

Woodford Park/Memorial Ground Play Area  
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Play Area Online Questionnaire – 270 respondents

How often do you visit the park?	
Daily	72
Weekly	138
Monthly	54
Less	8
Do you use the play areas?	
YES	261
NO	9
What age are your children?	
0-5	196
6-8	113
9-11	53
11+	37
Do you have a child with additional needs?	
YES	22
NO	248
How do you travel to the park?	
Walk	217
Car	106
Cycle	55
Bus	1
Do you visit other play areas locally?	
YES	231
NO	39
Which play equipment construction materials would you like to see?	
Metal	11
Wood	132
Mixed	129
How important do you think planting and natural features are in the play area?	
Very important	117
Fairly important	127
Not important	28

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Comments / what would you like to see?
Equipment at Palmer Park is brilliant
Swings & climbing frames for older children. Graffiti board as old one removed. Roundabout that functions properly – the one in the town centre is hard to get moving. Decent climbing frame like the helicopter that was removed. Circular board on springs like the one removed from the town centre in 2017 – it was beloved by many children and I have no clue why it was removed.
Wooden fort with rope bridges and slides. Please go to Wellington Country Park for inspiration. The play area needs something really good to stand out from the mundane ones in Woodley.
Better facilities for skateboarding/scootering – so important for getting kids active outdoors. It would be great also to invest in skate boarding facilities so that older children are provided for – They've outgrown the playgrounds.
Swings, slide, bouncey/trampoline, sand, zip wire.
Sand, swings, slide, toddler climbing frame
swings gym equipment for adults relaxing area
Fountain
Trampoline in the ground, slide, swings, climbing frame, agility trail, play tower. Make it quick please :). thank you..
More swings for older children Sand pit
Swings, sand pit, tunnels, mounds. Similar to Dinton play park.
Swings x6 at least, monkey bars, slides X2/3, sand pit. My children love this play park but want more swings and bigger slides plus a sand area.
Climbing frames with tunnels, climbing walls, etc for older children. Move the shelter/Building between play area and skate area as it's often used by teens who swear and smoke even when there younger children nearby
Swings and wooden castles. Interactive play structure that enable parents to play with their kids
Safe climbing and lots of tunnels and platform camps
Equipment that is inclusive of children with special needs ie equipment like at Sol Joel Park Earley. My child is Autistic and needs visually stimulating things. So play equipment should be colourful and offer opportunities to explore the senses like the music things they have at Sol Joel.
Better skatepark. Maybe add some ramps to the skatepark because it's getting boring as it's so small

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Swings, slide, climbing frames
Swings, slides, climbing frames, mounds, small trampolines
Swings, climbing frame, obstacle course. No sandpits!
Swings, skate board ramps
Swings, slides
Make the skatepark bigger
Roundabout, zip wire as one is always busy. Climbing equipment
Swings & roundabout
Swings
Swings
Climbing frames
As much as you can. Perhaps the old bit can be done up as an older kids adventure area
Improvements to skate park. Made out of concrete. I'd like grind ledges and small flat banks. I use the skate park all the time. Its often full of toddlers which is annoying as I can't skate. Henley skatepark is good.
Zip wire, monkey bars, climbing frame for toddlers and all ages. Natural hideouts eg dens
More variety. The park in Caversham has a range of equipment for different ages. Woodford Park has been a very handy place to go during lockdown. It is well looked after. It would be nice for the metal park to have a facelift.
Music play, more for toddlers
Dinton is always a firm favourite because of the variety of equipment and it's natural materials. Please can you ensure it's made from sustainable materials that are naturally-sourced.
Swings, slides, tunnels, interactive role play, roundabouts, balance beams, simple climbing apparatus, trampoline
climbing frame, slides, swings, younger kids area, sand play
Swings, climbing frame, slide, fireman's pole, seesaw

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Something that spins fast suitable for older kids like 6+ , tall big tube slide, climbing wall, tunnels, monkey bars, boat swings, swings, climbing apparatus
My child has serious allergies to pollen his blood test result went if the scale so would be nice for a play area with artificial grass as much as he likes to hunt for insects and other natural materials especially woods, he just always suffers.
Large slided
Swings. More swings
Monkey bars
Mounds, climbing frames, monkey bars, balance apparatus .
Climbing frames, Slides and swings
Things for younger children, swings, slides, smaller climbing frames With the bigger park across from this one catering for older children in a lot of its play items this would be nicer to be aimed more at younger children say under 5/6 with lots of natural wooden items, along forest school lines
I just think you need items that cover a range of age groups
I think Sol Joel park in Early could be big inspiration to you. music like in sol joel park in early
Sensory toys / musical. I have 3 sons with Autism, one of whom has Cerebral Palsy as well. We love coming to Woodford, the duck pond is beautiful. It's somewhere we can go and have half an hour when they aren't arguing!
Swings suitable for older children, slides suitable for older children not just toddlers
Plenty of planting and natural features in the surrounding park so not needed in play area.
Swings suitable for older children, climbing frame suitable for older children. create a playground for older children
Sensory trail and climbing frame
Zip line would be great
Swings, slides, fireman pole, balance beams, trim trail, see-saw, tunnels, different climbing structures. Nice ground covering and ensure bins are there please.
swings, slide built into a mound, roundabout,
slides, sandpits Swings, climbing frames, a little bridge and mounds for toddlers. Dens to hind in!

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Outdoor Abacus like the one in Cintra Park?
Zip wire, monkey bars – ladder style, climbing wall, really really tall slide, swings,
More swings
Swings, slide, monkey bars, roundabout, climbing frame,
Swings, trampoline, tunnels, sand, climbing, roundabout, balance
Swings, slide, tunnel (variety like in Sol Jol Park)
Swings slides climbing frames
A range of different equipment to suit all development stages. my eldest likes the challenge the current park offers but my younger twins cant really use it!! Needs to be more diverse...
Swings, slides, roundabout, some kind of Climbing structure for smaller children (toddlers)
Round about, swings, seesaw, slide, things to climb on
Roundabout/swings/slide/sand pit/swirly slide
Climbing / jungle gym style
Make it like Dinton Pastures play area every kids for Miles loves it
A trampoline
The sand pit is very popular and the zip wire so these should be incorporated in future designs. Slides, more swings, roundabout. The sol Joel park is lovely as accessible for all but fun–something like that would be nice. The caversham park on the river is also good. There isn't much for very you g children at present. It gets a lot of use after school so needs to be robust.
Swings, slides (straight and curved), wobbly bridges, climbing wall (easy type for small ones), high roofed tower to climb up to, those animals on springs to wobble/bounce on. This park, although intended for younger kids, has always been far to difficult for small children to enjoy safely. It's fully metal and requires climbing ability beyond that of the intended age range. A variety of activities for younger children would encourage greater use of this playground. ---
Swings, slides, small climbing wall, climbing frames, roundabouts, cars/vehicles to sit in and do imaginative play
Model it on Dinton Pastures play area
Slides, trampoline, swinging ropes, mountains to climb on, tunnels, mazes, sand, water shooters

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Firemans pole, tall tunnel slide, trampoline, sandpit, swings
Zip line, swings, slides, roundabouts, trampolines
A secure enclosed space with one exit/entry point and plenty of seating for parents.
rampoline, swings, monkey bars, slides, tunnels
Mix of climbing for bigger but more things suitable for smaller ones. We usually avoid this park as it's not really suitable for small ones. Roundabout, trampoline etc. We live the park at Sol Joel and Finchampsted Baptist Centre. Flooring at FBC is amazing – great mix of big and small at Sol Joel.
Swings, monkey bars, a slide, climbing frame. We think it's great how it is. Would be good to have different things to the other play area. My child's favourite part are the monkey bars, and the climbing frame, so would like to see those kind of things there. A swing that an adult or larger child could comfortably sit in would be nice.
Keep the splash pool. Keep the sand.
Slides, sandpit, roundabout, climbing wall, tunnel, trampoline
Large wooden plank swing for lots of kids (like Dinton), splash pad, slide, musical instruments, something to climb on, community garden area for the kids. Would prefer not to see a trampoline (the kids really love them but there are queues if it's small, accidents if large)
A fort or castle to climb up. All the children love and fight over the little car in Woodley precinct so something similar eg little tractor. The spinner like in Sonning playground. Maybe a really tall slide like in Sonning playground. Swings. If eg there is a high climbing frame please ensure children can't drop from a height.
Swings.. slides.. zip wire, tunnels..
Sensory items–musical etc., mounds, bridges, allowing children to take risk but safely
More swings, something a little easier for smaller children. t's currently quite a grown up one and not a lot for under 4's to do
Swings, climbing frames, slides, seesaw
Swings, slides, climbing frames, trampoline type equipment,
Climbing items. The larger park contains only play items for small children. We need something for bigger children (aged 7+) who like a bit more challenge and are not too big to go on everything. The only thing for older kids in either play park currently is a zip line which is only fun briefly. Please give the older juniors a place to play!

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