

Pillmere Play Area Survey Results – 2023

Number of respondents

104 surveys were completed.

Location of respondents

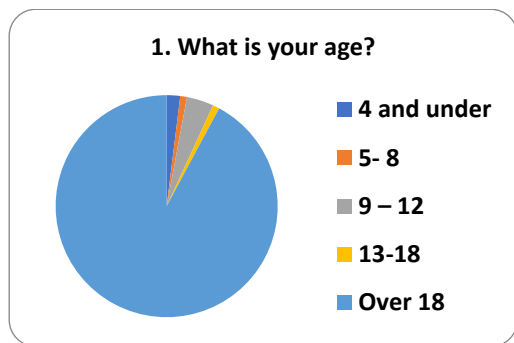
67 respondents provided their address and 28 (42%) of those lived in Grassmere Way, 8 (12%) in Dartmoor View and 6 (9%) in Meadow Drive with the remainder spread across 16 different streets.

Q1. Can we contact you to update you on the progress of our funding application?

73% of the respondents indicated they could be contacted on the progress of the funding application?

Q2. What is your age?

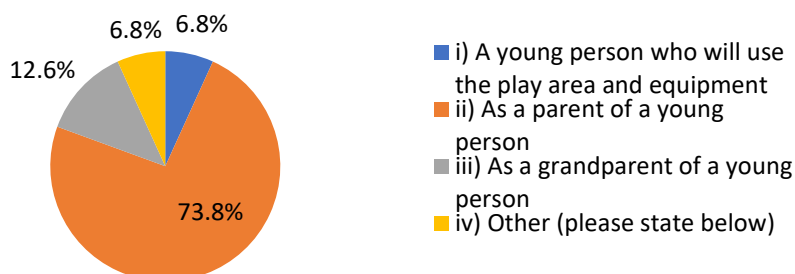
Most of the respondents 92% (88/95) were over 18 with at least one respondent for each of the age groups.



Q3. Who are you answering this survey as?

Almost three-quarters (74%) of the respondents were a parent of a young person, whilst 12% were a grandparent of a young person. 6% of the respondents were young people who would be using the play area and equipment.

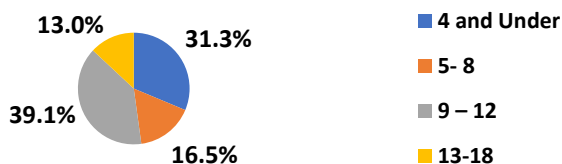
3. Are you answering this survey as?:



Q4. If you are a parent or grandparent, please confirm the ages of the children that are in your care:

87% of the children that were in the care of a parent or grandparent were aged 12 and under and 13% were aged 13 to 18. Of those under 12, 31% of children were aged 4 and under, 17% were 5 to 8 years old and 39% were aged 9 to 12.

4. If you are a parent or grandparent, please confirm the ages of the children that are in your care:



Q5. What play areas do you or the child in your care use at the moment?

This was an open-ended question. The respondents currently used over 20 different play areas, with many travelling outside Saltash e.g., Plymouth. 85 respondents answered this question and although 40 respondents (47%) used the existing play facilities in the Pillmere area (with 15 respondents stating specifically Pillmere Drive), another 40 respondents did not currently use the existing play facilities in Pillmere at all. In fact, over half of the respondents (51%), including those who use the play areas in Pillmere, currently travel outside Pillmere to access suitable play areas and equipment.

In terms of numbers of respondents, the most frequented play areas outside Pillmere were Longstone Park (18), St Dominic Playground (15), Salt Mill (8), Hatt Park (7) and Pollards Way (6).

Q6. What do you or the child in your care like about them?

The was an open-ended question. 89 respondents answered this question and for the play areas they currently used, the things most liked about them were the availability of equipment, with swings (45%), climbing equipment (27%) and slides (24%) being mentioned the most.

The fact that a play area was safe, clean, and accessible was important. Also, that a play area was suitable for both younger and older children with equipment for a range of ages.

Summary – numbers in brackets = no. of respondents

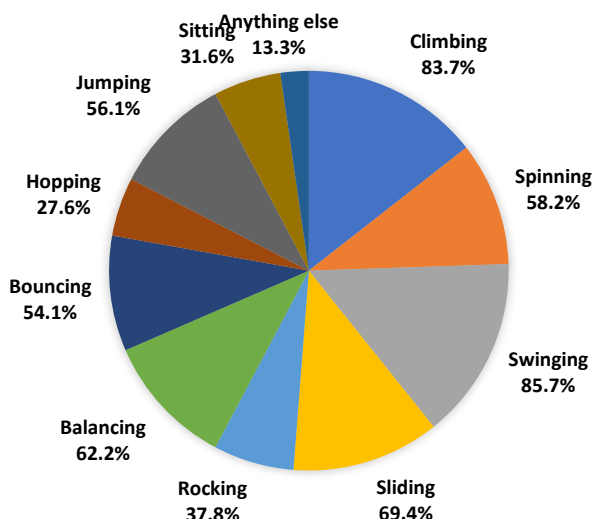
- Swings (40).
- Climbing equipment and the opportunity for children to climb (24).
- Slides (21).
- A play area suitable for both younger and older children e.g., equipment for a range of ages (11).
- Safe environment, free from anti-social behaviour (11).
- An open space with enough room to play (11).
- Clean area and equipment (8).
- Somewhere to play outdoors (9).
- Zip line/wire (6).
- Obstacle/assault course (6).
- Accessible and close to home (5).
- Variety of equipment (4).
- Trampoline (4)

Q7. What activities do you or the child in your care enjoy the most?

All the activities listed received a relatively good level of support from the respondents, with the most popular, swinging, receiving 86% support and the lowest, hopping, with 28%. The other most popular activities were climbing with 84% of respondents, followed by sliding (69%), balancing (62%) and spinning (58%).

The respondents were asked if there were any additional activities that were not on the list that the children in their care would enjoy. 9 (30%) of those who responded, suggested a zip wire/line. 4 respondents would like to have seating areas. 3 respondents suggested basketball, whilst another 3 thought a sandpit would be good. Several respondents thought there should be a mix of activities and equipment to suit all age ranges.

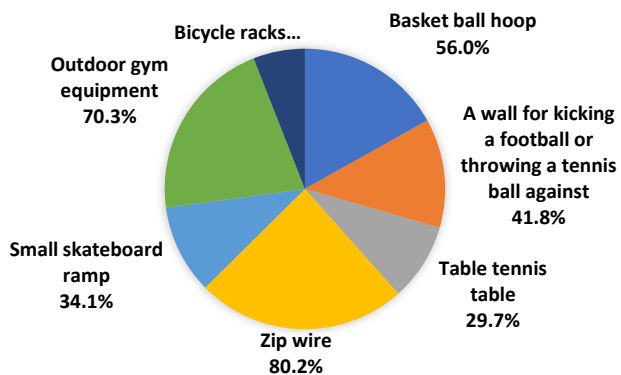
7. WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU OR THE CHILD IN YOUR CARE ENJOY THE MOST?



Q8. Are you interested in any of the following?

Of the activities listed, a zip wire was the piece of equipment most respondents were interested in, with 80% (73/91) expressing an interest, followed by outdoor gym equipment (70%) and basketball hoop (56%). The equipment that attracted least interest was a bicycle rack (20%).

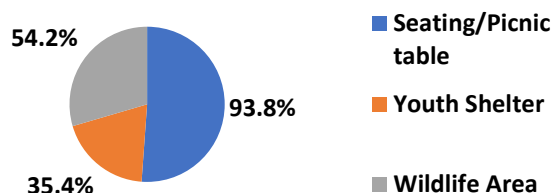
8. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?



Q9. Apart from play equipment, would you welcome any of the following?

Of the additional facilities/equipment listed, seating/picnic table was deemed the most popular, with 94% respondents welcoming this, followed by a wildlife area with 54% (49/89) of all respondents choosing this. The youth shelter received less support with 35%.

9. Apart from play equipment, would you welcome any of the following?



Q10. Is there anything else you would want to see from a new play area?

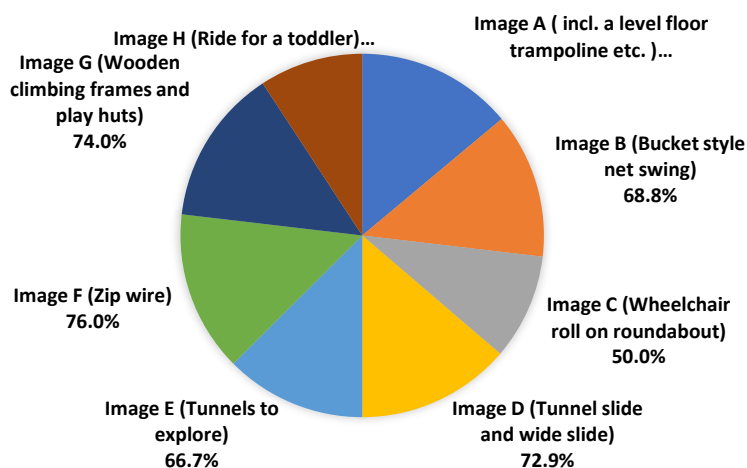
The most popular responses were as follows (number of respondents in brackets):

- Picnic area with benches and tables (8)
- A variety of safe-to-use climbing equipment to suit all ages (7)
- Dog-free areas – e.g., use fences or gates to keep dogs out (6).
- New play area to be regularly maintained (5).
- CCTV/security cameras (6)
- Rubish/recycling bins (5)
- More activities/areas for older age groups (6)
- Sandpit (3)
- Regular cleaning of equipment and play area (3)

Q11. What do you think of the equipment shown here.

The respondents thought most highly of Images F (zip wire) with 76%, Image G (wooden climbing frames and play huts) with 74% and Image D (tunnel slide and wide slide) and 73% of respondents selecting them. Image H (ride for a toddler) was the least popular amongst the respondents with less than 50% selecting it.

11. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE EQUIPMENT SHOWN ?



Add further suggestions/ideas here: 33 responses.

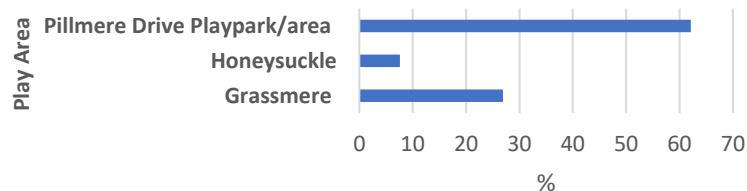
- Views on equipment – 9 of the 33 respondents liked/loved the equipment.
- More accessible equipment and ensure play area can be used by wheelchair users, disabled etc.
- Ensure equipment for a range of ages.

Q12. Funding is limited so please tell us which play area you would like us to prioritise ranking them from 1-3 (1 being the most priority and 3 being the least),

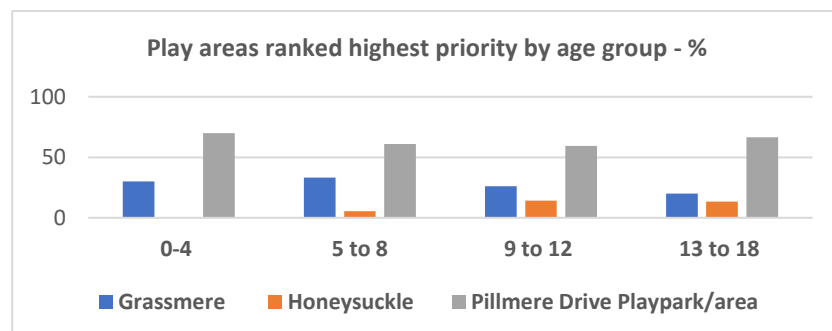
- Q13.1. Grassmere in front of properties 57-63 (new equipment)
- Q13.2. Honeysuckle in front of properties 1-7 (new equipment)
- Q13.3. Pillmere Drive playpark/area (refurbishment of existing or new equipment)

Pillmere Drive Playpark/area was the play area clearly ranked as the highest priority with 65% of respondents, followed by Grassmere (27%) and Honeysuckle (8%).

12. Play areas ranked most important - %



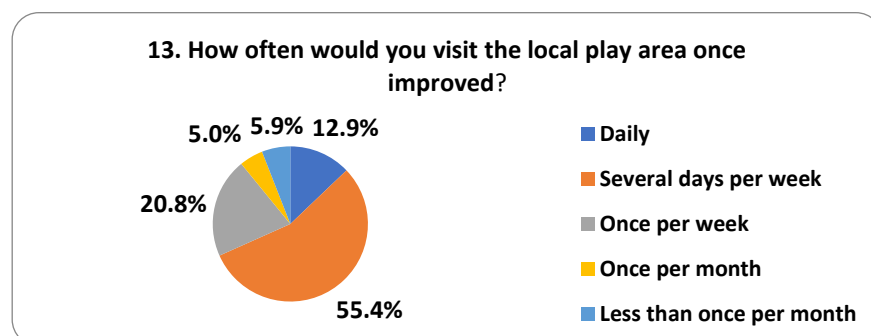
In terms of age groups, Pillmere was ranked as the highest priority by each age group with at least 60% of each age group ranking this as number one. Grassmere was ranked second and Honeysuckle third. However, Honeysuckle received slightly more support from the 9 to 12 age group (6 respondents or 14%) than other age groups.



As regards location of respondents, the 27 respondents from Grassmere Way (the street with the highest concentration of respondents) still ranked Pillmere Drive Play Area ahead of Grassmere by a small margin. 52% ranked the Pillmere Drive Play Area as the highest priority whilst 41% thought the Grassmere play area was the number 1 priority, with 7% ranking Honeysuckle as the number one.

Q13. How often would you visit the local play area once improved?

In terms of frequency of using the local play area, visiting several days a week was the most popular with 55% of respondents, followed by visiting once a week (21%), whilst 13% would visit on a daily basis.



Some quotes were as follows:



'Saltash is in dire need of new recreational spaces for its children, especially in areas like Pillmere, which face socio-economic challenges. A significant portion of the community consists of lower-income families, making it imperative to create safe and accessible play areas for their children.'

'It would be lovely to have some play equipment here in Pillmere for all ages. We have nothing and the young children play football, basketball etc making their own games up around cars etc as they have nothing here to do. Some children are as young as 5-6 years playing in the street as they have nowhere that parents can take them to play nearby.'

'Currently, there is a glaring absence of nearby playgrounds for the kids in this neighbourhood. The closest park is located at the far end of Saltash, making it inconvenient and, at times, impossible for children from Pillmere to access. It is our moral duty to provide these children with a new playground, ensuring they have a safe and enjoyable place to play.'

'I have two daughters aged 4 and 1 and would love to see some sort of decent play area.'

'It's about time our kids had somewhere nice to play!'

'I've lived in Pillmere for almost 20 years there were lovely parks here and my children loved them. Now they are gone and my youngest doesn't have anywhere here to play. So, I'd love more parks.'

'Have 2 children aged 9 and 7. We definitely need a decent play area for my children to enjoy'.

'Just really thank you for doing this survey. Thank you for gauging what people in the community would like and feel would fit their families.'

'I fully support this play area, just wish it was done years ago. Well done.'

'My son loves playing outside, socially important skills at his age to be able to walk a safe distance from his home to play with friends.'

'I would like a play park which has a zip wire, more swings and trampolines in the ground. I like big girl slides too. Wooden climbing frames would be a good idea with climbing walls.'

'Can't wait to see the new play equipment!'

'I feel children with autism should be thought of in this new play area, also wheelchair and mental health thought of. Being enclosed safely, a slide, a zip wire for the summer, a water feature that's in the floor and children can walk through it no soft landing with



wood chip mirrors, and spinning wheels on the wall, so it's all about touching and making things move.'

'Ideally a swing for special needs or disabled children. My son is autistic and severely mentally impaired. A bucket swing or large swing is very much needed and a safe and secure way in which our children are able to enjoy time outside.'

'Picnic benches and tables would be nice as lots of parents would take their young children there after the school run and stop for a snack and play.'