



‘Considerate Friends’ Report with Recommendations for Oldbury Court Estate

Considerate Friends are a group of unpaid family carers and disabled people who visit local services to suggest recommendations and improvements for disabled people, carers and people aged 50 and over. The project works across the Greater Fishponds area and visits started in January 2018.

The project is under the umbrella of Bristol Ageing Better and run in partnership between The Care Forum and Carers Support Centre. Carers Support Centre supports carers to volunteer for the project and organises the visits.

On 15th August 2018, a small group of volunteers visited Oldbury Court Estate and made the following observations.



Did you find the park easy to access? Score **5/5**

There are two car parks. The one that Considerate Friends use is large and has been extended. This makes the park very easy to access.

Would you go back again? Score **5/5**

What was the best thing about the park?



- It is very spacious and clean. There isn't much rubbish.
- The park is pretty and there are a range of nice trees.
- We appreciate that the emergency button in the accessible toilet isn't a pull cord.
- The fact that there is an accessible toilet.
- Toilets are open, clean and useable.
- Fencing for the children's play area.
- Mostly smooth pavements which is good for wheelchairs (although some are due for maintenance).
- Picnic area.
- The café.

- It is busy and well used.
- It is attractive and there are a variety of trees.

What would you like to see improved about the park?

- The café doesn't have any spare straws, which some people with cerebral palsy need to support them to safely drink hot drinks.
- Adult open gym equipment would be a good way to encourage fitness amongst older people.
- Some pavements need to be resurfaced. In particular, we noticed this near the BS16 car park towards the quieter end of the park. This area is more challenging for people using wheelchairs to manoeuvre along.
- More signposts to the walks (e.g. Snuff Mills) would be helpful.
- Allocated bike paths would help separate cyclists from pedestrians.

In summary

Considerate Friends were impressed by the park and the range of facilities for people living in Greater Fishponds and particularly appreciated the use of the café and toilets.