



# Westcroft Green Space Consultation Report

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## Executive Summary

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council undertook a comprehensive community consultation to understand current use of Westcroft Green Space, identify priorities for future improvements, and ensure any development meets the needs of local residents.

The consultation ran for seven weeks and used a mixed-method approach including paper surveys delivered to all households, an online survey, targeted in-person events, school engagement, and displays at community venues. In total, 468 survey responses were recorded, including strong participation from children and families, and additional qualitative feedback from free-text responses and discussions at events.

Findings indicate that Westcroft Green is a valued green space with significant unused potential. Currently, around half of respondents use the site regularly, but usage would rise substantially if improvements were made—particularly in relation to children’s play, natural trails, quiet spaces, and seating. Respondents expressed a clear preference for natural, low-impact design, combining active play opportunities with calm, sensory, and nature-led features.

Qualitative analysis revealed several strong themes: demand for children’s play provision in this area of the village; a desire to preserve the natural character of the space; the need to balance users such as children, dog walkers, and quiet users; interest in provision for teenagers; and concerns regarding maintenance, longevity, and potential antisocial behaviour. A minority of respondents preferred no change, highlighting the emotional and environmental value of the existing space.

The strongest route forward is a carefully zoned approach that reconciles these priorities—providing natural play, nature-rich sensory spaces, and quiet seating areas, while maintaining the green character and biodiversity of the site. Nearly a quarter of respondents expressed willingness to volunteer, demonstrating strong community investment in future stewardship.

## **Background and Purpose**

Westcroft Green is a valued green space and Saxilby with Ingleby Parish council want any future developments to meet the needs of local residents. The area historically had a park within it but has not had any recent improvements in this respect.

There has been a lot of housing development in this area of the village and there is little provision for children to play.

The residents' consultation survey was launched as Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council would like to make improvements to the green space. Areas of focus that the Parish Council wanted to consult on included recreation, play and landscaping.

The survey intended to try and gather as much feedback as possible from the community regarding these concepts but also aimed to understand current usage of the green space and gather suggestions for future features and improvements.

The findings of this consultation will help guide Parish Council spending to align with community priorities, and ensure the green space supports biodiversity, sustainability, accessibility, and inclusivity.

## Survey Methodology

The consultation was undertaken between 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, involved paper and online surveys, supported with in-person events and achieved 468 valid responses recorded.

A survey was developed and made available as a paper copy delivered to all households in the parish and made available online on Survey Monkey.

The online link was shared on the paper copies of the form and promoted through the Parish Councils social media sites. A link was also published in the Foss Focus and posters with the QR link were also put around the village notice boards.

Following the closing date and all the paper survey data being input, the data was checked for accuracy and duplicate entries. Responses and IP addresses were checked, and 1 response was removed due to inappropriate content.

The survey was supported with a number of in person 'Have your say' events, that took place at different locations through the village with the consultant and Working Group members available for residents to speak to. These events were targeting to speak to different groups and age ranges to ensure that the different needs of members of the community were represented.

In total, 9 in person events were held in November and December 2025. These events were arranged with community groups and venues and promoted via the Parish Council social media accounts.

'Have your say' events were held on two Friday evenings at the Sports Hub, two Village Hall monthly markets (November and December), and a stand in the Village Hall foyer to speak to those attended the U3A November meeting and coincidentally Slimming World members. Sadly, an event in Westcroft Green on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December had to be cancelled due to poor weather, but the visit to Messy Church in the evening was able to go ahead.

The Toddler Group in the village was visited by the Clerk to promote the survey.

A successful visit to Saxilby Church of England Primary School to deliver an assembly to all key stage 2 to speak about the survey, and to then support those students to fill in a child friendly version of the survey, resulted in 171 completed surveys.

The display boards used in these events were also available in the St Andrews Centre along with paper copies of both the survey and the children's survey for those using the centre and the library. They were also used to speak to families at the craft session for the Christmas Lights switch on.

### Respondent Profile

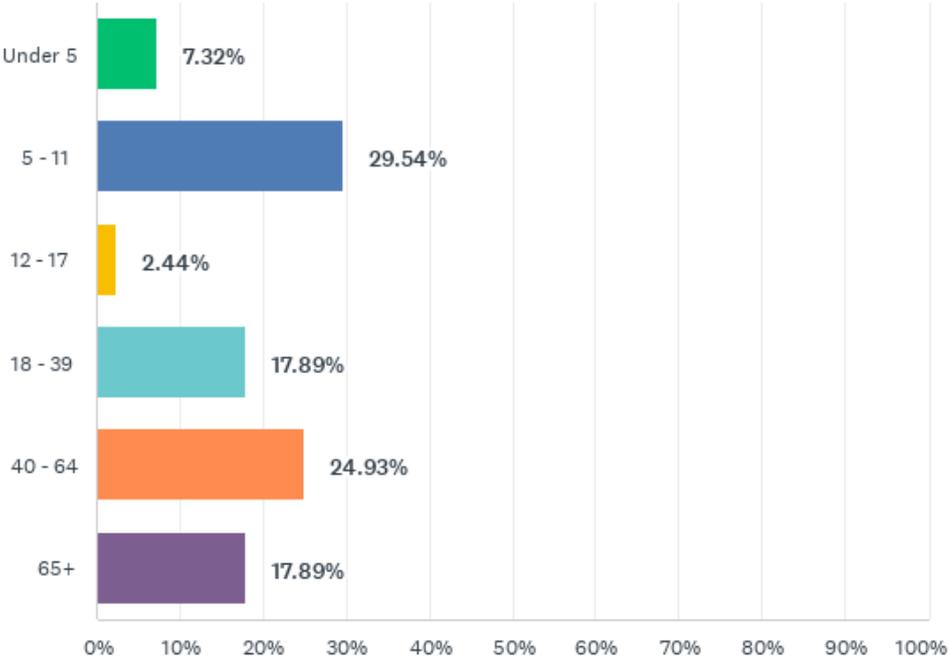


Figure 1 – Q1 Age Group, Westcroft Green Consultation Survey

A total of 369 respondents provided age data. The largest proportion of respondents were adults aged 40–64 (24.93%, 92 responses) and 65+ (17.89%, 66 responses), with a further 17.89% (66 responses) aged 18–39. This indicates that responses largely reflect the views of adult residents, many of whom are likely to be parents, carers, or long-term users of the space. The age profile suggests that accessibility, relaxation, and long-term usability are important considerations for the community, rather than exclusively child-focused play.

## Results and Analysis

### Current and Future use of the Green Space

At present, approximately 48% of respondents reported using Westcroft Green Space daily or weekly, while around 40% stated that they rarely or never use the space. When asked how often they would use the space if improvements were made, anticipated usage increased substantially.

The difference between Q2 and Q3 ‘daily use’ rise from 24% to 39% can be clearly seen, ‘weekly use’ remains high, and ‘rarely’ and ‘never’ drops sharply to just over 15%. Both questions were answered by 285 respondents.

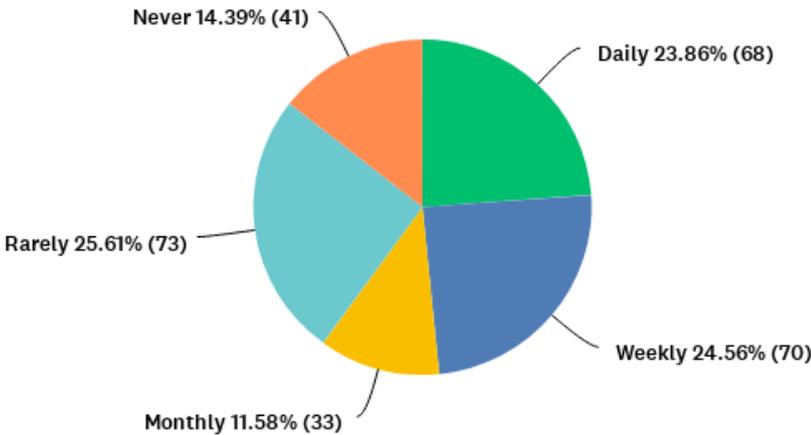


Figure 2 – Q2 How often do you, or your family, currently use Westcroft Green Space?

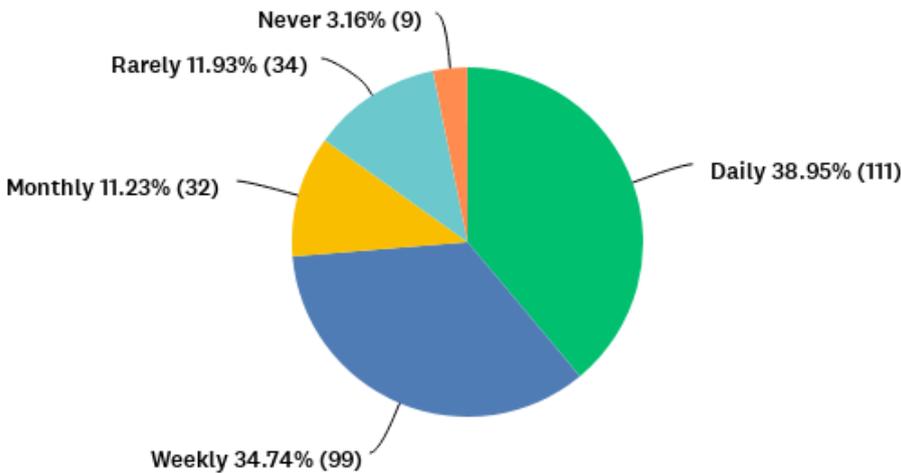


Figure 3 – Q3 How often would you, or your family, use Westcroft Green Space if we made improvements?

This shows that there is clear demand for Westcroft Green to be improved, and that these improvements could lead to a significant increase in footfall and regular engagement.

### Priority Improvements

Respondents were asked to identify which types of improvements were most important to them. The most frequently selected options by 459 respondents were:

- **Nature-inspired play and movement areas** (e.g. Timber climbing structures, rope features, natural fitness elements) 65.14%
- **Natural trail features** (e.g. stepping logs, balance beams, climbing boulders) 63.62%
- **Seating areas and picnic benches** (e.g. textures paths, scented plants, musical features) 57.95%
- **Sensory and relaxation areas** (e.g. textured paths, scented plants, musical features) 42.92%

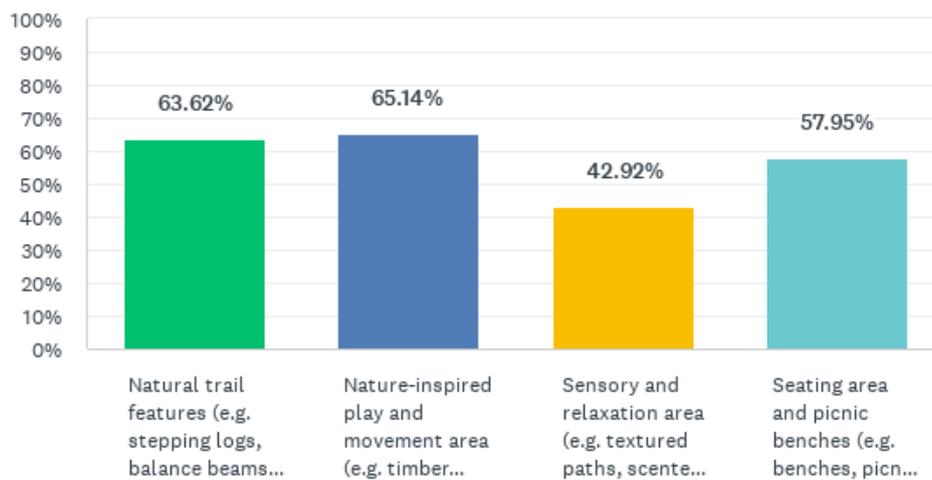


Figure 4 – Q4 Which improvements are most important to you? How often would you, or your family, use Westcroft Green Space if we made improvements?

These results indicate a strong preference for natural, low-impact features that support active play, informal movement, and opportunities for rest and social interaction. The balance of responses highlights the importance of designing a space that can be enjoyed by multiple age groups simultaneously.

### Detailed Feature Preferences

#### Natural Trail Features

There was broad support for all proposed trail elements, with balance beams and stepping logs, rope bridges, grass mounds, and climbing boulders or log piles each receiving support from over half of the 438 respondents. This suggests that a varied trail incorporating multiple elements would be well received.

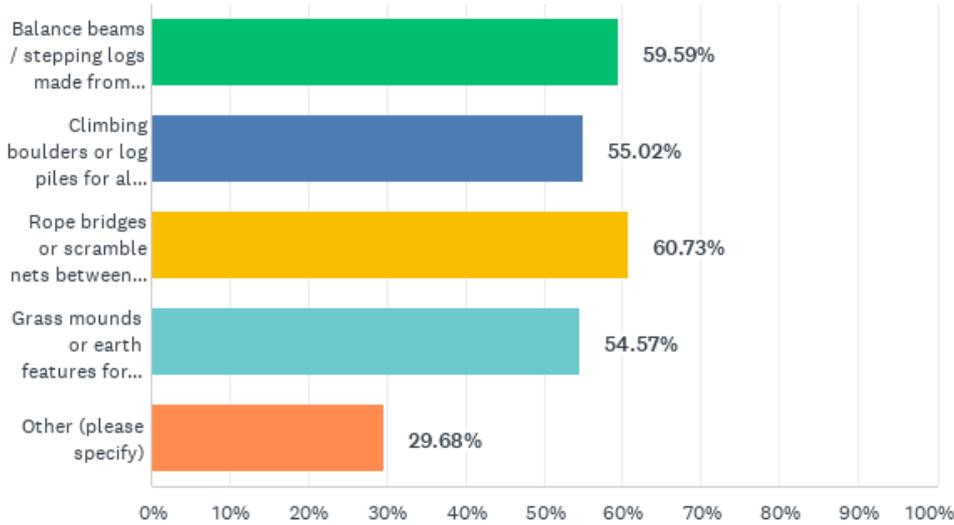


Figure 5 – Q5 For natural trial features – which would you most like to see?

The free text responses from ‘other’ show high engagement from children and families and are shown below in a word cloud. ‘Monkey bars’ was mentioned the most, 21 times, with ‘slides’ second, with 14 mentions.

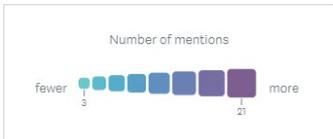


Figure 6 – Q5 For natural trial features – which would you most like to see? - other

Most comments from this 'other' category focus on specific features, and cluster strongly around a number of recurring themes.

There is a strong demand for active play and physical challenge, and a clear preference for upper body strength, balance and coordination. Improvements should prioritise robust challenging play that appeals to a wide age range.

There is also strong interest in cycling, skating and wheeled play. Repeated requests include bike tracks and cycle trails, pump tracks and mountain bike jumps. There is clear need for a bike track/pump track, but this may need to be looked at for another area of the village due to space availability on the Green.

Alongside adventurous play, many respondents also requested traditional playground elements including swings, slides and playhouses. This implies a layered approach is needed combining traditional equipment for younger children with more challenging features for older uses.

A smaller but consistent group of responses emphasised the importance of quiet, peaceful, natural spaces with areas for contemplation, reading and calm. Whilst play dominates responses there is clear value in retaining quiet nature-led areas.

A small but notable number of responses focused on dog provision, secure paddocks, dog enrichment features and recognition that dog walkers are year-round users. Dog use is an important consideration but must be carefully balanced with play provision ideally through zoning or clear separation.

There were some conflicting views on materials and safety, with some respondents supporting natural timber and other opposing timber due to concerns with maintenance and slipperiness. This highlights concerns about safety, durability and long-term maintenance. Material choice should be sensitive and balance natural aesthetics, safety standards and all-weather usability.

A minority view wanted to leave Westcroft Green unchanged. While limited in number this shows that some residents value the space in its current form and are cautious about change.

This feedback strongly supports a zoned, multi-layered design that prioritises challenging play and physical activity, retains quieter, planted areas for calm use and uses durable safe materials for year-round use.

### Nature-Based Play and Movement

The most popular features were wooden and rope-based climbing structures (62.68%), followed by log piles or stumps and grassy mounds. More formal fitness elements such as push-up or parallel bars were supported by just over half of 426 respondents. Overall, respondents favoured natural, exploratory play features over structured exercise equipment.

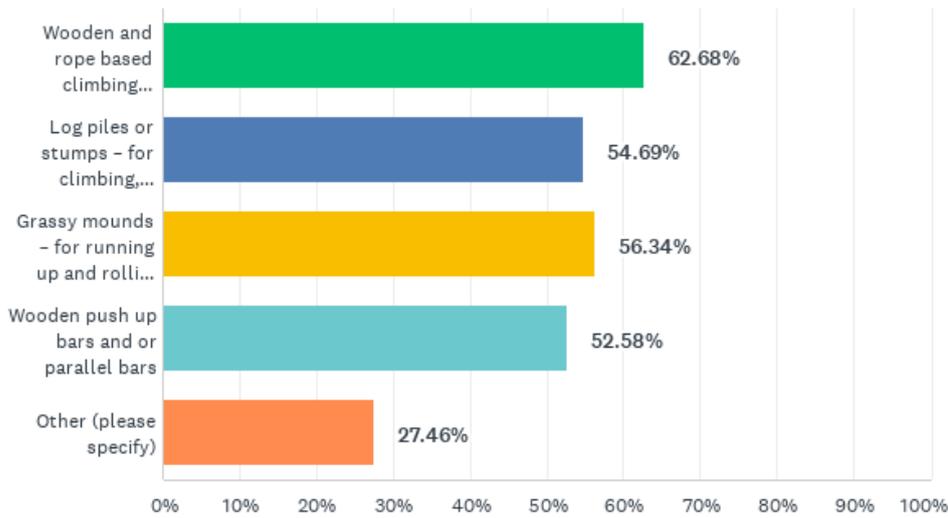


Figure 7 – Q6 For nature-based play and movement - which features would you most like to see?

The free text responses from ‘other’ again show high engagement from children and families and are shown in the word cloud below. ‘Zip line/Zip wire’ was mentioned the most, 14 times, with ‘swings’, ‘monkey bars’, and ‘water play’ second, with 13 mentions each.

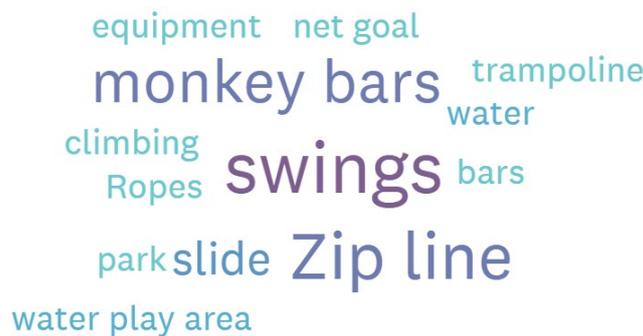


Figure 8 – Q6 For nature-based play and movement - which features would you most like to see? – other

Again, like the previous question, most comments from 'other' focus on specific features, and cluster strongly around similar recurring themes.

Like the previous responses there is a strong demand for active play and physical challenge but the answers for this question are more concentrated, more activity focused and more specific. Monkey bars remained the single most dominant request but also included interest in zip lines, swings, slides, climbing features and obstacle/trim trails. These answers also included more ambitious ideas such as giant slides, inflatable pillows and laser tag. This suggests a younger respondent profile and the core message is not novelty for its own sake but a desire for excitement, challenge and fun.

There is also strong interest in water-based play including water play areas, splash parks, pools. These responses show a clear desire for interactive play not just visual or ecological water features. Although seen as highly attractive, they would require careful consideration of cost, safety, maintenance and seasonal operation.

Several respondents requested fitness-orientated equipment, with clear requests for pull up bars, parallel bars, CrossFit/parkour equipment and gymnastic bars. This reflects growing interest that the space could serve older children, teenagers and adults and supports the case for multi age provision not just young children.

Again, many respondents requested traditional playground elements for young children including toddler friendly equipment, sand pits, swings, slides and dens and hiding places. There is a clear need for age-appropriate provision features suitable for both toddlers and older children.

A smaller but clear theme relates to football and ball sports, particularly football goals and pitches, requests to add nets to the goals and basketball nets. These comments focus on improving existing facilities.

Again, a notable number of responses focused on dog provision, but less than the previous question and mostly limited to requests for a dog park and isolated complaints about dog fouling. Dog use remains relevant but less central in this question.

A much smaller group of responses emphasised the importance of quiet, peaceful, areas. This could be due to the difference in responders to this question

Accessibility and inclusion are highlighted explicitly by one response, who does so clearly and thoughtfully. They explicitly highlight the need for accessible equipment for wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments, beyond tokenistic provision. This reinforces the importance of inclusive design proactively rather than relying in frequency of mentions.

Again, a small number of respondents wanted to leave Westcroft Green unchanged. These comments indicate some resistance to change, though they represent a minority view compared to those requesting improvements.

This feedback again strongly supports a multi-layered, activity-focused design that prioritises challenging and engaging play, includes both traditional and adventurous equipment, considers water play as a distinct feature, incorporates inclusive and accessible elements and manages conflicting uses through thoughtful layout.

**Sensory and Relaxation Areas**

Quiet, shaded seating with wildlife-friendly planting was the most strongly supported feature (63.08%) by the 428 responders. Seasonal and scented planting, textured paths, and gentle sound play elements were also well supported. This demonstrates a clear demand for calm, restorative spaces, particularly important for older users, neurodiverse users and those seeking quiet enjoyment, alongside more active areas.

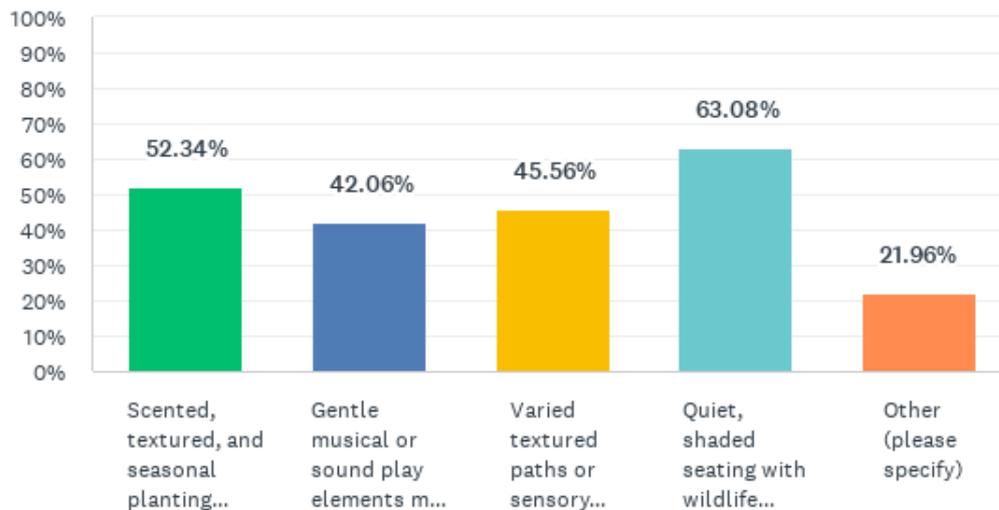


Figure 9 – Q7 For sensory and relaxation area - which features would you most like to see?

The free text responses from this question focus strongly on the desire for a calm, sensory-rich, and restorative environment, clearly distinct from high-energy play areas requested in previous questions. The tone and content suggest a mix of children, young people, and adults, with a notable emphasis on emotional regulation, wellbeing, and gentle engagement with nature.

The word cloud below shows these responses. Seating/benches/places to sit had the highest mention at 14, followed by water features at 13 mentions.

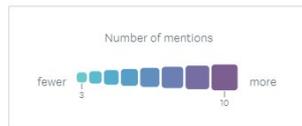


Figure 10 – Q7 For sensory and relaxation area - which features would you most like to see? - other

Overall, the feedback indicates a clear need for a sensory and contemplative space that complements, rather than replaces, more active play provision elsewhere in the park.

The responses show a clear theme of a creation of a soothing, low stimulation environment. Key sensory elements include natural sounds, textures, smell, visual calm and quiet activities. Several respondents requested quite reading areas, spaces to ‘chill’ and gentle non-musical sounds.

Nature-based features are central to many responses. Frequently mentioned elements include waterfalls, streams, ponds, trees, wildflowers, wildlife and community gardens. Many clearly associate nature with wellbeing, calm and community identity.

A reoccurring theme is the inclusion of quiet learning and creative activities such as reading spaces, little libraries, chalk drawing area and craft spaces. These requests indicate an appeal across age groups, including older children and adults.

Seating, shelter and comfort is also a strong theme suggesting that users would like to remain in the space rather than pass through it. Frequent mentions include benches, hammocks, canopy areas, seating under trees or near water. Seating is seen as a core feature enabling socialisation, reading, picnicking and quiet observation.

There are still mentions of gentle play such as swings slides and trim trails, but these appear as complementary rather than the main purpose of the space.

A small number of responses reference community and inclusivity such as intergenerational use, benefits for young adults and sensory provision for families who need it, even if not personally required.

As with the previous free-text questions, a minority expressed no desire for change and preference to leave the park as it is. Also dog related responses but mainly referring to dog walking paths and dog parks.

These responses strongly support the creation of a dedicated sensory or quiet zone that is spatially separate from high-energy play areas, uses natural materials and planting, provides abundant seating and shelter and enhances the green space as a community space.

### Seating and Picnic Areas

Functional seating was prioritised, with picnic benches (60.18%) and quiet benches (59.04%) receiving the highest support from the 437 responders. Activity benches and sculptural seating were less popular but still of interest to a significant minority, suggesting they could be included as secondary features if funding allows.

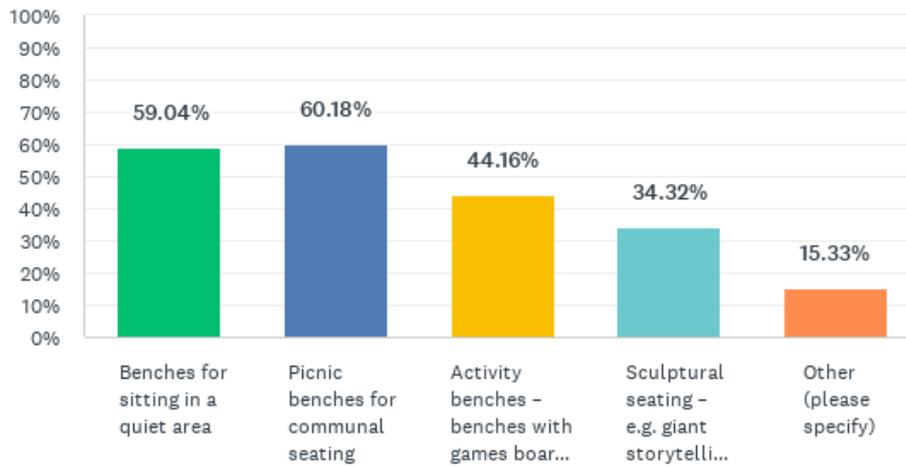


Figure 11 – Q8 For seating area and picnic benches - which features would you most like to see?

The free-text responses from ‘other’ reflect a mixed but coherent set of views centred on a space that balances creativity, calm, social seating and light activity along clear concerns about maintenance, misuse and antisocial behaviour.

Respondents appear supportive of enhanced seating and creative features, providing these are robust, well-manged and appropriate for the setting. The word cloud below reflects this. Seating/benches/chairs was mentioned 25 times, followed by concerns/resistance at 7 mentions

picnic sit area park  
**benches**  
 None seats



Figure 12 – Q8 For seating area and picnic benches - which features would you most like to see? – other

The most consistent theme in the free-text responses was the desire for varied comfortable and social seating. Frequently mentioned ideas include benches (including roofed or sheltered benches), sculptural or themed seating (rainbow benches, toadstools, and waterfall seats), soft or comfortable seating (beanbags, hammocks, bouncy chairs), group seating and picnic areas, but also seating near play equipment for supervising adults.

Several responses emphasise seating as enabling calm and rest and social interaction. Seating is viewed as a core functional and social asset, not simply a supporting feature.

There is also strong support for quiet, calming environments. Examples include quiet craft tents, nature spots and flowery spaces and water features. These suggestions align with wellbeing and sensory regulation, and echo themes from earlier sensory-focused feedback.

A notable theme is interest in creative and artistic activities including natural art and sculptural form, drawing and colouring supplies and den building areas. Some responses link these features to concerns about items being lost or damaged.

While not dominant there is continued interest in traditional and active play including monkey bars, swings, tree houses and mountain bike or dirt jumps replicating earlier questions.

Nature-based ideas also appear regularly including planting trees, logs and natural materials and fishponds. These suggestions overlap with calm and sensory themes.

This free-text other response contains more cautionary comments than the other previous questions with concerns about littering and antisocial behaviour, worries that activity benches or loose items would be damaged or lost, comments from dog walkers about existing litter and suggestions to leave the park as it is. Support for improvements is conditional on durability, ease of maintenance and clear ownership and management.

## **Other Suggestions or Comments**

A total of 193 respondents provided free-text comments offering additional suggestions, concerns, and ideas for improvements to Westcroft Green Space (Question 9). The responses demonstrate high engagement and provide valuable insight into community priorities, tensions, and expectations that complement the quantitative survey results.

The comments broadly fall into seven recurring themes, outlined below.

### **Desire for Children’s Play Provision (Strong Theme)**

A large proportion of comments emphasised the lack of play provision in this area of the village, particularly for younger children (under 10–11 years). Many respondents stated that the main recreation ground is too far for families with young children to walk to, and that Westcroft Green represents an opportunity to address this gap.

Frequently requested features included:

- Swings, slides, climbing frames, monkey bars
- Natural climbing features (logs, rocks, grassy mounds)
- Den-building and imaginative play areas
- Separate areas for younger and older children

Several respondents stressed that children already use the space informally and that providing equipment would legitimise and enhance existing behaviour rather than introduce new pressures.

There is strong support for dedicated children’s play, particularly for younger age groups, but expectations vary between traditional playground equipment and natural play.

### **Strong Support for Keeping the Space Natural and Green (Equally Strong Theme)**

Many respondents expressed concern about over-development and repeatedly used phrases such as:

- “Keep it natural”
- “Don’t turn it into a theme park”
- “Leave space for wildlife”
- “Don’t ruin what is already there”

This group values Westcroft Green as a quiet landscape, important for:

- Wildlife and biodiversity
- Peaceful walking
- Informal recreation

- Mental wellbeing

There was strong support for:

- Wildflower planting
- Native trees and hedgerows
- Bug hotels and bird boxes
- Minimal intervention design

This theme sits in direct contrast to calls for formal play equipment, highlighting a central challenge: balancing play provision with preservation of the site's natural character.

### **Need to Balance Different User Groups (Children, Dog Walkers, Quiet Users)**

A recurring theme was the potential conflict between different users, particularly:

- Children and families
- Dog walkers
- Residents seeking quiet enjoyment

Dog-related comments were polarised:

- Some respondents strongly supported dog access, including requests for enclosed dog areas or paddocks.
- Others requested dogs be restricted, kept on leads, or excluded from certain areas due to fouling and safety concerns.

Several respondents suggested zoning the space, for example:

- Quiet/nature areas separate from play areas
- Dog exercise areas away from children's spaces
- Clear paths to reduce conflict

There is broad acceptance that the space must be multi-functional, but strong agreement that this will require careful layout and separation of uses.

### **Requests for Teen and Older Youth Facilities (Moderate but Clear Theme)**

A smaller but consistent number of comments highlighted the needs of teenagers and older children, who respondents felt were at risk of being overlooked.

Common suggestions included:

- Football goals (with nets or cages)
- Basketball hoops
- Pump tracks or bike tracks

- Parkour or calisthenics equipment
- Skate or scooter features

Some respondents explicitly noted that facilities often focus on younger children and that teenagers need positive, structured outlets to avoid anti-social behaviour.

### **Accessibility, Inclusion, and Safety Concerns**

Several thoughtful comments raised issues around:

- Accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs
- Poor surface quality of existing paths
- Need for inclusive equipment usable by children with disabilities
- Lighting, visibility, and safety after dark
- Concerns about litter, vandalism, and anti-social behaviour

There were repeated calls for:

- Weather-proof, accessible paths
- Seating with backs and armrests
- Clear sightlines
- Vandal-resistant materials

Respondents value inclusive design and are concerned about long-term usability, safety, and dignity of the space.

### **Maintenance, Cost, and Long-Term Sustainability**

Many respondents raised pragmatic concerns about:

- Ongoing maintenance costs
- Risk of features becoming neglected
- Council tax implications
- Vandalism and durability

There was strong support for:

- Simple, robust design
- Low-maintenance planting
- Long-lasting materials
- Community stewardship (including volunteering)

Some respondents explicitly cautioned against features that might look appealing initially but become a burden over time.

### **Desire for Something “Different” from Existing Village Facilities**

Several respondents noted that Saxilby already has traditional play areas and suggested that Westcroft Green should offer something distinctive, such as:

- Nature-based play
- Forest-school style activities
- Wildlife gardens
- Sensory trails
- Informal exploration rather than conventional playgrounds

This aligns strongly with the quantitative findings favouring natural play and sensory features.

### **Overall Qualitative Conclusions (Question 9)**

The free-text responses reinforce and deepen the quantitative findings, while also highlighting key tensions that must be managed through design.

What respondents broadly agree on:

- The space should benefit children and families
- It should remain green, natural, and welcoming
- It must be inclusive, safe, and well-maintained
- Different users need to coexist respectfully

Where views diverge:

- Formal playground equipment vs natural play
- Extent of dog access
- Level of intervention and development

Key implication for the project:

The strongest support lies in a carefully zoned, nature-led design that:

- Provides play opportunities without over-urbanising the space
- Preserves wildlife and quiet enjoyment
- Separates conflicting uses
- Uses durable, inclusive, low-maintenance feature

### **Community Involvement**

Nearly a quarter of respondents (23.22%) expressed an interest in volunteering to help develop the space, indicating strong community ownership and willingness to support delivery and ongoing stewardship.

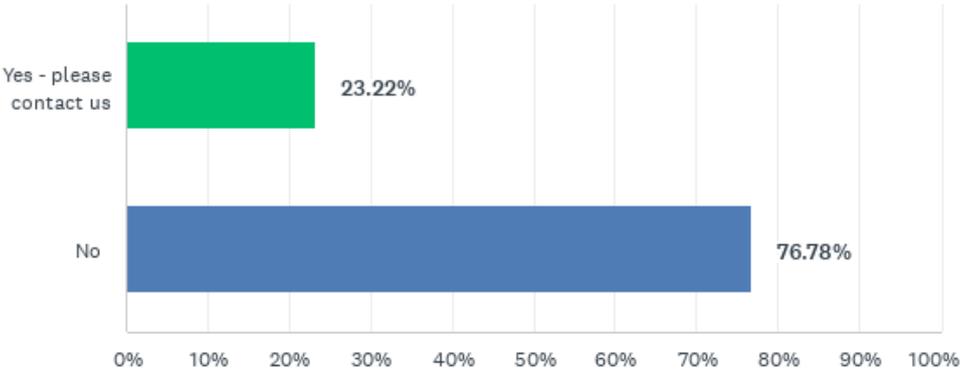


Figure 13 – Q10 Would you be interested in volunteering to help develop the space?

A smaller proportion (approximately 10%) expressed interest in donating to or sponsoring elements of the project, suggesting that while community fundraising may contribute, external funding will remain essential.

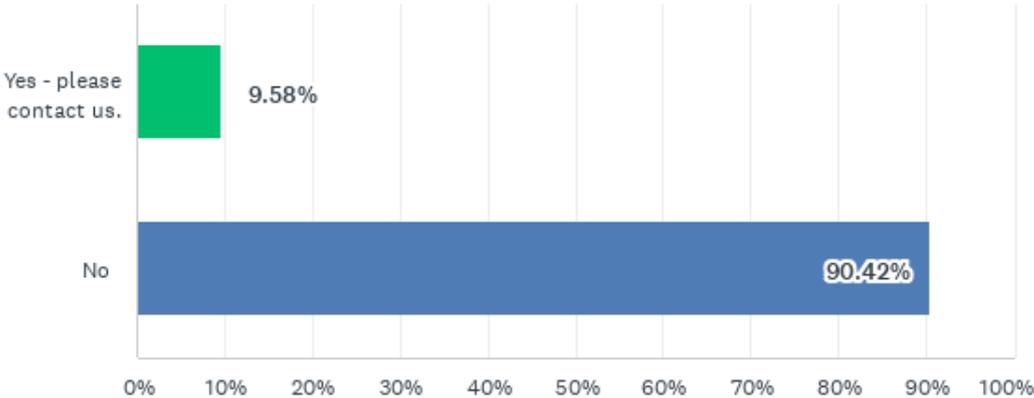


Figure 14 – Q10 Would you be interested in donating to, or sponsoring part of the project, i.e. a bench etc?

**Feedback from in person events**

The following qualitative feedback was gathered from in person events.

- Include some seating with protection from the sun.
- Imaginative area for children to play in – tyres, logs, bark chips, natural materials.

- Seating away from the kids play area
- Picnic benches.
- Sensory plants and some to attract wildlife.
- Bug Houses, bat and bird boxes.
- Two football goals.
- Bike track (several mentions)
- How poor the current gravel path is

The in-person feedback reinforces several themes already emerging from the wider consultation, while adding emphasis on practical details linked to comfort, materials, and usability. It also strengthens the case for a zoned, nature-led, multi-use space that balances imaginative play, biodiversity, informal sport, and comfortable seating.

### **Summary of Key findings**

The consultation shows strong community support for enhancing Westcroft Green Space, with clear evidence that improvements would increase significant use.

Investment in natural play, trails, seating, and sensory features would increase daily usage, attract families and older residents, and create a space that balances recreation with natural character.

Feedback highlights the importance of maintaining a green, biodiverse environment while providing stimulating play for children and inclusive, accessible areas for quieter use.

Zoning emerged as a practical way to reconcile the desire to “keep it natural” with the need to “add play facilities.” Notably, there is meaningful willingness to volunteer and sponsor elements of the site, demonstrating strong ownership and long-term stewardship potential within the community.

## Conclusion

The consultation demonstrates a strong community mandate for improving Westcroft Green Space, with residents highly engaged in shaping future development. The findings reveal both enthusiasm for children’s play and recreation, and deep appreciation for the site’s natural qualities. The community does not want Westcroft Green to lose its green identity but instead wishes to see sensitive enhancements that address unmet needs—particularly for families living in this area of the village.

The key challenge is not lack of support, but the reconciliation of diverse user needs. The data clearly indicates that this is achievable through thoughtful zoning, natural materials, and balanced design. Improvements that are natural, inclusive, low-maintenance, and multi-functional align best with community priorities.

With increased usage expected following improvements, and strong appetite for volunteering and community participation, Westcroft Green represents an opportunity to deliver a project that supports health, sustainability, biodiversity, intergenerational use, and social connection.

## Recommendations

Based on the full consultation evidence, the following recommendations are proposed:

### **1. Adopt a Zoned, Multi-Use Layout**

Feedback indicates that different forms of use can successfully coexist if appropriately zoned. A layout that separates active play areas, calm sensory spaces, seating and picnic areas, and dog-related use would help balance the needs of families, older residents, dog walkers, and those seeking quiet or nature-led experiences.

### **2. Prioritise Natural, Low-Impact Materials and Planting**

The consultation strongly favoured a design approach that uses natural materials and planting to retain the site's green character. Incorporating timber, rope, earth forms, rocks, and wildlife-friendly features will help create a naturalistic, low-impact environment that enhances biodiversity and habitat value while supporting a cohesive landscape identity.

### **3. Provide Age-Diverse and Accessible Play and Movement Opportunities**

Play provision should serve multiple age groups, with simpler features for younger children, more challenging structures for older children, and informal spaces for teenagers whilst also being accessible for those children with disabilities. This approach reduces exclusion, encourages positive use of space, and reflects the wide range of play and physical activity preferences expressed during consultation.

### **4. Improve and enhance Seating, Shelter and Accessibility**

Respondents consistently highlighted the need for comfortable seating, shaded or sheltered areas, including benches with backs and arms for older adults and picnic tables for families, and accessible routes suitable for wheelchairs, mobility aids, and pushchairs. Improving these elements will support supervision, social interaction, and inclusive use throughout the year.

### **5. Specify Durable, Low-Maintenance, and Vandal-Resistant Infrastructure**

Given concerns about maintenance and antisocial behaviour, improvements should be designed for longevity and ease of upkeep. Selecting robust materials, retaining good sightlines, and planning for ongoing management will help ensure the space remains clean, safe, and welcoming.

## **6. Integrate Sensory and Nature-Based Features**

Sensory planting, textured materials, water elements, reading corners, and wildlife habitats were frequently suggested and support wellbeing, inclusivity, and educational value. Integrating these features will broaden the appeal of the site beyond traditional play, benefiting both children and adults.

## **7. Explore Alternative Sites for Pump Track or Wheeled Sports**

Demand exists for features such as pump tracks and bike jumps, but Westcroft Green may not be the most suitable location depending on space, ecological impact, and site constraints. Exploring suitable alternative locations within the village would enable this need to be met without compromising the character of Westcroft Green.

## **8. Support Community Stewardship and Participation**

A significant proportion of respondents expressed interest in volunteering or sponsoring elements of the site. Establishing a community stewardship model—such as a Friends group, co-design workshops, or donation schemes—would harness this enthusiasm and help support long-term management and care of the space.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Social Media Engagement Stats

Appendix 2 – Blank version of the surveys

Appendix 3 – Full survey question data

Appendix 4 – Qualitative data from question 5

Appendix 5 – Qualitative data from question 6

Appendix 6 – Qualitative data from question 7

Appendix 7 – Qualitative data from question 8

Appendix 8 – Qualitative data from question 9

Westcroft Green Development Project Consultation: 3.11.25 – 23.12.25

Social Media Engagement Stats

	Facebook	Instagram	X	Total Reach
<b>3.11.25:</b> Launch Poster	5723 (9 shares)	138	Not shared	5861
<b>13.11.25:</b> Launch Poster reshare	2686 (4 shares)	125	Not shared	2811
<b>14.11.25:</b> First 'Have your say' event advert	789 (6 shares)	224	34	1047
<b>15.11.25:</b> 'Have your say' event, thank you	3021 (7 shares)	192	41	3254
<b>16.11.25:</b> Original poster reshare	1049 (7 shares)	124	19	1192
<b>17.11.25:</b> Westcroft Green consultation events list	2827 (7 shares)	164	68	3059
<b>18.11.25:</b> '5 Weeks to go' post	1064 (7 shares)	129	28	1221
<b>19.11.25:</b> School visit follow up	860 (7 shares)	296	50	1206
<b>21.11.25:</b> In person consultation advert	611 (7 shares)	119	14	744
<b>24.11.25:</b> 'One month to go' poster	769 (7 shares)	100	44	913
<b>27.11.25:</b> Second poster reshare	718 (7 shares)	117	37	872
<b>2.12.25:</b> Tied in 'Tree work' post	787 (4 shares)	118	28	933
<b>5.12.25:</b> In person consultation advert	1105 (7 shares)	99	Not shared	1204
<b>7.12.25:</b> 'Cancelled' in person consultation	1057 (6 shares)	Not Shared	Not shared	1057
<b>17.12.25:</b> Cllr E Bowden 'talking head'	2200 (8 shares)	413	Not shared	2613
<b>23.12.25:</b> 'Closes today' post	678 (7 shares)	80	Not shared	758
<b>Total/Average reach (per platform)</b>	<b>25944/1622</b>	<b>2438/163</b>	<b>363/36</b>	<b>28745/Average reach (per post) 1797 accounts</b>



# WESTCROFT GREEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## Background

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council is exploring making improvements to Westcroft Green Space, with ideas that may include trail equipment, natural-style play equipment, a sensory area, and quiet seating space.

This area historically had a park, and the parish council is very aware of the importance of wellbeing, play, and managed risk for children.

Our aim is to create a welcoming, accessible green space that blends with the natural surrounding - encouraging outdoor activity, nature-based play, and wellbeing for all ages, whilst also including areas for rest and relaxation. Think balance logs, climbing boulders, wildflower planting, and sensory features that invite exploration and creative movement, rather than a traditional playground.

## Survey

### 1. Age Group

- Under 5    5 - 11    12 - 17    18 - 39    40 - 64    65+

### 2. How often do you, or your family, currently use Westcroft Green Space?

- Daily    Weekly    Monthly    Rarely    Never

### 3. How often would you, or your family, use Westcroft Green Space if we made improvements?

- Daily    Weekly    Monthly    Rarely    Never

### 4. Which improvements are most important to you? *Please tick all that apply.*

- Natural trail features (e.g. stepping logs, balance beams, climbing boulders)
- Nature-inspired play and movement area (e.g. timber climbing structures, rope features, natural fitness elements)
- Sensory and relaxation area (e.g. textured paths, scented plants, musical play features)
- Seating area and picnic benches (e.g. benches, picnic areas, seating for different ages)

### 5. For Nature Trail Features - which would you most like to see? *Please tick all that apply.*

- Balance beams / stepping logs made from natural timber
- Climbing boulders or log piles for all ages
- Rope bridges or scramble nets between wooden posts
- Grass mounds or earth features for climbing and running
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. For Nature-Based Play and Movement - which features would you most like to see? Please tick all that apply.**

- Wooden and rope based climbing structures
- Log piles or stumps - for climbing, stepping and jumping
- Grassy mounds - for running up and rolling down
- Wooden push up bars and/or parallel bars
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. For Sensory and Relaxation Area - which would you most like to see? Please tick all that apply.**

- Scented, textured, and seasonal planting (e.g. herbs, grasses, wildflowers)
- Gentle musical or sound play elements made from natural materials
- Varied textured paths or sensory stepping routes
- Quiet, shaded seating with wildlife planting nearby
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. For Seating area and Picnic Benches - which would you most like to see? Please tick all that apply.**

- Benches for sitting in a quiet area
- Picnic benches for communal seating
- Activity benches - benches with board games on the top
- Sculptural seating - e.g. a giant storytelling chair with small mushroom seats
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Do you have any other suggestions or comments for Westcroft Green improvements:**

**10. Would you be interested in volunteering to help develop the space?**

- Yes - please contact us.
- No

**11. Would you be interested in donating to, or sponsoring part of, the project, i.e. a bench etc?**

- Yes - please contact us.
- No

**How to return this survey:**

1. Complete online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/westcroftgreen> OR
2. Return the paper copy to: St Andrews Community Centre, William Street, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2LP



**Closing date for responses: 23 December 2025**

Contact us at: [admin@saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk) | 01522 703912

Thank you for sharing your views. Your feedback will help shape Westcroft Green for years to come.

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# WESTCROFT GREEN SPACE SURVEY

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council wants to make Westcroft Green Space a fun and welcoming place for everyone to enjoy. We are thinking about adding fun things like:



Balance logs to walk along



Big stones to climb on



Beautiful wildflowers and plants



A sensory area with different smells, sounds, and textures



Quiet places to sit and relax

We know how important it is for children to **play, have fun, and feel happy and safe**. We want to make a lovely place where everyone can **exercise, explore nature, and relax**.

## What do you think should be included in the park?

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### 1. What would you like to see at Westcroft Green? (Tick ✓)

- A fun trail – like logs to step on, beams to balance on, or rocks to climb on.
- Nature play area – wooden climbing frames, ropes to climb, and fun fitness bits.
- Calm and sensory area – crunchy paths and plants that smell nice
- Places to sit and eat – like benches and picnic tables

### 2. What trail items would you like to see (Tick ✓)

- Logs or beams to walk and balance on
- Big rocks or logs to climb
- Rope bridges or nets
- Grassy hills to run up and roll down
- Any other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What play items would you like to see? (Tick ✓)**

- Wooden and rope climbing frames
- Logs to jump and step on
- Grassy hills for running and rolling
- Wooden bars for climbing or swinging
- Any other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What would you like to see in a sensory and quiet area? (Tick ✓)**

- Plants that smell good and feel different (like herbs and flowers)
- Gentle musical things to play with
- Paths that feel different under your feet
- Quiet places to sit with flowers and wildlife nearby
- Any other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Sitting and picnic area**

What would you like to see? (Tick ✓)

- Benches in calm, quiet spots
- Picnic benches for friends and families
- Game benches (with games like noughts and crosses on top!)
- Fun seats — like a big storytelling chair with small toadstool seats
- Any other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

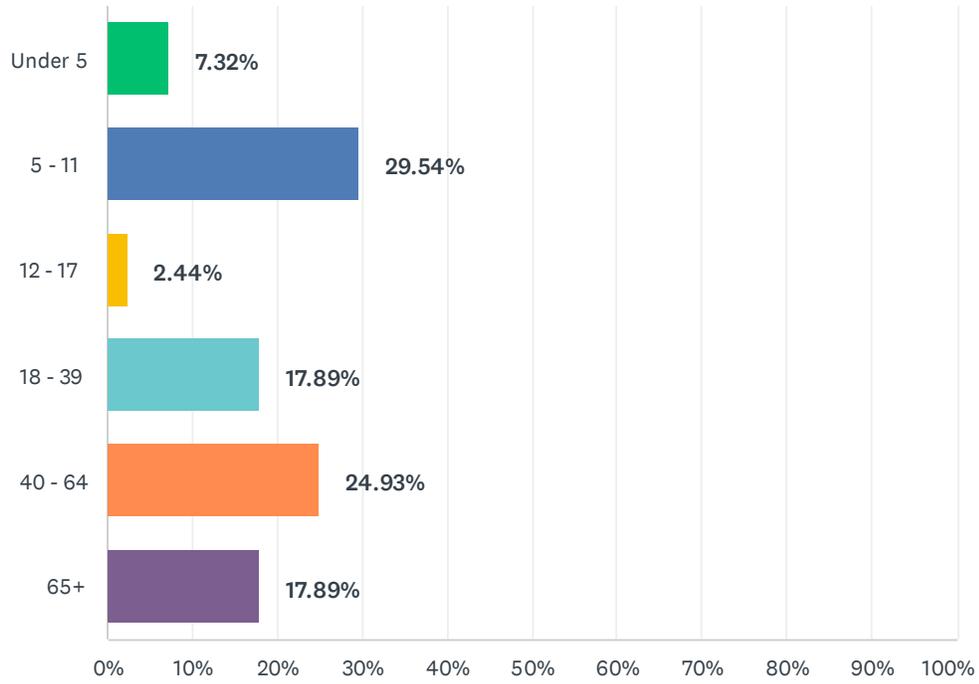
**6. Do you have any other ideas for Westcroft Green?**

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Thank you.

# Q1 Age Group

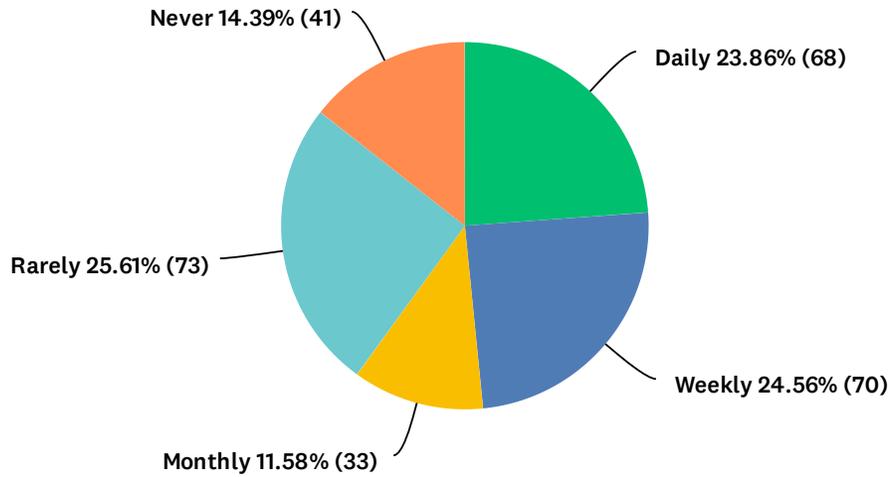
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 5	7.32%	27
5 - 11	29.54%	109
12 - 17	2.44%	9
18 - 39	17.89%	66
40 - 64	24.93%	92
65+	17.89%	66
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>369</b>

## Q2 How often do you, or your family, currently use Westcroft Green Space?

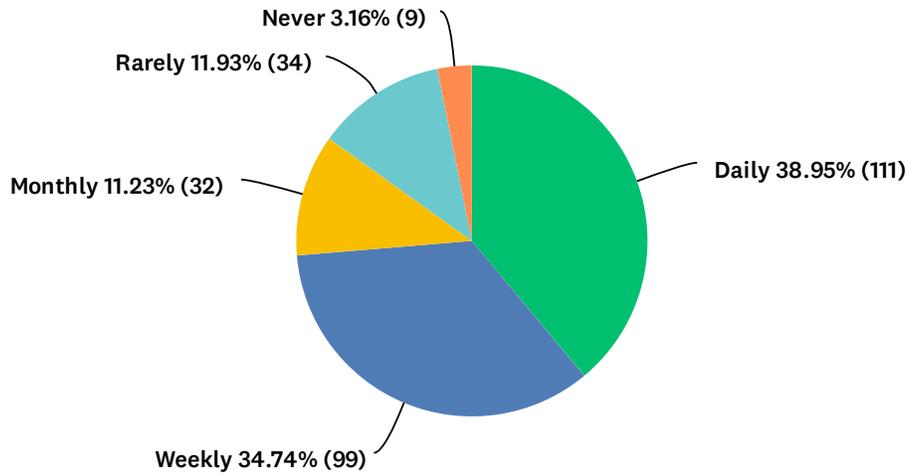
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	23.86%	68
Weekly	24.56%	70
Monthly	11.58%	33
Rarely	25.61%	73
Never	14.39%	41
TOTAL		285

### Q3 How often would you, or your family, use Westcroft Green Space if we made improvements?

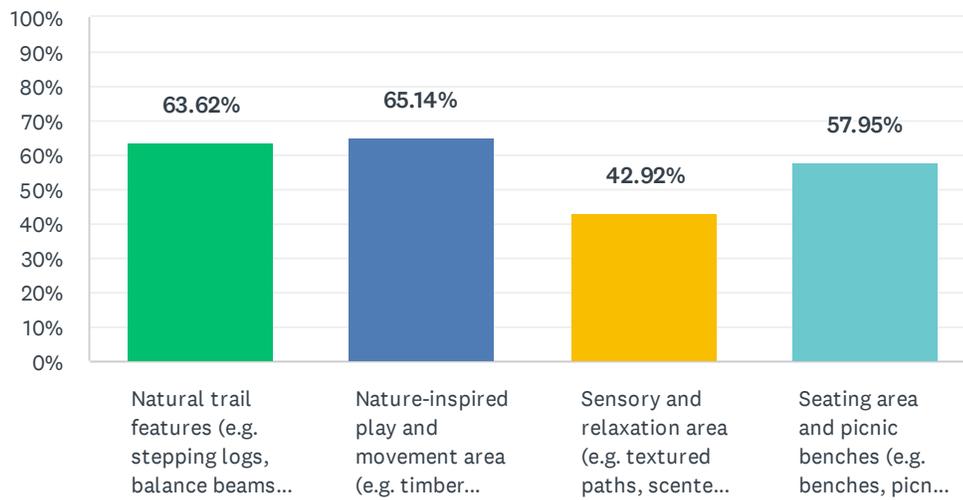
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	38.95%	111
Weekly	34.74%	99
Monthly	11.23%	32
Rarely	11.93%	34
Never	3.16%	9
TOTAL		285

### Q4 Which improvements are most important to you? Tick all that apply.

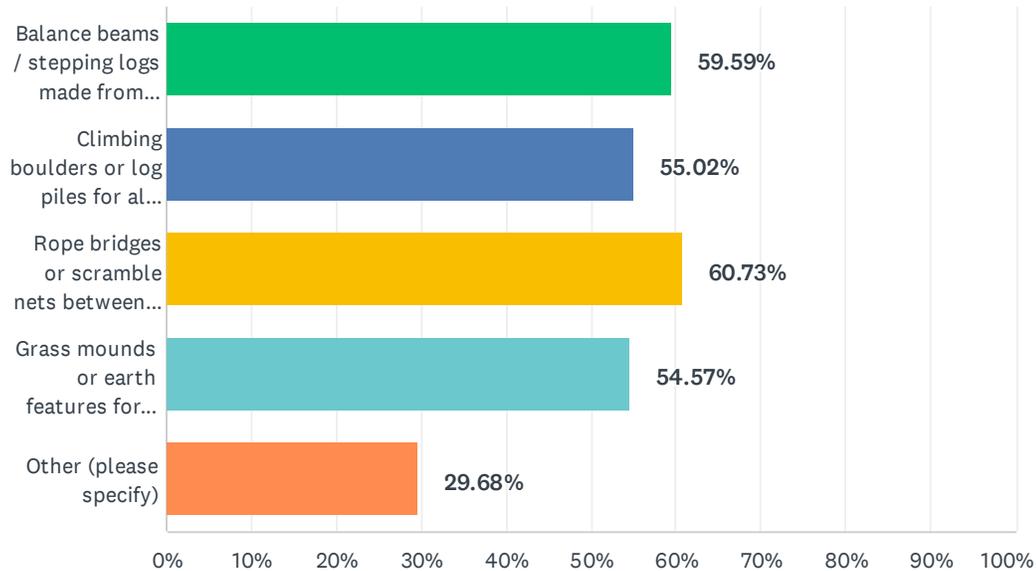
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural trail features (e.g. stepping logs, balance beams, climbing boulders)	63.62%	292
Nature-inspired play and movement area (e.g. timber climbing structures, rope features, natural fitness elements)	65.14%	299
Sensory and relaxation area (e.g. textured paths, scented plants, musical play features)	42.92%	197
Seating area and picnic benches (e.g. benches, picnic areas, seating for different ages)	57.95%	266
Total Respondents: 459		

## Q5 For Natural Trail Features – which would you most like to see? (Tick all that apply)

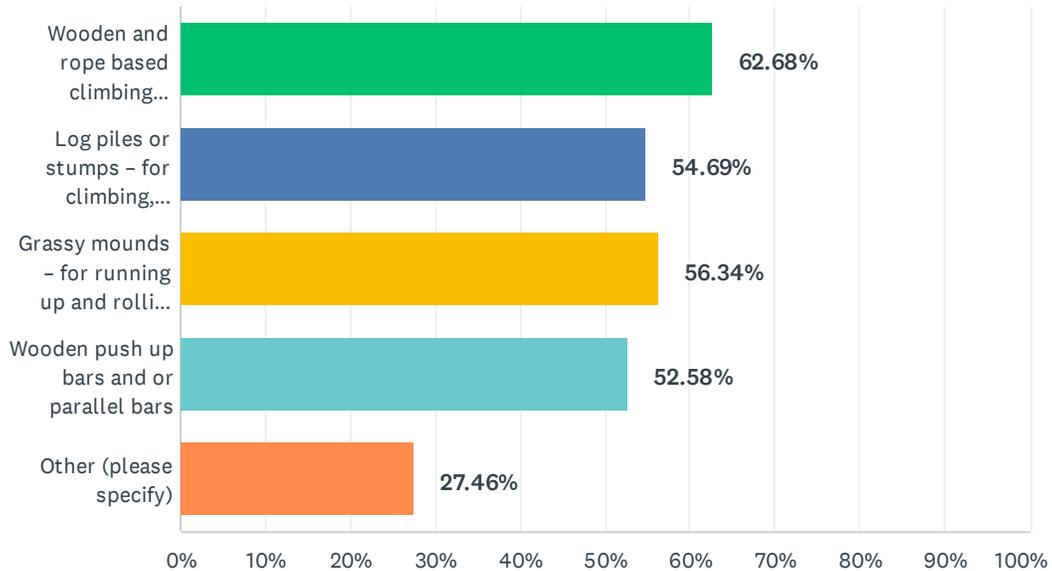
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Balance beams / stepping logs made from natural timber	59.59%	261
Climbing boulders or log piles for all ages	55.02%	241
Rope bridges or scramble nets between wooden posts	60.73%	266
Grass mounds or earth features for climbing and running	54.57%	239
Other (please specify)	29.68%	130
Total Respondents: 438		

## Q6 For Nature-Based Play and Movement – which features would you most like to see?

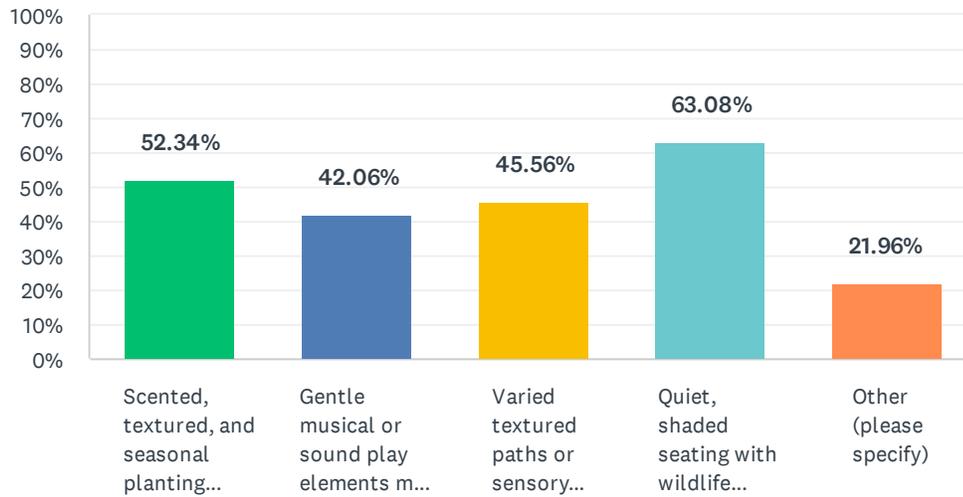
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Wooden and rope based climbing structures	62.68%	267
Log piles or stumps – for climbing, stepping and jump	54.69%	233
Grassy mounds – for running up and rolling down	56.34%	240
Wooden push up bars and or parallel bars	52.58%	224
Other (please specify)	27.46%	117
Total Respondents: 426		

## Q7 For Sensory and Relaxation Area – which features would you most like to see?

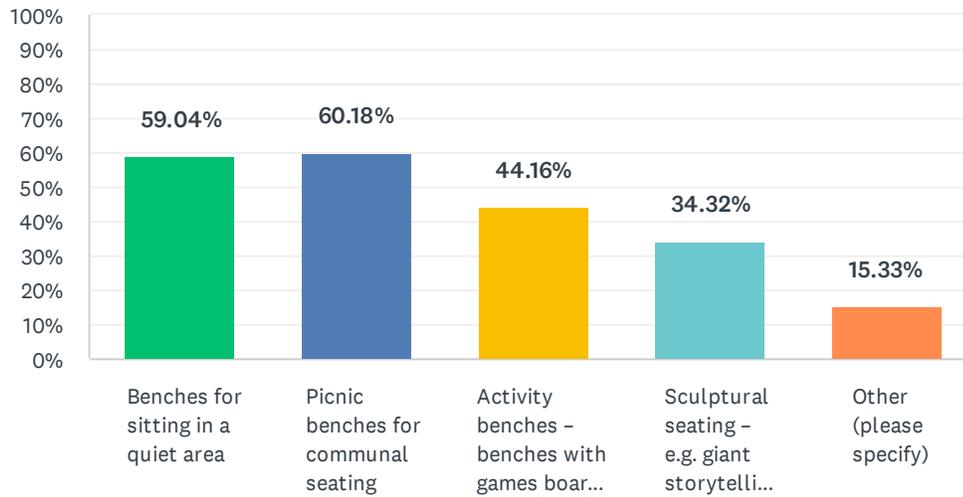
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Scented, textured, and seasonal planting (e.g. herbs, grasses, wildflowers)	52.34%	224
Gentle musical or sound play elements made from natural materials	42.06%	180
Varied textured paths or sensory stepping routes	45.56%	195
Quiet, shaded seating with wildlife planting nearby	63.08%	270
Other (please specify)	21.96%	94
Total Respondents: 428		

## Q8 For Seating area and Picnic Benches – which features would you most like to see?

Answered: 437 Skipped: 31



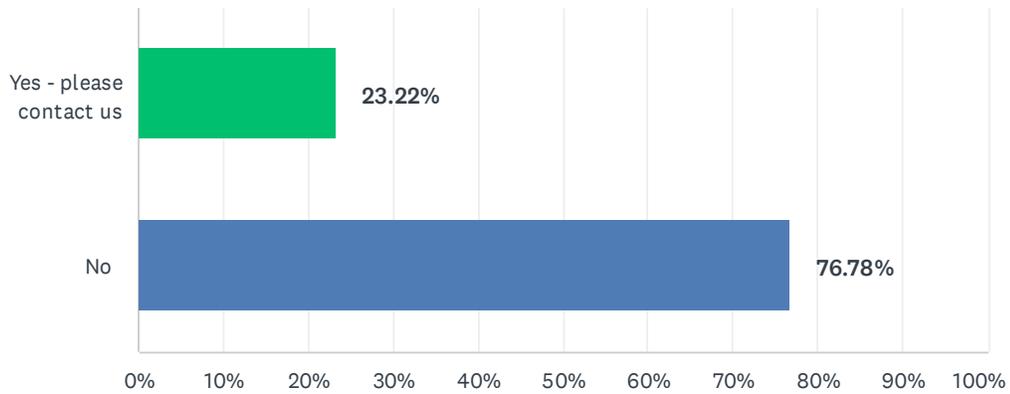
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Benches for sitting in a quiet area	59.04%	258
Picnic benches for communal seating	60.18%	263
Activity benches – benches with games boards on the top	44.16%	193
Sculptural seating – e.g. giant storytelling chair with small mushroom seats	34.32%	150
Other (please specify)	15.33%	67
Total Respondents: 437		

## Q9 Do you have any other suggestions or comments for Westcroft Green improvements

Answered: 193 Skipped: 275

### Q10 Would you be interested in volunteering to help develop the space?

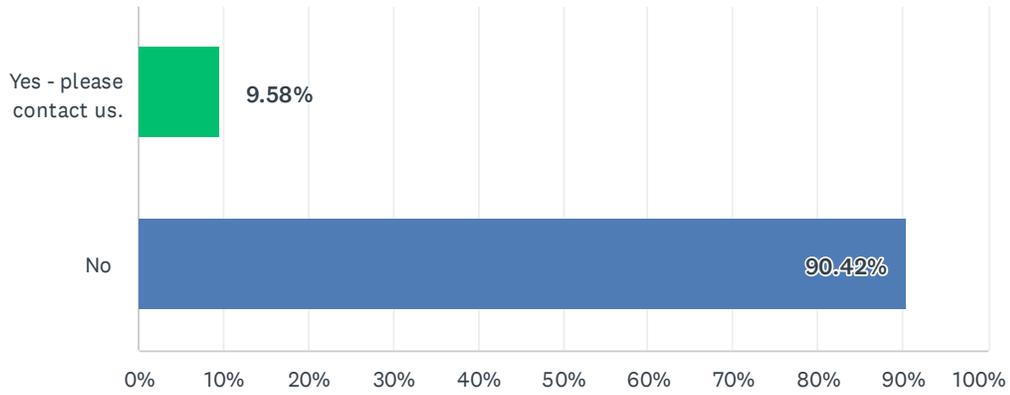
Answered: 267 Skipped: 201



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - please contact us	23.22%	62
No	76.78%	205
TOTAL		267

### Q11 Would you be interested in donating to, or sponsoring part of, the project,i.e. a bench etc?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 207



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - please contact us.	9.58%	25
No	90.42%	236
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>261</b>

Q5 - For Natural Trail Features – which would you most like to see? - Other

(130 responses)

1	Quiet, natural space for contemplation & escape from our noise filled lives.
2	Toddler and under friendly play equipment.
3	This area did have a rope and climbing area but no maintenance was done except to cut it down when it needed repairs
4	Slide
5	None
6	This is more relevant for younger children
7	Parallel bars
8	Bike track
9	A climbing house
10	A play house for children
11	More planting
12	Mountain bike jumps
13	Mountain biking jumps
14	Jumps and (??)
15	Step 'n' stones
16	Mountain bike jumps
17	Zip line, gymnastic bar highish, exercise things
18	Just flows
19	A climbing wall
20	A zip line
21	A skate park if one will fit
22	New goals
23	Big hills
24	Monkey bar
25	Monkey bars and slide
26	Drawing area
27	Pond with a small bridge please
28	Cycle track
29	A cycle track
30	To put a net on the goal
31	Monkey bars
32	Wooden high ropes
33	Mini golf
34	A bridge
35	Monkey bars
36	Water
37	Monkey bars
38	A trim trail
39	I want a huge trim trail
40	Monkey bars and zip line
41	To have a circus

42	Monkey bars
43	Monkey bars
44	Slide
45	Monkey bars
46	A big park
47	Rolacoaster
48	A water park
49	A really big obstacle course
50	Ropes to balance
51	A hang bar
52	Giant monkey bars
53	Big slide
54	Monkey bars
55	Monkey bars
56	A wibberly bridge
57	Obstacle course
58	Monkey bars
59	Please can we have a zipwire
60	Monkey bars and swings
61	Grass mounds for bikes and the older children
62	Nothing
63	Logs
64	fake grass
65	zip lock
66	monkey bars
67	water park
68	skate park
69	in ground trampoline
70	monkey bars
71	Trampolines
72	small walls to jump on
73	Swings
74	rock climbing, dog park
75	bike jumps, pump track
76	bike trail and bike jumps
77	another goal post
78	monkey bars
79	monkey bars
80	monkey bars
81	bumpy hills to roll down
82	trampoline and bars
83	Trampoline
84	astro pitches, football
85	dog park, water park
86	monkey bars
87	a climbing wall

88	tree trunks to play leap stone
89	a slide on the hills
90	slides into a ball pit
91	a bench that swings
92	exercise class
93	domes with benches
94	rolling beams
95	Swings
96	rolling logs
97	giant zip line
98	to make trees to climb
99	fitness bits
100	pieces of grass to do handstands and other stuff like that
101	a small shallow swimming pool to dip your feet in
102	giant zip line
103	a wooden obstacle
104	Slide
105	Slide
106	a path to get to stuff
107	a path with beautiful plants and flowers
108	balance beams
109	calm reading spots
110	monkey bars
111	Sanctuary
112	logs or beams to walk and balance on
113	Something for dog enrichment would be great. There is nothing in the local area would be be very appealing as something a bit different. I also see much more dog walkers year round in the village than anyone else
114	Sculptured animals /chainsawn
115	NO TIMBER !! BAD ENOUGH METAL EQUIPMENT AT PAV Condemned FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS no to timber its slippery only used half the year and is opd fashioned complete waste of money.
116	New football goals
117	None it will attract yobs
118	Secure dog facility
119	Quiet and peaceful area
120	Pump Track
121	Move goal posts to the larger __[unreadable] area
122	Swings and slides would be better than wood structures which will get wet and slippery
123	Natural tree log climbing frames and slides like Skellingthorpe park. Calithenics bars too for pull-ups/muscle ups (low, medium and high bars) and parallel bars.
124	Leave it as it is
125	Accessible equipment for older, infirm or people with disabilities
126	Swings and slide
127	Play park

128	any activities would be welcome, as my children like to visit the are, but they get bored as there is nothing to do
129	Any play equipment for kids would be an improvement
130	Dog paddock

Q6 - For Nature-Based Play and Movement – which would you most like to see? - Other

(117 responses)

1	Toddler and under friendly play equipment.
2	None
3	Same comment as above
4	Monkey bars
5	Crossfit
6	Monkey bars
7	Zip line, gymnastic bar, exercise things
8	Net on goals
9	Monkey bars, swings, zip line and water play area
10	Deck chair
11	Zip line and swings
12	A trim trail
13	Slide, fitness play items, dens and hiding places
14	Swings attached to a tree
15	Swings
16	Monkey bars
17	Water balloon laser tag
18	Ropes and nets for climbing please
19	Ropes to swing on
20	Monkey bars
21	A dirt ramp for bikes
22	Outdoor exercise stuff
23	To put a net on the goal
24	Swings
25	Gymnastic beam and bar
26	Zip line
27	Zip line
28	A sand pit and a rope to jump off
29	Tires to step on
30	Tires
31	Football pitch
32	Zip line
33	I want a theme park
34	To run with your family
35	Zip line
36	Zip line
37	A splash park
38	Zip line
39	Zip line
40	Swings
41	Zip line
42	Splash park

43	Inflatable pillow
44	A big park
45	Water equipment
46	Some bars
47	Giant water pool
48	Parkour
49	Water play area
50	Dog park
51	Football goals
52	Water play area
53	Zip line
54	Water play area
55	Tunnels, slide (look at Rufford Abbey's play area for kids)
56	Nothing
57	water play area
58	water play area
59	water area, swings, den building materials
60	a shop
61	a pub to get food and drink
62	water toys
63	mini golf course
64	tight rope
65	football goals
66	logs to climb on
67	climbing frame
68	Trampoline
69	ropes to swing on, a little go ape
70	tree house to play on
71	big rocks to climb and step on
72	monkey bars
73	monkey bars
74	monkey bars
75	monkey bars
76	Mcdonalds
77	water park, dog park, mcdonalds
78	a zip line
79	a net on the goal
80	monkey bars
81	climbing wall
82	spring boards
83	Swings
84	art things
85	benches and little rock walls
86	planes to run around in
87	Trampoline
88	monkey bars

89	Trampoline
90	monkey bars
91	Swings
92	swings or slide
93	basket ball nets
94	sitting room
95	a slide. hills to go down with your bike
96	a steep slide
97	no dogs because of the poo
98	Swings
99	10 meter slide
100	a curly slide
101	monkey bars
102	rock climbing
103	swings for all ages
104	Trampoline
105	a slide
106	slide into a ballpit
107	zip line
108	z plank
109	Accessible equipment for wheelchair users/ mobility compromised outside of an obligatory roundabout.
110	None
111	Quiet and peaceful area
112	Pull up bars (low, medium and high) and parallel bars for dips
113	Leave it as is
114	Swings and slide
115	Play park
116	any activities would be welcome, as my children like to visit the are, but they get bored as there is nothing to do
117	As above

Q7 – For Sensory and Relaxation Area – which would you most like to see? - Other

(94 responses)

1	Organic, gentle sounds like wind chimes, but not music., but not
2	None
3	Same as above
4	Covered area
5	Bike track
6	Different paths(?) under your feet
7	Fish
8	Books
9	Bike park
10	Teddies and blankets to relax
11	Maybe some toys
12	A maze
13	A place to draw with chalks
14	Waterfall
15	A water area
16	Petting Zoo or ASMR
17	Trees that grow fruit please
18	Bench and umbrella with a book
19	High up space to chill
20	A high up space
21	Buttons that play music when you press them
22	Canopy
23	A water fountain
24	A hammock
25	A smelling trail to follow
26	Tv to watch
27	A splash pad
28	I want a nice bench under the trees
29	To have a picnic
30	Some benches
31	A swing
32	Benches
33	Lots of seats
34	4 Trim trails
35	A quiet place for reading
36	A nice waterfall
37	Some water near by
38	Waterfall
39	A sand pit
40	Swimming
41	Stream
42	A music area

43	Non fiction books
44	Swings and a slide, waterfall
45	Pond
46	Nothing
47	wooden bars for climbing or swinging
48	magical area
49	musical box
50	Waterfall
51	Football
52	a waterfall
53	obstacle course
54	flowers in baskets near to the benches
55	pop-its, squish toys
56	monkey bars
57	box of fidgets
58	like a clay area
59	flower bed and nice plants
60	different feelings on hands
61	touchy stuff
62	squishies and slime
63	lights with a bench and blankets
64	Waterpark
65	dens to sit in
66	different natural textures
67	dog park
68	quiet reading area
69	a slide
70	a little garden to walk through
71	hammocks to swing on
72	cups to sit in
73	wooden sticks to play with
74	Benches
75	fake snow
76	galaxy projector and a black floor with comfy blankets and space sound effects
77	a little library
78	Slide
79	big slides / small slides
80	monkey bars
81	benches underneath a tree
82	wooden stump you can sit on
83	Fidgets
84	a reading space
85	a book corner
86	bubbles and calming toys
87	to see woodland creatures
88	plants that smell good

89	UK studies have shown the community building is important to older and and 18-30 yrs. community gardens, and vegetable patches would be really beneficial, especially with the amount of people who sell plants and produce in the village
90	Wildflowers where the wild areas were this year so looks less like it's just been left and will self seed. I would like to pay for a bench but am currently unemployed after being made redundant In Feb but simple sleeper benches are cheaper arent they ?
91	None of these, we just need a normal park
92	Leave as the park already is
93	Dog walking path
94	I personally wouldn't rewuire a sensory area, but appreciate that for many families it's very welcome

Q8 – For Seating area and Picnic Benches – which would you most like to see? - Other

(67 responses)

1	Natural art & sculptural forms.
2	None
3	Activity benches sound great but would get ruined and pieces would get lost
4	Sculptural seating - only if a storyteller is available on a regular basis
5	Monkey bars
6	Make mountain bike jumps
7	Dirt jumps
8	None - concerns about littering and anti social behaviour
9	Sensory fidget toys
10	Music
11	Monkey bars
12	A book locker
13	Special days with reptiles
14	Trampoline
15	A canopy with picnic benches please
16	Bean bags with little bean bags to put your feet on
17	A shelter with a bench
18	Ping pong table
19	Tree house
20	A fish pond
21	A tent where you can do quiet crafts
22	to have a walk
23	Toadstools to sit on
24	A calm spot
25	Game in castle
26	Some drawing supplies
27	Waterfall seats
28	A place to be calm
29	An area for building dens
30	Rainbow benches
31	A fun cozy seat
32	Nothing
33	a den house
34	tree house
35	Bench
36	a rainbow bench
37	where we can do some colouring
38	a soft chair
39	seats with coasters
40	grass area for picnics
41	net swing
42	put nets on goals

43	benches with roofs so you don't get wet
44	a flowery space
45	drink area
46	a bouncy chair with blankets
47	bigger skate park
48	comfy seats
49	a bench
50	Books
51	Hammock
52	lego tray
53	little tents to sit and have a picnic in
54	ferris wheel
55	a quiet games room
56	wildlife parks
57	Swings
58	Trampoline
59	plant trees
60	logs to make dense
61	craft table
62	crafting table
63	a nature spot
64	None of this. People can take their own blankets
65	Leave as is, I already constantly pick up litter when walk through the park with my dog
66	Group seating
67	Benches near play equipment for parents to sit and watch from

## Q9 Do you have any other suggestions or comments for Westcroft Green improvements

Answered: 193 Skipped: 275

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do nothing other than stop kids playing football and ruining grass stop dog walkers and dog mess	12/28/2025 7:26 AM
2	The space has been 'opened up' since the new housing development & has lost it's secluded natural feeling. I feel that this should be restored & have the children's & dog walker areas away from the quiet part.	12/24/2025 12:49 PM
3	Needs to be as much of a play ground environment. One at the Pav is too far away for little kids and quite poor. Look at other villages for what they have, Nettleham Bill Bailey field for example.	12/24/2025 12:02 PM
4	There was a plan about 17 years ago where residents put forward what they would like for the area when the developers where given planning permission which was a 0 to 5 play area on westcroft drive and was going to be in a figure of 8 on to the new development which would have a older age group with out door gym equipment which could be use by everyone .After waiting years nothing developed then plans changed more meeting then it was put on hold these plans should still be in the records of the Parish council	12/23/2025 11:01 PM
5	Will there be adequate budget for ongoing maintenance for years to come. Northfield Rise Open Space - would love to see 'proper wildflower Areas either side of the footpath. Think it would give a lovely entrance as you move through to Westcroft.	12/23/2025 3:28 PM
6	This area is regularly used for dog exercise and any large structures eg goal post would spoil this area	12/19/2025 12:25 PM
7	For the older children a basket ball net or football goals better placed.	12/17/2025 8:07 PM
8	The above is geared at younger children. Teenagers are more interested in fitness and football.	12/17/2025 7:02 PM
9	Exercise equipment	12/17/2025 10:57 AM
10	I have ticked over 65 but would also like to tick under 5 as we have our 2 year old granddaughter 2 days each week and the family are hoping to move to Saxilby in the near future. We would definitely use the area when done. Wouldn't he able to volunteer as both have mobility ussues.	12/12/2025 5:54 PM
11	Hopefully nothing to near to over 55 properties/Meadow Walk	12/12/2025 1:25 PM
12	A bike track	12/12/2025 1:25 PM
13	Bike track	12/12/2025 1:24 PM
14	Integrated hill slide or tunnel Bike or scooter track	12/12/2025 1:23 PM
15	Saxilby already has a good park at the rec, so it would be nice to have a quiet spot for younger kids to explore nature, forest school activities, which parents can supervise Please do NOT put in an adult gym. Encourage parent/child activities instead.	12/12/2025 1:21 PM
16	Bike track	12/12/2025 1:18 PM
17	I would love to help with this project if I can. As there are a lot of young families who live near Westcroft it would be great to develop a play area with equipment similar to that at Collingham or Hartsholme parks.	12/8/2025 1:58 PM
18	Keep it as natural as possible - it is hugely valued as a space where children can run, dogs can be walked and where nature can exist. It's lovely hearing the birds in the trees	12/7/2025 10:45 PM
19	Maybe a small children area. The only playground for kids is at school, nothing closer to this	12/4/2025 8:11 PM

	part of the village	
20	Plants to encourage insects, butterflies etc. Trees to provide shade for the future.	12/3/2025 2:41 PM
21	Obviously my age indicates relaxation or a rest BUT I do believe children need places to play in an area for them is essential.	12/3/2025 2:27 PM
22	Nature garden with structural plants for interest and wildlife	12/3/2025 2:26 PM
23	Make it more child friendly but please don't make it so residents do not feel safe walking through in the dark. I am concerned if there's picnic benches people will take to drinking there in the evenings.	12/2/2025 12:24 PM
24	Enclosed dog area.	12/2/2025 11:43 AM
25	Gymnastic bar please	11/28/2025 6:18 PM
26	Water fountain	11/28/2025 6:15 PM
27	A cuddly area and sports equipment	11/28/2025 6:13 PM
28	Picnic table	11/28/2025 6:11 PM
29	A bike track	11/28/2025 6:09 PM
30	A place for climbing trees	11/28/2025 6:07 PM
31	Rugby posts and 2 football pitches	11/28/2025 6:06 PM
32	Swings	11/28/2025 6:05 PM
33	Ropes, monkey bars, climbing frames, grassy hills, big rocks and stones for climbing	11/28/2025 5:58 PM
34	Calm waterfall music Monkey bars	11/28/2025 5:54 PM
35	A silent disco for the people that don't like loud noises and a public toilet	11/28/2025 5:49 PM
36	Mega swing	11/28/2025 5:46 PM
37	A pond with a walkway with a bench that you can play games and have a picnic A mini maze	11/28/2025 5:43 PM
38	Skate park Big slides	11/28/2025 5:38 PM
39	Monkey bars, two football goals that are smaller, new skate park	11/28/2025 5:33 PM
40	I would like a tree with a pond next to it and stepping stones	11/28/2025 5:31 PM
41	Another football goal Monkey bars High ropes	11/28/2025 5:27 PM
42	Roundabout Big slide Building blocks	11/28/2025 5:25 PM
43	A climbing frame	11/28/2025 5:20 PM
44	Crazy golf	11/28/2025 5:14 PM
45	Cycle track	11/28/2025 5:11 PM
46	To chop down the trees in the middle	11/28/2025 5:08 PM
47	Some more football goals A big trim trail with sand for the floor	11/28/2025 5:06 PM
48	Water park, lake inflatable, crazy golf, zip line, cafe for breakfast and food	11/28/2025 5:05 PM
49	In the massive ditch/pond, make a skate park, a bowl, a pump track for bikes, an arcade warehouse and a gold driving range	11/28/2025 5:02 PM
50	A fish pond	11/28/2025 4:59 PM
51	A park	11/28/2025 4:58 PM
52	Bird boxes and bug hotels	11/28/2025 4:55 PM
53	An area where you can stroke and touch animals	11/28/2025 4:54 PM
54	Bouncy castle	11/28/2025 4:51 PM

55	Flowers	11/28/2025 4:49 PM
56	A pull up bar	11/28/2025 4:47 PM
57	Trampolines	11/28/2025 4:45 PM
58	A play area in the woods	11/28/2025 4:43 PM
59	Zip line that goes into a pool	11/28/2025 4:40 PM
60	I want a park	11/28/2025 4:38 PM
61	Sit down for some quiet time	11/28/2025 4:37 PM
62	Nature park	11/28/2025 4:27 PM
63	A football goal	11/28/2025 4:25 PM
64	A water park	11/28/2025 4:23 PM
65	A swing	11/28/2025 4:21 PM
66	Den building	11/28/2025 4:18 PM
67	Zip wire A place to write	11/28/2025 4:15 PM
68	A play area	11/28/2025 4:05 PM
69	Sensory area (boxes to feel in and guess what they are)	11/28/2025 4:03 PM
70	A climbing area	11/28/2025 3:59 PM
71	A little train goes round, in the middle of it there will be a picnic	11/28/2025 3:57 PM
72	Football pitch	11/28/2025 3:53 PM
73	Plants that smell nice	11/28/2025 3:51 PM
74	Water park	11/28/2025 3:14 PM
75	Dog park!	11/28/2025 3:08 PM
76	A football pitch	11/28/2025 3:05 PM
77	Water park	11/28/2025 3:02 PM
78	A football pitch	11/28/2025 11:23 AM
79	Why would people volunteer, it's clear the parish council don't want volunteer groups unless it involves the pavilion or the football clubs which most of the councillors have a conflict of interest in.	11/27/2025 6:35 PM
80	Anything would be an improvement!	11/27/2025 3:32 PM
81	Will support any events.	11/27/2025 3:31 PM
82	Water play	11/27/2025 3:30 PM
83	In a perfect world make village paths safe to walk on before going into any other expenditure which would be on going! Nothing done (24years) Millfield Av, Almond Cl, Nursery Cl. Starting point perhaps?	11/27/2025 3:28 PM
84	Would love a great space for kids from toddler to 11 years. I feel the pav would and does cater well for slightly older kids. There is nothing at this end of the village for the age range I have mentioned.	11/26/2025 5:19 PM
85	Make the football goal a cage goal so the ball doesn't go missing when you score.	11/24/2025 8:49 PM
86	Area for sports, football, basketball etc...	11/24/2025 8:44 PM
87	Don't make "improvements" as you'll just ruin it.	11/24/2025 7:18 PM
88	An off-path dog walker wiggly non-soggy path, so dog owners aren't restricted to main paths, in the way of other walkers and families.	11/24/2025 6:56 PM

89	Outdoor fitness space would be fantastic to encourage outdoors wellbeing and nature alongside physical fitness, which given the price of gym memberships these days, is a win win!	11/22/2025 4:49 PM
90	Concrete table tennis	11/22/2025 3:45 PM
91	dens	11/21/2025 12:33 PM
92	swings monkey bars	11/21/2025 12:27 PM
93	sticks to make a den	11/21/2025 12:22 PM
94	water area to cool off in big hill with a slide gymnastics area	11/21/2025 12:20 PM
95	exercise/parkour equipment sensory rooms and picnic areas crawl through and play tunnels	11/21/2025 12:14 PM
96	bean bags	11/21/2025 12:12 PM
97	water park trampoline zip line mcdonalds	11/21/2025 12:10 PM
98	another goal post logs, twigs and rocks to make dens	11/21/2025 12:06 PM
99	maybe more sports fields	11/21/2025 12:04 PM
100	monkey bars	11/21/2025 12:03 PM
101	a place where dogs can be let off lead and not run away	11/21/2025 12:01 PM
102	swings and slides and a climbing frame	11/21/2025 11:58 AM
103	little mushrooms of different colours	11/21/2025 11:57 AM
104	sensory board with lights, blankets, comfy chairs and games	11/21/2025 11:56 AM
105	have some bike jumps	11/21/2025 11:54 AM
106	mcdonalds water park dog park	11/21/2025 11:52 AM
107	swings and slides	11/21/2025 11:47 AM
108	dog park	11/21/2025 11:47 AM
109	football goals basketball hoops	11/21/2025 11:46 AM
110	to put a little play pit for older and younger children	11/21/2025 11:43 AM
111	big slide	11/21/2025 11:40 AM
112	dens carpets calm but playful areas	11/21/2025 11:34 AM
113	a slide	11/21/2025 11:31 AM
114	monkey bars slide rope swings zipline trampoline	11/21/2025 11:30 AM
115	no dogs	11/21/2025 11:29 AM
116	a teepee with lego in it	11/21/2025 11:27 AM
117	monkey bars rope swing zip line trampoline	11/21/2025 11:22 AM
118	add a creative patterned entrance sign let people play on devices	11/21/2025 11:18 AM
119	a playground with a slide and climbing frame	11/21/2025 11:15 AM
120	an obstacle course for friends and families an area for older children and younger children	11/21/2025 11:11 AM
121	play games with friends	11/21/2025 11:07 AM
122	swings green places to play games with your friend	11/21/2025 11:06 AM
123	wooden bars for climbing and swinging	11/21/2025 11:04 AM
124	monkey bars swings football trampoline	11/21/2025 11:03 AM
125	you could add a big sign saying Westcroft Green	11/21/2025 11:02 AM

126	trees and benches	11/21/2025 10:59 AM
127	a crafting table	11/21/2025 10:58 AM
128	area to plant stuff and take things home tunnel with holes to walk through	11/21/2025 10:57 AM
129	a calm place to read and to relate	11/21/2025 10:55 AM
130	a calm place to walk around flowers and animals	11/21/2025 10:51 AM
131	parkour skate park	11/21/2025 10:48 AM
132	a slide	11/21/2025 10:47 AM
133	I don't live close by but have young grandchildren who do and I think anything for the under 10s would be a welcome addition.	11/21/2025 9:59 AM
134	Communal garden for herbs and salad plants	11/19/2025 4:57 PM
135	We have the rec where there are great packs for children. Differentiating this space would allow it to me more successful. We've tried play parks in this area for years that have never worked. We should try something new. We can't expect different results from the same actions.	11/19/2025 4:03 PM
136	Keep it as natural and green as possible.	11/19/2025 2:30 PM
137	A safe enclosed area to allow dogs to be off lead for training or playing fetch! Water features! Maybe a water feature trail or a big statement water feature! I would have these lit up so you can see them at night too. A Basket swing.	11/19/2025 8:07 AM
138	This is not an extension of burton hathow outdoor garden. This needs to be a useable space for the forgotten population of saxilby. It needs swings, a slide, climbing frame. Benches and picnic areas are all well and good but litter will affect the wildlife. Mounds of earth scream cheap and lack of investment. Give the children a park and not a collections of logs and herbs!	11/18/2025 11:20 PM
139	No	11/18/2025 7:46 PM
140	Move the football goal to the wider part of the field and install a net on it	11/18/2025 7:20 PM
141	It would be amazing for so many children in the areas.	11/18/2025 5:51 PM
142	Please consider the full spectrum of physical abilities and what you are trying to achieve from the project. This could be a wonderful opportunity to allow adults and children to have experiences in the community that are meaningful to them. An opportunity to move their body that they don't currently have access too in this village.	11/18/2025 10:35 AM
143	Something different to what else is available in the village	11/17/2025 2:21 PM
144	This park is used by dog owners a lot, only place near by where the dogs can be off lead. Please ensure that this group still can use the park for this activity.	11/17/2025 12:17 PM
145	Please do something about the eyesore weed filled hole on new estate. What a wasted opportunity. Should have been a so much more community friendly space, just a wasteland.	11/16/2025 11:28 PM
146	Bike track	11/15/2025 6:26 PM
147	Leave it for wildlife.	11/15/2025 5:49 PM
148	Prioritising play with designated equipment. The village has an abundance of benches and remembrance structures. Something for the younger generation and the many young families that now live here would be welcome.	11/15/2025 3:32 PM
149	Ensure it is long lasting, easy to maintain and vandal proof. Respect the wild life already there. Encourage more. Wildflowering and self pollinating. Fruit trees. Raised beds for communal gardening- thinking of the lovely beds at the Station maintained by the Girl Guides. Also a complete no dog area. Sick of owners allowing their dogs off rein and the dog mess and bags left behind. Not everyone likes dogs!!!!	11/15/2025 11:39 AM
150	Outdoor gym equipment would be fantastic.	11/15/2025 9:06 AM
151	Don't change it too much	11/14/2025 10:31 AM
152	Keep council cist as low as possible. So council tax can be kept lower. So every taxpayers in	11/14/2025 8:02 AM

the village will benefit long-term rather than the small percentage that will use the area. We already have a play park and facilities. There are plenty of walks already in and around the village. Any public fund spent on this project would be miss appropriation of those funds.

153	A decent play area as the main park is too far to walk with young children from this end of Saxilby.	11/13/2025 9:52 PM
154	My phone number is XXXXXXXXXXXX. I live at XX XXXXXXXXX and walk on the green daily with my dog. I sent pictures via messenger of some equipment I saw in Derbyshire for a trail around both field alongside the paths Limited in helping develop the area as I now have Rheumatoid arthritis but happy to help with weeding where I can (co ta t details above). I've regularly been pulling up ragwort that I've seen as worked with the stuff for years and seen the results of animals eating it. I'd be concerned about the grass humps etc as it's all extra maintenance. Sensory area is nice if there are enough people to help keep it weeded etc. I understand about natural play but this has to be in sunny areas to prevent slippy surfaces. Would be nice to have locally carved/chainsawed animals scattered about and picnic tables . Sorry for any spelling mistakes .	11/13/2025 9:35 PM
155	Cameras to prevent vandalism	11/13/2025 9:26 PM
156	I have experience of making these spaces and children who grew up in the village. Please keep it simple swings, see saw then a huge semi circular mound of earth kids can roll down but doubles up as a performance area. Set up power supply and solar lights. Take up the canopy of trees and cut back overgrown areas in ditches to create dog run. Send out maps of local footpath trails to all residents to include new estates so many unaware of these as they have different fb groups and are not integrating with any events or initiatives.	11/13/2025 8:01 PM
157	It is a long walk to the recreation field in the centre of the village for families with young children so it would be lovely for something to be provided here.	11/13/2025 7:47 PM
158	Grassy mounds are likely to be used by older children on bikes, so may be destroyed easily. Paths which are suitable for prams are necessary, we can't use the current new path as you can't push a pram on the stones very easily.	11/12/2025 4:08 PM
159	My children would like swings and a climbing area. They both also play football so it would be useful if the goal had a net.	11/11/2025 3:44 PM
160	Westcroft green is an attractive "landscape wedge" between an older and newer housing estate - not suitable as a future Disneyland or multipurpose activity zone! Keep it simple.	11/11/2025 1:32 PM
161	A fence area for dog to play would be lovely so while the kids have the fun the dogs can too! I also want to say thanks to the lady who leaves the poo bags too.	11/10/2025 11:09 AM
162	Yes please do not disrupt or reduce the copse or trees and opportunities for wild flowers. It is a green <u>space</u> so there should be more trees and they shouldn't be trimmed or over managed. Not everything has to be cut or neat!! (Brett Fagan interested in volunteering to help develop the space.)	11/10/2025 11:05 AM
163	Some concern re the ongoing cost of maintenance relative to public benefit	11/8/2025 10:15 PM
164	Please could accessible equipment be used? My 12 y.o is in a wheelchair full-time and there is nothing near by for him to enjoy the outside. If it would help, I would be happy to help look for charitable organisations that might be able to support?	11/7/2025 3:03 PM
165	More things to do so trails and climbing stuff	11/7/2025 12:19 PM
166	As someone unlikely to use it I feel as if those who would use it should be the ones to influence how it is improved, but I do feel it needs something for the children of that end of the village.	11/6/2025 11:52 PM
167	Make it a dedicated wildlife space including pond/water feature with appropriate seating etc rather than the usual goal and children's play area, we have enough of that in the village already.	11/6/2025 9:12 PM
168	More trees, and please leave the current crop of trees there well alone. We need to use this as a chance to increase biodiversity, think about planting native pollinator friendly plants in as many places as possible in collaboration with the Saxilby Nature Group	11/6/2025 4:36 PM
169	Focus on wildlife and quiet areas. No football.	11/6/2025 1:27 PM

170	Cut the big hedge	11/6/2025 1:26 PM
171	Pump track would be great. kids will lose the MUGA area for riding their bikes.	11/6/2025 1:23 PM
172	We would like to see a mixture of the above to make it an all ages area where we can enjoy the area with our grandchildren	11/6/2025 6:46 AM
173	Where are the dog walkers going to play and walk! There were logs before taken down for safety	11/5/2025 1:04 PM
174	No back to wild areas, keep the grass short to aid picking up after dogs - impossible in long grass	11/5/2025 1:01 PM
175	Dogs should be kept on leads. People let them off and don't keep their eyes on them and they mess all over	11/5/2025 11:19 AM
176	It would be great to see a play area this side of the village for children. Please keep the football goal though as my son loves that	11/4/2025 9:23 PM
177	Calithenics workout area.	11/4/2025 9:17 PM
178	We have lived very near the Westcroft Green space for 6 years and it already is a lovely natural habitat for a lot of birds and wildlife and it is used by different age groups to walk in, walk and let dogs have a run around, let children run around, kids already play football and games and picnic in the summer, older people stroll into the park and on mobility scooters if too much is changed it will spoil the space there is and deter the wildlife. We do not want to see an increase of youngsters causing litter and anti social behaviour if there were more facilities for meeting places.	11/4/2025 5:26 PM
179	Grass mounds for riding bikes over Wildflowers near dykes Bug hotels Nature games	11/4/2025 2:57 PM
180	Plenty of dog poo & human litter bins, free dog poo bags	11/4/2025 2:43 PM
181	A park for children. As we only have 1 in the village, and with the new estates ie (field view, ingelby view) we need more up this end of the village.	11/3/2025 9:22 PM
182	The new path isn't really fit for purpose. The loose material makes it difficult to us and impossible for wheel and pushchairs. I regularly see people avoiding it. It isn't in keeping with the existing hard paths or the new compact type in the TW development.	11/3/2025 7:18 PM
183	Swings and slides. Separate area for under 5's Vs older children. Bins near any benches.	11/3/2025 4:58 PM
184	Make the walk ways weather proof	11/3/2025 4:17 PM
185	Any improvements would belcome, my 6, 8 and 11yo enjoy visiting 'the grassy area' as they call it, but there's nothing for them to do. They take their bikes but soon get bored	11/3/2025 9:12 AM
186	Area for older children, keep foot all area	11/2/2025 4:11 PM
187	Dog paddock	11/2/2025 1:20 PM
188	Not have the hundreds of dog bags on fences and lamp posts as this is unsightly and sometimes they are littering the area.	11/2/2025 9:50 AM
189	Natural resources for play- den building	11/2/2025 9:44 AM
190	Hawthorn hedgerows and trees that have been removed by developers need replacing. Rewild area for wildlife very important.	11/2/2025 9:00 AM
191	Stop rubbish collecting in small wooded areas and give warnings to people found doing so	11/1/2025 8:04 PM
192	Yes...re landscape the bridge area before you get to the bungalows..whoever cut the hedges down made a right mess and clear the little stream as people like looking in the stream.	11/1/2025 3:55 PM
193	no	11/1/2025 3:36 PM