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Marlborough Recreation Ground – Consultation Survey Results

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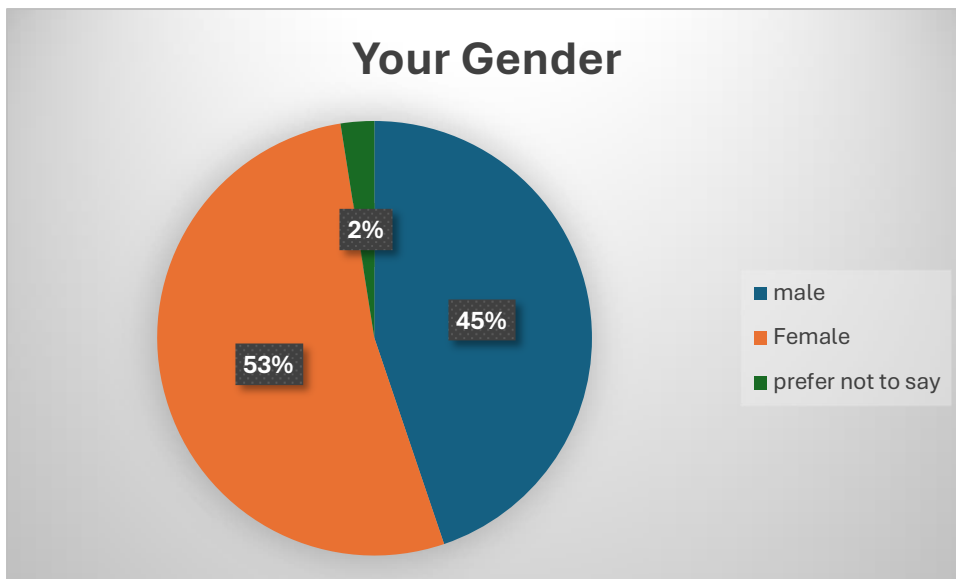
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Introduction

A survey was undertaken with users of the Marlborough Recreation Ground, Nuneaton to find out the community's views on its current condition and what changes or new play equipment they would like to see within the park. Leaflets and posters with a QR code to the survey link were distributed within the area. In total 241 surveys were completed with a good split of males (45%) and females (53%).

Results of survey

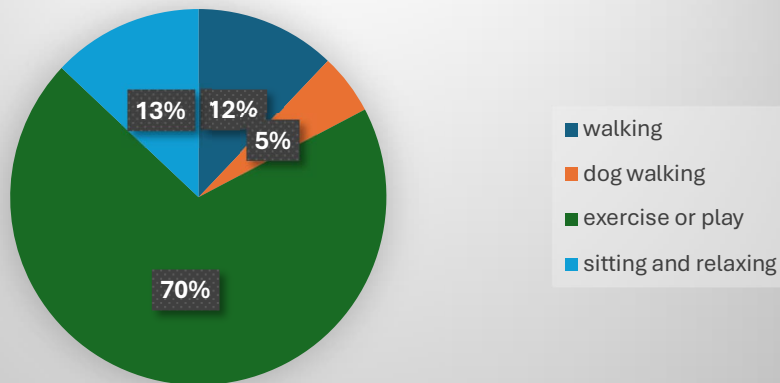
Type of user



Main reason for visiting the park?

The majority of users indicated they mainly used the park for exercise or play (70%) with others using it to sit and relax (13%), taking their dog for a walk (5%) or just going for a walk (12%).

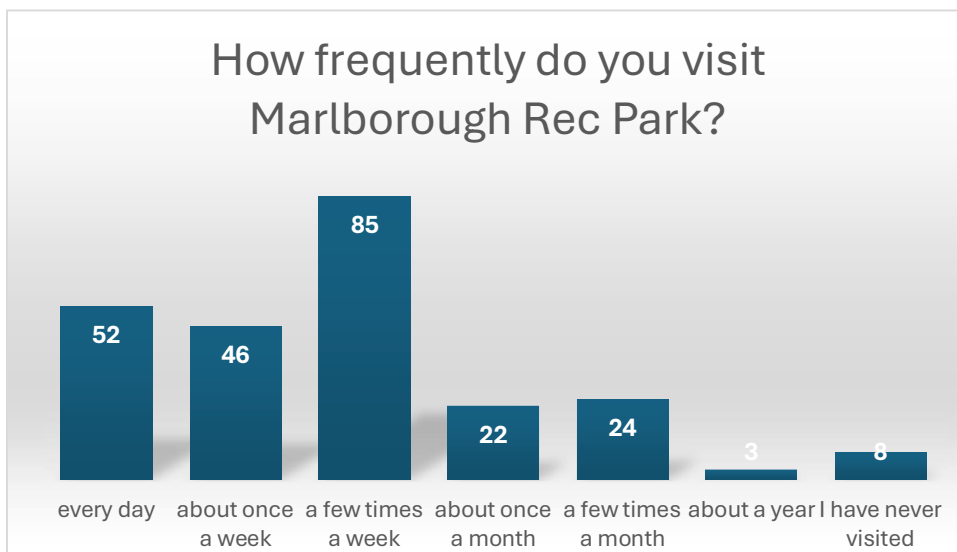
What is the main reason for your visit?



Frequency of visits to the park?

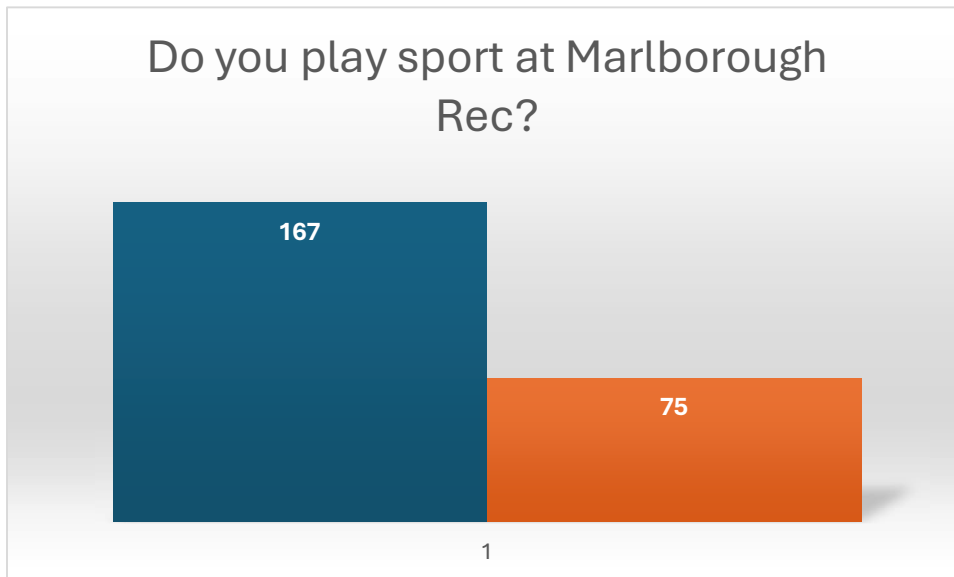
More than half of those who completed the survey use the park daily (52) or at least twice a week (85).

How frequently do you visit Marlborough Rec Park?



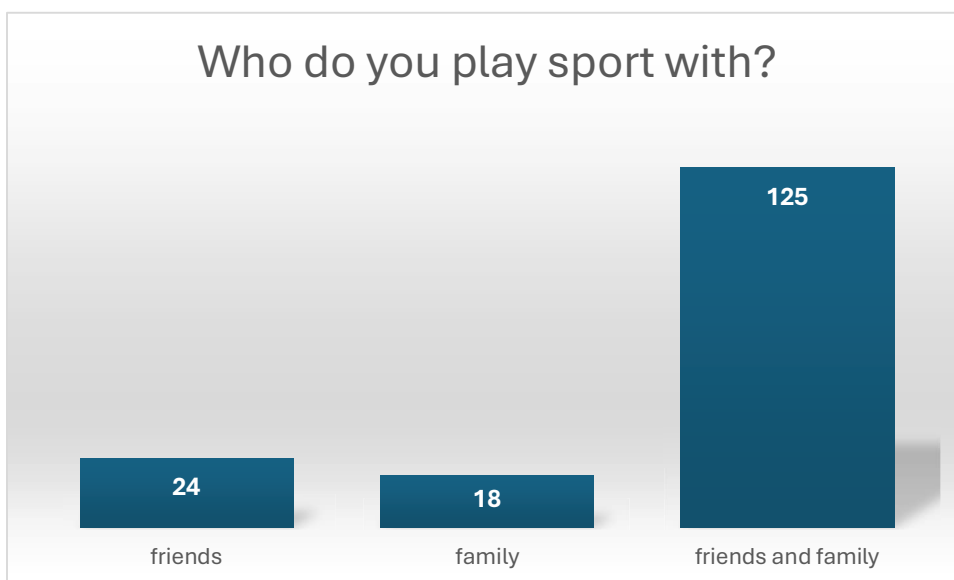
Do you play sport at Marlborough Rec?

167 residents said they used the recreation ground for sport.



What sport is played and with whom?

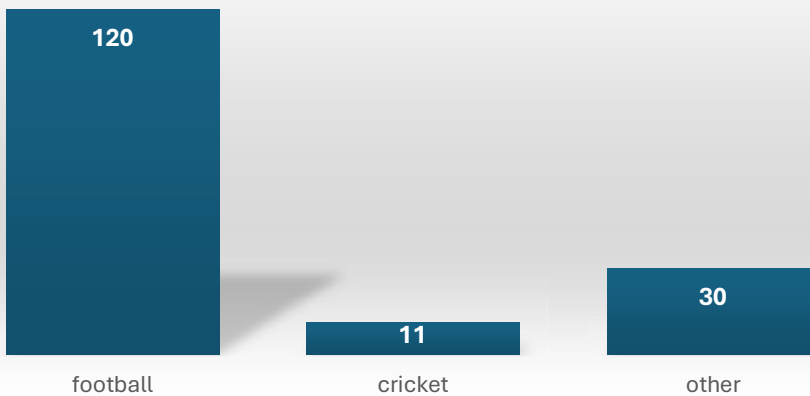
Most residents using the park for sport did so with friends and family (125) and were keen to see the sports facilities improved (209). With a majority using the green space to play football (120). The second most played sport being cricket (30).



Would you like sporting facilities improved at Marlborough Rec?



What sport do you play?



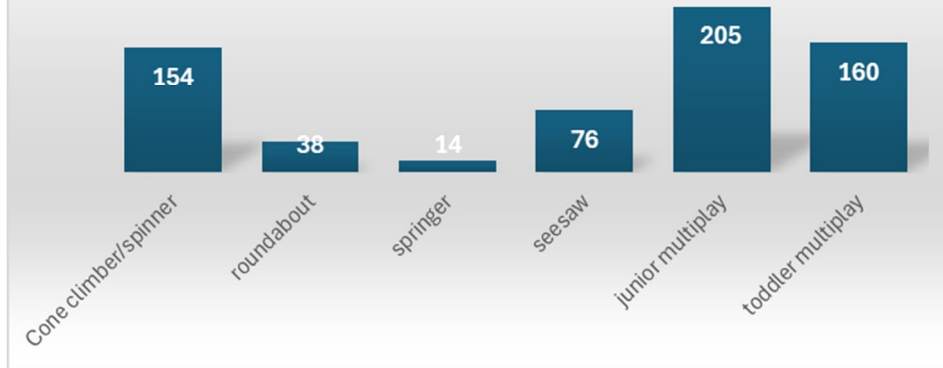
Play Equipment

Participants were also asked as to what children's equipment they would like to see within the play areas and were given a choice of the usual requested items including multiplay areas, seesaw, roundabout, as well as more adventurous items for older children such as a variety of different types of swings, zip line and climbing unit.

The following were the most asked for, for younger children:

- Cone climber/spinner
- Junior multiplay
- Toddler multiplay

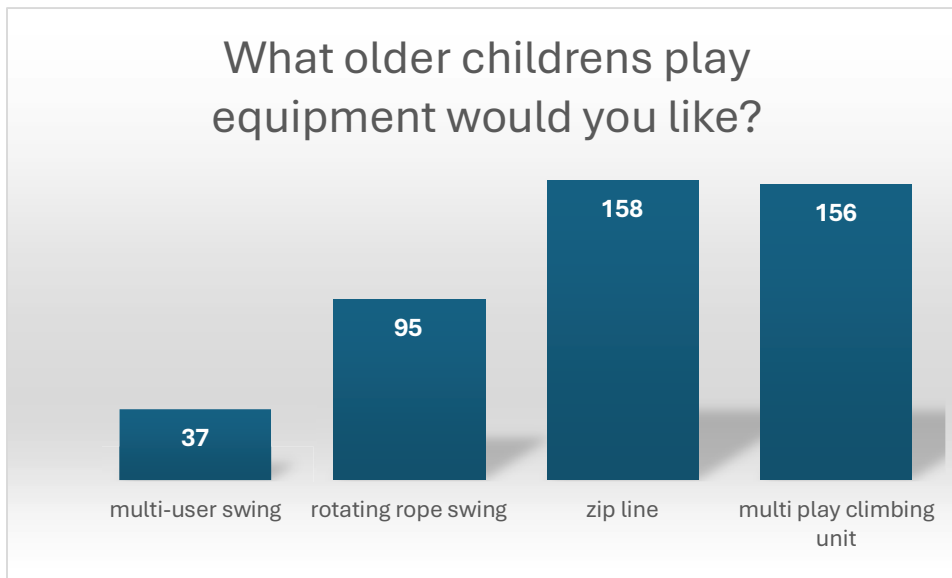
What younger childrens play equipment would you like?



The following were the most asked for, for older children:

- Zip Line (158)
- Multiplay climbing unit (156)
- Rotating rope swing (95)

What older childrens play equipment would you like?



Further Comments

The top 5 comments made by residents were:

1. Dog control measures
2. Football goals returned
3. Consider removing or moving paths to create more open space
4. New play areas a priority
5. More benches

Conclusion

As result of comments obtained within the survey, a good understanding was gained as to who uses the park, the frequency of use and the types of activities it is used for. Therefore, The Council will now put together a refurbishment plan to address as many of the main issues highlighted through the consultation as possible, within the overall budget.

1. New young children's play area
2. New football goals with artificial goal mouths (installed July 2024)
3. New older children's play equipment
4. Outdoor fitness equipment
5. More benches and bins
6. Moving paths and entrances – this priority could be costly and will be considered once all other costs for the refurbishment have been received

All the above will be completed (subject to costs within the allocated budget) by the end of March 2025.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents that came to the consultation event and spoke to Officers as well as all those that filled out the consultation questionnaire online. We appreciate the time taken to comment on the refurbishment of what is a very well used and loved local park.