

FRIENDS OF THORNBURY PARK – Condensed comments made at 4.11.2015 meeting

What I like about Thornbury Park	What I don't like about Thornbury Park	Ways I'd improve Thornbury Park
<p>Attraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place for people to meet • A good place to sit • The trees, shrubs and bushes <p>Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good sized space in an urban environment • Its location and accessibility <p>Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good facility for dog walkers • Play facilities for youngsters • The skate park • The football court • A good place for healthy walks • A good area for recreation for all to use • A good place to gather wild foods 	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter, insufficient litter bins and their emptying • Broken glass on football court • Damage to trees • Over zealous hedge cutting <p>Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one pathway through the park • Insufficient lighting • Insufficient signage to routes in and out • Insufficient direction signs to the park • Absence of notice boards • The dereliction of the Harvard Tennis Club site • No consultation on its name change <p>Anti social activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorcycling over the grass • Drinking • Drug dealing and drug use • Vandalism of sports and play equipment • Graffiti • Undesirables using the park at night • Ineffective policing 	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve general maintenance • Monitor and maintain sports equipment especially the basketball court • A clear management strategy • More sympathetic pruning of fruiting plants • Clear graffiti <p>Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install signs and notice boards • More rubbish bins • Increase seating, add picnic tables • Improve play and playground facilities • Bring back a pavilion and encourage participation in cricket, football, tennis, running, nature trailing walks, kite flying • Install table tennis and chess furniture • An exercise area and open air gym for OAPs • A café for mums to meet <p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More police visits and patrols • Stop motorcyclists accessing the park • Close it at night • Stop the drinking • Stop the drugs activity <p>Enhancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a pathway around the field • Increase lighting for all year use • Clear the former tennis club site • More interesting planting and landscaping • Create more imaginative planting • Reinstate wildflower areas • Reintroduce allotments • Commemorate the film A Hard Day's Night • Programme family and community events