



April 5, 2010

To: Tracey Kirk, NW Hampshire Conservative Party,  
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Dear Tracey,

Please look and study our website before you do anything else.

<http://WhitchurchMeadow.org.uk/>

Our Trustees Committee meets every month and anyone is welcome to enquire about our activities. We have on our committee two OBE's; a Freeman of the City of London; three councillors and a world class oceanographer. I am a nationally and internationally acclaimed landscape designer and one who at one time ran half of Kew Gardens and then went on to be a Director with The John Lewis Partnership.

The Whitchurch Town Council has supported the Millennium Green since its inception in 1999 and it is used by thousands. My recent analysis of the value of the meadow (CV Community Value Assessment) is £179,000 per yr minimal.

**The suggestion that we are under-used is rubbish.** Our use grows every year and the quality improves also.

**The suggestion that £6000 could be used to install a playground is ill-founded** for two reasons: Firstly, it is not the sort of thing we want - and that decision is not based on any personal view, rather the views of many users and the Trustees; Secondly, it is financially a stupid proposition - A facility such as shown on the "in touch" leaflet is out of touch with real prices. In a normal situation it would cost £27K and on the sort of substrate we have at the Millennium Green site an extra £4K.

In some ways I am very happy this has all come up because it exposes more basic problems to do with fair and honest dealings in the area of the political domain.

I wait to see who will avoid getting involved, who will use cleverness to avoid proper responsibility, who will actually do positive things to make sure this sort of thing does not happen again.

The truth will emerge quite soon.

Graham Burgess

Chairman of The Whitchurch Millennium Green Trust.