

The Old Showfield

Great for dogs, kids, runners, walkers, and general outdoor stuff!

And home of the Showfield Orchard. How do you like them apples (and pears... and olives!)

Close to the town centre, the Old Showfield is one of Frome's largest green spaces at just over 19 acres. This means there's plenty of room to stretch your legs and play. The views aren't bad, either.

And with houses, schools, Frome College, the Robins and the medical practice all nearby, it's a great way of getting from A to B.

What you'll find here already

- Climbing, swinging, sliding & zip-wiring in the play area
- The Showfield Orchard. In time, fruit for picking and foraging. For now, lots of lovely trees
- Avenue trees along the main paths – including three *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* trees; known for their vivid yellows & pinks in autumn; and for their sweet and sugary smell in leaf fall
- Short grass for people & playing; and long grass (and wildflowers) for nature & biodiversity
- Opportunities for walking, running and cycling – with a flat, even route of just under 1 mile all the way around the Showfield (approximately 0.8 miles or 1.3 km, if you like to be more exact)
- Getting fit in the fresh air. Walking or running laps. Or using the free outdoor gym

Next steps for the Old Showfield

- Supporting local people to get Frome's free Saturday **parkrun** started
- Succession planting Oaks dating back to the **Selwood Forest**
- Lines of **fruit trees** dotted along the paths that take you to the orchard
- Improved **signage** on site, especially in the play area
- Investment in the **play area** using funds from the Trinity Park development
- More **places to sit down** and take in the views across the town

Technical Summary

Main habitat typology: Grassland
Play & recreation value: High
Value for sport: High
Landscape value: Medium
Habitat value: Low to medium
Amenity value: High

Management Summary

We manage the Old Showfield for its play, recreation and amenity

Approved at Council Matters: February 2019
Review schedule: Every year
Next scheduled review: Spring 2020