

Withycombe and Rodhuish play and seating area questionnaire results 2022

Dear Parish Councillors,

We are very pleased to report that we had a fantastic response to our questionnaire (copy attached for your information), which we delivered to each household in the Parish.

A total of 54 questionnaires were returned, the majority of which were extremely positive. A breakdown of the results are as follows:

Question 1 - the age breakdown of the respondents (to the nearest %):

0-5 - 8% 6-10 - 8 % 11-18 - 8% 18+ - 76%

Question 2 - The type of equipment you might like to use:

Basket swing - 14% Standard swing 18% - Slide - 14% Monkey bars - 10%
Roundabout - 7% See saw - 5% Rocker - 1% Playhouse - 5%
Imaginative play structure - 11% Natural play equipment - 15%

Other suggestions included - climbing wall, an area for drawing or using chalk, hopscotch, arbour - possibly living willow, somewhere to kick a ball or cycle, football or rugby goal, zip wire.

Question 3 - What else would you like to see in the area:

Picnic bench - 31% Standard bench - 17% Fitness Equipment - 8%
Wildlife area - 13% Sensory garden - 13% Trees or shrubs - 18%

Other suggestions included a brick built BBQ, vegetable or herb garden, a safe place to sit and chat with no loose dogs, bug hotels and bird boxes, somewhere to meet friends, fruit trees, balancing logs and planks, an area to grow strawberries or potatoes, a donation box.

Question 4 - would you be interested in attending or helping with fundraising or events? Yes - 60% No - 40%

We had an amazing 41 offers of support including fundraising, hosting or supporting an event, cake baking, providing plants and seeds, time to set up the areas, help to build structures, bird and bug boxes, time for ongoing maintenance and financial support to buy trees, benches and even pieces of play equipment. A total of 20 people put forward their name and email and/or phone number.

There were some concerns raised about access directly off the car park, safety of adjoining fencing and general health and safety relating to the maintenance of the area but we hope these are all easily addressed.

Please advise how we can now take this forward. It would be really useful to have a timescale in place to ensure we all keep the project momentum going.

If individuals do wish to donate what is the best way for them to do this?

We are really keen to make this happen for the good of everyone in the community. There is a real energy and buzz in the Parish to get this done!

Many thanks

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