised a survey of usage which was conducted by John and Wendy Cairns over the period 6<sup>th</sup> January to 3 February 2018. The data collected by was primarily taken by interviewing those using the recreation ground but with some interviewing of those who might use the ground. The usage survey was conducted during January 2018, a period of inclement weather including heavy snowfall.

## 2. Results of Survey

### a. Frequency of use

A total of 114 people submitted returns. Their declared frequency of use was as follows

Roughly daily	Roughly weekly	Less than once per week
48	51	15
42%	45%	13%

### b. Reasons for use

Exercise/Leisure walking	Dog walking/exercise	Children/Grandchildren	Football/sport/games	Social use
38	70	20	11	3
27%	49%	14%	8%	2%

Note: some people gave more than one reason for use.