

Breakdown would be as follows :

- over 40% of respondents had children living with them at home and over 60% had children visiting regularly.
- approx. 65% of respondents visit playing fields more than a few times a week - main purposes for doing so include dog walking/training, exercise & walking, playground, exercise (running & tennis).
- comments received supporting improvements of the playing fields - more trees, poor playground, neglect of equipment & lack of children's facilities (50% suggested they would use the facilities more if improvements were made).
- overwhelming support for children to play outside and to be learning to take risks in a safe environment & to increase social contact.
- age-group priority for playground was 5-9yrs, 9-11 yrs, 0-4 yrs, 11-14 yrs, 14+
- suggestions put forward for improvements included increase in the variety of apparatus, community-based seating, picnic benches, adult equipment & cricket nets.
- Pavillion : an engaged response. 40% believed should be refurbished, 30% believed it should be replaced with a new building.
- Pavillion refurbishment was predominantly angled towards changing facilities, showers and kitchen facilities etc but important to note that over 90% of respondents aren't using playing fields as part of an organised team.
- Of improvements suggested for the playing fields :

50% would use children's exercise equipment, 45% would use the pavillion, 44% would use running track, 44% would use adult equipment, only 18% would use weather shelter. Strong support for orchard and wilding area.

- Project priority list as per respondents :

1. Playground replacement 2. Adult exercise equipment & children's exercise equipment, 3. Community Orchard, wilding area & pavilion replacement, 4. Running Track.... more benches also included.

- Priority of equipment as identified by children :

1 Swings 2. Slides 3. Trampoline 4. Zip Wire 5. Obstacle Course 6. Climbing frame

- On the whole, the favourite playground equipment as picked by the children matched the adults second favourite (slide, zip wire, swings, sunken trampoline). Obstacle course and Playhouse den matched and only one not to be aligned was the climbing frame. Swing selection by children was more orientated to older children which needs to be considered when one refers back to the age groups the respondents felt the playground improvements should be aimed at.

Other comments to take into account :

- access to facilities
- over 70% of respondents don't work within the parish which may have a bearing on use of adult exercise equipment
- aesthetics of the area important - more trees, orchard, wilding, nature trail - important to consider when selecting type of equipment ie wooden based.
- strong support for more benches - children selected picnic benches, adults looking for more traditional bench.