

## Accessibility audit - Community Parks in Leeds

**Site Name:** Cross Flatts

**Name of person undertaking assessment:** Eloise Butler

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**Park description:** large park with limited access points without restriction. Well used by a variety of people with an accessible playground, a cafe and bowling club. Has routes with loops for walking or running.

What facilities does the park have in it?	
Facility	Yes/No
Playground	Yes
Multi-use games area	Yes
Bowling green	Yes
Football/rugby pitches	Yes
Toilets	In café
Bandstand	No
Tennis courts	Yes
Cafe	Yes
Refreshments (concession)	No
Cricket pitch	Yes
Specialist gardens	Yes
Visitor attraction	No
Quiet/reflective space	Yes
Other (give details)	

Details	Answer	Recommendations
<b>Before you visit</b>		
Is there information online about the park and how to get there?	Discover Leeds and Google Maps	
Is there information online about the facilities on site?	Discover Leeds	
Is there information online about key accessibility features such as parking, toilets, gradient of paths, benches.	No	Provide information online.
If the site is reviewed on Euan's Guide –how is the park rated and are there any comments worth noting?	No	
Where is the nearest Changing Places toilet if not on site?	John Charles Centre for Sport	
<b>Getting there:</b>		
<b>Car parking:</b> Is there a car park on site? On-street parking, Blue Badge bays, drop off points, minibus or coach parking, larger bays?	On street parking on Preston Parade, Cross Flatts Ave, Park View	
<b>Public transport:</b> E.g. bus stop name, bus services, distance from entrance/exit	Stops at top and bottom 50 from entrances. Busses 1,1b,65,75,553 at top and busses 2,3,29,116,200,201,202,203 at bottom	
<b>Cycling:</b> Are there any bike stands?	No	Add cycle rack at entrances on Town Street and Dewsbury Road
<b>Entrances:</b>		
Mark entrances on the map. What are the entrances like? Are they level? Do they have steps/a ramp? Do any steps have handrails?	Level but restricted	
Are there any access controls such as gates, A frames, chicanes? If so, are they accessible by wheelchair/scooter (A-frames are not)? Are gates easy to open?	A-frames on entrances blocking access	Review use of A-frames and remove/replace if possible.
How wide is the access point? Is it wide enough for a wheelchair/double buggy (1.2m)?	Two wide A- frames for wheelchairs to carefully be able to get on site but would not allow a double buggy	Widen out more A-frames and swap for a less restrictive entrance
Is there any signage at the entrances? Is it welcoming? Is there a map so people can easily navigate the site?	Signage at top, middle and bottom entrances with info on facilities or map	
<b>Lighting:</b>		
Is there any lighting on site? What is it like and what does it illuminate? Does it seem appropriate for the site e.g. does it help people get from A to B in the dark.	Lighting across one central path for people crossing the park.	
<b>Paths:</b>		
Do paths have directional signage on them?	Yes	
What is the path surface? Is it well maintained? Is it even? If the paths vary in type and quality show on the map	Tarmac paths with some areas of damage.	Repair and resurface issue areas as marked on map
How wide are the paths? Are they wide enough for a wheelchair/double buggy (1.2m with passing places or 1.8m without)? If some paths are very narrow, mark on map.	Most main routes are over 1.8m, some issues with steep areas and steps	
How steep is the park and its paths? <i>Flat, slightly sloping, sloping, slightly steep, steep.</i> Is the site on a hill?	Some areas of steep but mainly sloping throughout	
Are there any steps on site? If yes, what condition are they in? Do they have a handrail?	Yes, without handrails, can be avoided	Add handrails and supports
Are paths clear of overgrown vegetation such as trees, shrubs, weeds, grass?	Yes	
<b>Seating:</b>		
Is there sufficient seating on site? Use map if more benches are required in certain locations.	No, main paths could do with more benches	Add more benches in suitable locations.
Are the benches accessible? What height are they? Do they have armrests? Is there space for a wheelchair next to them? Variety of seating with some between 450 and 480mm, some should have both back and arm rests, some with a level transfer space 1200 mm wide should be located at one end, with an arm rest 500 to 750 mm from the transfer space.	Low variety, no wheelchair transfer spots and mostly similar height benches	Add benches with more variety and wheelchair transfer spaces
Are there any picnic benches, do these have accessible features such as place for wheelchair-users to sit.	Yes, by playground.	Monitor and remove litter

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<b>Feeling safe:</b>		
What safety features are in place?	CCTV, lights on one route and defib	
Are there any staff based on site?	Yes, in café and parks depot	
Are sightlines along main paths and entrances open?	Yes	
Are there plenty of escape routes and are they easy to locate?	Yes	
<b>Playground:</b>		
Is the playground welcoming on arrival? What is the entrance like? Are there 2 gates? Are the entrances easy to see and enter (gate should be different colour to fence)?	Yes , lots of benches	
Is there enough space in the playground for different users to get around safely?	Yes	
Is there any play equipment that is designed to be fully accessible? Describe.	Yes, seat swing, roundabout, spin bucket	
What is the surface of the play area? Is it easily accessible (sand/wood chip are harder to walk on)?	Soft rubber and tarmac	
Is there a wide range of play equipment for all ages and interests?	Yes	
Are there any quiet or low sensory play areas available?	Yes—paint on floor for education play	
<b>Toilets:</b>		
Are there toilets on site? How many, what type (accessible, Changing places)?	Yes, in café - accessible toilet can be used by men and women too	
When are the toilets open?	Café hours	
Are the toilets welcoming and easy to access?	Yes	
If there is an accessible toilet, does it have a radar key lock?	No radar lock	
<b>Café/concession:</b>		
If there is a café on site, does it have an accessible entrance?	There is a slight step up	Add ramp
Is there accessible seating?	Yes	
Is there room for wheelchairs and double buggies to get around the café?	Yes	
Is the counter a suitable height for wheelchair users?	Yes	
<b>Accessibility of other visitor facilities:</b>		
Is there a range of facilities provided that are appropriate to the size of the site so that all potential visitors feel welcome?	Yes	
Sports pitches	On grass	
Bowling green	Wide flat entrance	
Changing rooms	n/a	
Tennis courts	Stairs or uneven grass path to access	Create an accessible entrance
Multi-use games area	Stairs or uneven grass path to access	Create an accessible entrance
Visitor attraction	n/a	
Specialist gardens	Block paved but level and well maintained	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Are there any covered areas for rainy days e.g. bandstands, shelters? Do they have seats in?	Under cafe frontage.	
Is the park being well-used or is it relatively empty?	Well used	
Is there information available on site (on the welcome signs?) about how to report issues (such as crime) that would affect how welcoming and accessible the site is?	No	Add info on how to report issues.
<b>Any other comments?</b>		
Overall this is a pleasant and reasonably accessible park with wide tarmac circular paths. Lots of empty alcohol bottles and tins as litter across the park—makes it feel a bit unsafe.		
<b>If possible, get feedback from users about how they feel about the accessibility of the site—e.g feedback from Friends groups, Bowling clubs, findings from consultations from site, etc</b>		
Still to do		
<b>Top recommendations (minimum of 3)</b>		
Remove access restrictions at entrances (or find better alternatives) if possible without creating issues with anti-social behaviour. Add more varied seating with inclusive space for wheelchairs Repair and resurface paths as required. Add ramp to café.		

# Annotated Map

