



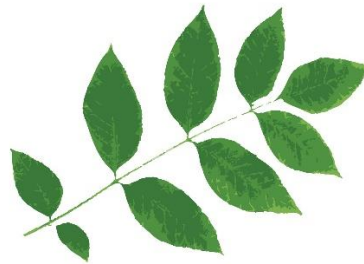
# **Ashbourne Public Greenspaces Group**

## **Draft Utopia Report**

**Revision 1**

**Issued**

**28 February 2022**



**Pressure of other events compel us to issue a highly abridged version of the Utopia report at this point. In essence, we confine ourselves herein to presenting the Ideas list as it stands as of 28 February 2022.**

**On March 8, we will issue a revised version, complete with background information, procedures to be followed to submit ideas or comment on existing items in the list, etc. We will publish further revisions over time as submissions arrive in.**

**This kicks off the process of consulting with you and the rest of the community on what Ashbourne residents would like to see in the park, or on any issue, function or feature they would care to see incorporated therein. In truth, we should not confine ourselves to the park, though that will be the immediate focus. Ideas and concepts that you feel might make sense for our Town, regardless of scale or timeframe, are welcome. In fact, you will see that many such items have already found their way onto the list.**

**Early in the park project, one of our members coined the phrase ‘Blueskies Thinking for Greenspace Living’ and this continues to be a formative value for us, our ‘Norther Star’. We invite you to adopt a like mindset when you set out to have your say in how we progress this great project.**

## Ideas by Category

No per Category	Description	Source	*Situated in Park? (If selected)	Timeframe	Investment
*Meaning of question: If it is decided that this item is needed in Ashbourne, would the Park be the appropriate place for it.					
<b>Amenity</b>					
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	General and themed walks, e.g., Big History Trail, Walk of the Nations	Ashbourne Greenspaces (AG)	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Sponsored gardens, including Serenity Garden	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Community gardens and nursery	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Toilets facilities	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Allotments	AG	Yes	1-5 years	<€10,000
	Men's Shed workshop	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Makers club	AG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Scouts and Guides facilities	AG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Obstacle course	AG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Playground	AG/Ashbourne & District Community Council (ADCC)	Yes	1-10 years	>€1m
	Young teen play area & equipment	Environmental group (EG)	Maybe		>€10,000<€1m
	Dog park	AG	Yes	1-5 years	<€10,000
	Self-supported Lighting, Footpaths that can assimilate rainfall, Seating in "scenic" and "sheltered" and "Safe" areas, Sheltered Areas to allow outdoor exercise or play,	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m

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	Drinking water fountains/hydration stations	EG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Bike/E bike parking and charging station	EG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Adult 'Meet & Chat' area	EG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
<b>Culture: Arts, Music, Drama, Dance, the Humanities generally</b>					
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	Park sculptures	AG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Academy of Music and Drama	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Art gallery	AG	Maybe	1-25 years	>€1m
	Bandstand/Open-air theatre	AG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
<b>History</b>					
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	Exhibition area	Ashbourne Historical Society (AHS)	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	The Big History Trail	AHS	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Citizen archaeology station	AHS	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Pre-history Museum	AHS	No	1-10 years	>€1m
	Ashbourne/Meath Museum	AHS	No	1-10 years	>€1m
<b>Sport</b>					
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	Killegland AFC	AG/ADCC	Yes	1-5 years	>€1m
	Baseball	AG/ADCC	Yes	1-5 years	>€1m
	Cricket	AG/ADCC	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	GAA	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m

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	St Andrews Athletic	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Bowling	AG/ADCC	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Cycle path, Running path	EG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Pitch and Put course	ADCC	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Parks walking group	AG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
<b>Education</b>					
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Each area to consist of three zones, devoted to Exhibitions, Teaching and Pedagogic Research	S Academy of Sciences	(AG)	Maybe	1-5 years	>€1m
	T Institute of Technology Innovation		No	1-10 years	>€1m
	E Museum of Engineering		No	1-25 years	>€1m
	A Academy of Arts and Culture		No	1-10 years	>€1m
	M Maths Magic Zone		No	1-25 years	>€1m
The students should of course be 'consumers' of Park facilities, and also, through catalysing Parents and Teachers, as advocates and advisors as well.	Facilities for National schools	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Facilities for Secondary schools	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	School facilities such as Ecology fieldwork	EG	Yes	1-5 years	<€10,000
	Student's consultative role on features in park (All eight schools)	AG	Yes	1-5 years	N/A
	Civics training for Community Activists (e.g., Planning Law and Processes, conflict resolution)	AG/ADCC	Maybe	1-5 years	<€10,000
<b>Health and Wellness</b>					
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	Primary care centre	ADCC/AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m

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	Medical centre	ADCC/AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Fitness programs	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Community care – new model	AG	Maybe	1-25 years	>€1m
	First-line support and educational services for home diagnostic services	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Mental Health support services	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Research on many aspects of Health and wellness, including environmental impacts on same, eHealth, etc.	AG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Climate anxiety mitigation features	EG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Green4C Alliance – Nature and Health	Meath Partnership		1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
<b>Environmental</b>					
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	Environmental focus group (WIP)	AG/Ashbourne Community School (ACS)	Yes	1-5 years	N/A
	Permanent 'Drawdown' Exhibition	AG/ADCC/ACS	Maybe	1-10 years	
	Woodlands	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Diversity and Wildlife habitats	EG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Power generation for Park facilities	EG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Bike/E bike parking and charging station	EG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Bins/Waste facilities	EG	No	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Water / lake area	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Grassed area	EG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Native Trees (Specimen)	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Groves of trees	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Raised or mounded landscape area	EG	Yes	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m

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	Wild area	EG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Attenuation area for water run-off	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Community power generation	AG	Maybe	1-25 years	>€1m
<b>Community development</b>					
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	Institute for Community Studies	AG	Maybe	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Integration of residents from overseas – ‘Nations Walk’	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Community opinion-sampling/sentiment analysis system	AG	No	1-5 years	N/A
	Residents Associations Forum	AG	No	1-5 years	N/A
	Park maintenance group	AG	Yes	1-5 years	>€10,000<€1m
	Ashbourne Community Initiative (ACI)	ACI	Maybe	1-5 years	N/A
	Community participation in County decision-making processes thru PPN	Public Participation Network (PPN)/AG	Maybe	1-5 years	N/A
<b>Social</b>					
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	Step-down housing	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Independent living accommodation	ADCC	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
<b>Commercial</b>					
<b>3</b>					
	Nth. East Industrial Corridor	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Start-up centre for new businesses	ADCC	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
	Remote working hub	AG	Maybe	1-10 years	>€1m
<b>Overall 80</b>					

