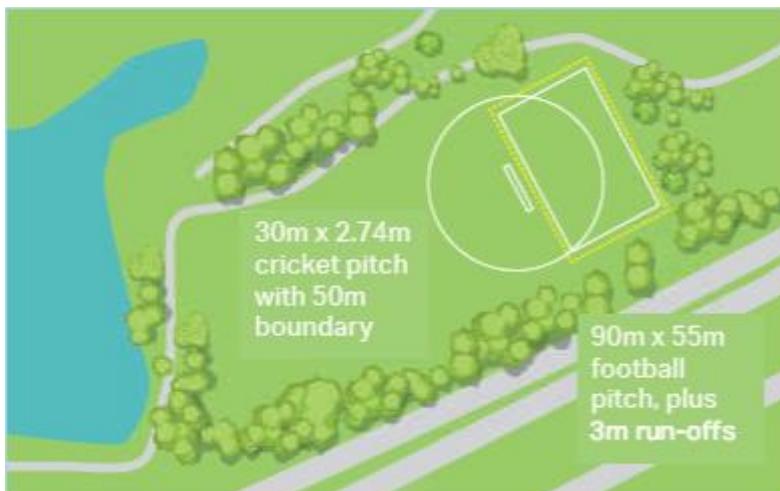


We're Bringing Cricket to Birchmere

We're planning to install a full-size cricket pitch in Birchmere Park to give local people the space to come together and enjoy one of Britain's favourite sports.

We're working with local cricket clubs and schools, Kent Cricket, Platform Cricket, and the England and Wales Cricket Board to create more cricket facilities in Thamesmead. The cricket pitch will be an additional feature for Birchmere Park. We'll make sure there's enough space so all the current activities will still be able to take place.

The new full-size cricket pitch will be ready for the 2021 season. The diagram below shows where the cricket pitch will be located in Birchmere Park.



We hope it will be an exciting addition to Birchmere Park. You can tell us what you think by contacting Dan Wells, Sports Development Manager at Dan.wells@peabody.org.uk by 9 October 2020.

Frequently Asked Question's

Will it create noise and unwanted behaviour at the park?

We don't expect the noise to disturb local residents and the cricket pitch will be installed away from the neighbouring homes.

Will it stop other people from using the park?

No. You will be able to enjoy all of the current activities which are held in Birchmere Park and we hope that cricket will be an exciting addition to those activities.

What happens to the boot fair?

The Boot Fair will still be taking place. We are working with the organisers to make sure the fairs are not affected by the new cricket pitch during the cricket season from March to September.

Can we still play football in the park?

Yes. We've made sure that there is enough space for a football pitch to be marked out either side of the cricket pitch.

Can these things (football, cricket, bootfair) happen at the same time? Which takes precedence?

Birchmere Park is a vibrant location for lots of activity. We're working with local residents and the organisers of these activities to make sure they can all take place. Many of these activities are held on certain days or times of the year so we don't expect them to clash.

Will it be dangerous to other park users? Will I get hit by the ball if I am walking past?

We are planning to install the new cricket pitch away from other activities. We would also encourage anyone walking past to stick to the pathways if cricket is being played.

Why do we need a new cricket pitch?

This is a great way to give local people the space to come together and enjoy the game of cricket. A new cricket pitch will mean that lots of local people can enjoy the park in a new way whilst being active.

Why is it going in Birchmere Park and not one of the other parks?

Birchmere is one of the biggest parks in Thamesmead and is ideal for hosting cricket. It has enough space for people to come and watch or play a game of cricket. Birchmere Park also has changing rooms which is ideal for local district and adult teams to use. There is also lots of space for people to park so people can watch or play cricket during the season.

What happens if the new cricket pitch gets damaged?

We hope that doesn't happen and that everyone will take care of the new pitch. If you do see anyone mistreating the pitch or find it is damaged, please let us know by contacting thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk.