

Neighbourhood Area Infrastructure Audit – Acomb Neighbourhood Plan

Our current community facilities and infrastructure in the area

1. What is the name or piece of infrastructure you are recording?

Little Oaks (Acomb) Ltd

2. Is the facility or infrastructure you are recording indoors or outdoors?

Indoors

Outdoors

Both

3. What is the primary use of the facility/infrastructure?

- Community
- Education
- Health
- Emergency Service
- Sport and Recreation
- Social
- Cultural
- Worship
- Retail
- Local Service
- Environmental

Other (please specify)

4. Are there community activities provided in the facility?

Yes

No

5. If yes - please list the community activities within the facility.

- Parent and Toddler Group using shared School Hall
- Acomb WI using shared School Hall
- Use of Parish common land for Forest Activities
- Large yard shared with School
- Small Outdoor Classroom shared with School
- Field shared with School
- Community Orchard shared with school
- Breakfast Club using shared School Hall
- After school care using shared School Hall

Community facilities initiated and sustained by Nursery Manager

6. Approximately, when is the facility available for use?

- Weekdays only
- Weekdays evenings only
- Weekends only
- Weekends evenings only
- 7 days a week (including evenings)
- 24 hours
- Other (please specify)

Weekdays only term time with exception of Acomb WI using School Hall once a month in evenings

7. Approximately how many people use the facility?

Per week?

Currently 30 families (in the past have had up to 48 families)

Per year?

In 2002, started with 6 families. Now 30 families.

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Questions about the building

8. Who owns the facility?

Local Authority own building

9. What is the type of ownership?

Freehold

Leasehold

10. If the building is Leasehold, what is the length of the lease?

N/A

11. What is the approximate size of the facility in square metres?

30m square estimate

12. How many spaces, rooms or halls are available for community use?

0

1

2

3

4 or more

Other (please specify)

Nursery section has 1 room and toilets x 2 with changing facilities plus storage.
Have access to other facilities – see Q 5

13. Please record the spaces and facilities available to use?

Main Hall

Secondary Hall

Meeting room

Stage

Toilets

Accessible Toilets

Kitchen

Other (Please specify)

Shower/changing rooms

Child friendly facilities

Storage

Social facilities (e.g. licensed bar)

Office

Secure cycle parking

Accessible access

See Q 5 too

14. Do you have any comments about the condition of any of the facilities available currently?

Facilities are not great. The wooden floor has been extensively repaired and needs further repairs due to wood worm. Doors do not fit. Decoration required throughout.

15. How would you rate the energy efficiency of the building?

Poor Fair Good

16. How would you describe the general repair of the building?

Poor Fair Good

17. What is the number of total car parking spaces?

None

18. How many disabled parking spaces?

None

19. How many secure cycle parking spaces are there?

None

20. How is the cost of running and maintaining the building and facilities met?

- Fees and charges
- Funds
- Donations
- Grants
- Funding
- Other (Please specify)

Fund raising through community events
Successful Grant Applications for extra resources e.g. outdoor classroom

21. What is the catchment area for the use of your facility?

- Northumberland wide
- Acomb and beyond
- Acomb only
- Other (Please specify)

The future of the facilities and infrastructure

22. Do you think there will be a greater demand for use of the facility or infrastructure in the future?

- Number of babies born to mothers within the village has increased
- New housing development will increase numbers potentially
- Ofsted results since 2008 are outstanding with 2016 remaining so. The good Ofsted results raise the profile of the nursery and a recommended place for parents to send their children thus increasing demand.

23. Are there any other issues relating to this community facility or piece of infrastructure that you wish to record?

- Strong possibility for change from 3-tier to 2-tier educational system within Hexham Partnership Group with major consequences to the nursery provision in having to find suitable premises by September 2019 due to the potential future planning for the school to become Acomb Primary School accommodating 2 extra year groups, 5 and 6, within the rented space taken up by Little Oaks Nursery currently.
- Beaufront School is opening a new nursery in September 2018 which could potentially take nursery aged children who might have attended Little Oaks Nursery.
- Little Oaks Nursery provides a wider community service than the day to day educational element responding to families needs. The manager and staff spend time getting to know the children's families before entering the setting and remain involved with the families beyond nursery.