

How do you use Parks and Greenspaces?

We are currently reviewing the councils approach to play and the results will help inform the Draft Play Strategy (<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/pdf/play-strategy.pdf>).

Introduction

Play is a vital part of our everyday lives, not only is it an enjoyable pastime, it provides many benefits to physical health, mental well-being and social interaction. We want to encourage play wherever possible, by providing well designed, diverse and high value opportunities that will attract and capture the imagination of all; giving everyone the chance to play in new, exciting and more creative ways. In order to do this, we want to know how, why and where people like to play as well as gaining a better understanding of the current and potential play opportunities that exist within Kirklees. We want to do this by asking the experts; you – the people who use them the most.

The one thing we do ask is that, if you're an adult, please remember your own childhood when reading through the following questions. Please also remember - play is for all, not just for kids!

What is Wild Play?

Wild play is essentially unstructured outdoor play opportunities; encouraging exploration, imagination and discovery through interaction with nature. Combining manufactured equipment with more natural elements of play - wild play spaces are designed to stimulate children's natural curiosity, imagination, wonder and discovery as well as facilitating children's connectivity with nature. Play in nature is important as it affords possibilities and challenges for children to explore their own abilities, learn about risk assessment and risk taking. Research suggests that children feel more comfortable being in the natural environment and in doing so their knowledge about nature increases.

To start the survey press the **next** button below.

About You

This survey is aimed at all age groups, but to help us understand the results, please select from the following options:

- ☐ I am filling this out as myself
- ☐ I am filling this out on my childs behalf

How old are you, or how old is the person you are filling this out for?

- ☐ 0-3
- ☐ 4-7
- ☐ 8-11
- ☐ 12-17
- ☐ 18-34
- ☐ 35-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75+

What is your postcode?

Views on your local Parks, Play areas and Green spaces

Where do you like to enjoy the outdoors? *(Multiple options can be selected)*

- ☐ Your back garden
- ☐ Near to your house
- ☐ On a recreation ground or common grassed area
- ☐ Formal urban parks
- ☐ Local equipped play area
- ☐ Other play area (non-equipped or natural play elements e.g. mounds, tunnels, logs, boulders etc.)
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Moorland
- ☐ Other *(please specify below)*

Do you have access to a park, play area or greenspace (e.g Field, woodland, communal grassed area) within a mile of your home? This is around 15 minutes' walk of your house.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Roughly how often do you visit your local play area or park?

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ Two or more times a week
- ☐ About once a week
- ☐ Less than once a week but more than once a month
- ☐ Less often

Is there a specific park, play area or greenspace that you visit frequently?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If so, where?

How do you mainly use parks, play areas and openspaces?

- ☐ For play
- ☐ Exercise/sport
- ☐ Socialising (e.g. meeting friends or participating in group activities)
- ☐ Relaxation/Recreation
- ☐ Other *(please specify below)*

Views on your local Parks, Play areas and Green spaces continued..

Growing up, where was your favourite place to play?

- ☐ Your back garden
☐ Near to your house
☐ On a recreation ground or common grassed area
☐ Formal Urban Parks
☐ Local equipped play area
☐ Other play area (non-equipped or natural play elements e.g. mounds, tunnels, logs, boulders etc.)
☐ Woodland
☐ Moorland
☐ Other (please specify below)

What was your favourite game as a child?

Do you still play this with children in your family/care?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Current features of your local Park, Play area or Green space

What type of playable spaces would you like to see more of near to where you live? (Multiple options can be selected)

- ☐ More places to run
☐ More places for traditional games (e.g. Hopscotch, hide & seek, Tig etc.)
☐ More manufactured equipment (e.g. slides and swings)
☐ More places to cycle, roller blade, scooter etc
☐ More sensory elements (e.g. planting, tactile elements, lighting, sound etc.)
☐ More natural play equipment (e.g mounds, boulders, logs, tunnels etc.)
☐ More places for imaginative/wild play (e.g Den building, Exploring, Make-believe/Adventure play)
☐ Outdoor exercise equipment
☐ Senior play equipment (e.g puzzle boards)

How much do you agree with the following statements:

	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree
Play areas near where you live appeal to people with different abilities. <i>This includes people with different physical abilities, those with learning difficulties, or people with other conditions such as dementia or autism.</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are enough places for different kinds of play near where you live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People of different ages be able to play in the same space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you disagree, please state why below.

How strongly do you agree with the following statements?

	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree
Play should only happen at home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play starts when I leave the front door	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If travelling on foot play can be part of the journey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play can happen at home, school and in designated play areas only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play can happen anywhere where it safe to do so	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing the survey.