

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

On Sunday morning I got really angry! I went up to MPF at about 7.00 am to find that the children's play area had been strewn with empty beer bottles and rubbish and worse! In fact I was so annoyed that I went home, got my gardening gloves and cleared the whole place up until about 9.00 when Danny Flynn, our regular contractor, turned up on a routine run to empty the bins and we completed the works together. I had to disinfect the slide and table surface.

This was an appalling antisocial act by somebody, with little thought for the children who would have used this later in the day.

Danny is to trim down the grass later this week and we are looking into whether or not our CCTV has picked up the miscreants on camera, in which case the matter will be followed up. I am also asking the wardens to continue regular patrols late at night through MPF, particularly at weekends.

At our September Playing Fields Committee we are going to consider whether or not to put a small fence around the children's play area, so as to prevent access by dogs, since we are receiving fairly regular complaints now of dog fouling.

Do you have any opinions on whether or not we should put up a fence? If so, please let us know.

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