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# SGPC Village Facilities Survey 2024

## Results Analysis

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# Introduction

- ▶ The 2024 survey built on previous surveys & was intended to elicit an understanding of how certain village assets are used & valued, & how they could be enhanced
- ▶ It was carried out in September/October 2024
- ▶ Respondents could use a paper copy in the SGPC biannual newsletter or an online response form, the URL for which was given in the newsletter and also a link provided in the village WhatsApp chat group
- ▶ The survey was a mix of 9 closed & open questions relating to; Green Meadow, the Recreation Ground, Biodiversity & General suggestions
- ▶ The following slides aim to provide an analysis of the survey results
- ▶ In order to better identify trends & themes in the responses to open questions, similar responses have been grouped together

# Green Meadow



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## 1. Do you use Green Meadow (playground and open space next to Seer Green CE School)?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes - as a parent with my children		42.1%	40
2	Yes - as a grandparent with my grandchildren		16.8%	16
3	Yes - other		9.5%	9
4	No - but I have in the past		25.3%	24
5	No		6.3%	6
			answered	95
			skipped	0

## 2. What do you value about Green Meadow?

Attributes mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Accessibility	48.4%	44
2	Play equipment	42.9%	39
3	Safe play	29.7%	27
4	Green space	22.0%	20
5	Social space	17.6%	16
6	Clean/well maintained	11.0%	10
7	Seating	8.8%	8
8	Dog free	8.8%	8
9	Trees	8.8%	8
		mentions	180
		answered	91
		skipped	4

## Comments & conclusions:

- 95 out of 938 households in the parish responded to the survey, representing a response rate of just over 10%
- This is understood to be at the lower end of expectations for a survey of this type
- The vast majority of respondents, over 93%, are users or former users of Green Meadow
- There would appear to be a reasonable age spread among respondents with over 42% current parents, almost 17% grandparents and over 25% past users & therefore probably parents of older children
- Not all respondents (91 out of 95) stated what they value about Green Meadow
- However, based on the number of times they were mentioned in responses, it is clear that its accessibility, play equipment, safety & its provision of green space are the principal attributes that are valued
- Its opportunities for socialising & its cleanliness/general maintenance are also notable



## Green Meadow cont'd

3. How else would you like to see Green Meadow enhanced?			
Areas for Enhancement mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Older children's equipment	33.3%	26
2	Nothing	23.1%	18
3	Update existing equipment	16.7%	13
4	More bulbs & planting	10.3%	8
5	More seating	10.3%	8
6	Goal posts for football	6.4%	5
7	A café	3.8%	3
8	Miscellaneous (14 different suggestions)	23.1%	18
		mentions	99
		answered	78
		skipped	17

### Comments & conclusions:

- Slightly fewer respondents (78 out of 95) stated what enhancements, in terms of facilities, equipment & aesthetics, they would like to see in Green Meadow
- Based on the number of times they were mentioned in responses there were no areas for enhancement favoured by a majority of respondents
- However, there is clearly a view, mentioned in over 33% of responses, that provision of equipment for older children could be improved
- The stated view of over 23% of respondents that nothing needs to be enhanced, along with both the absence of a majority view for anything specific & the lack of response from 17 respondents, perhaps suggests that the current equipment, facilities & aesthetics in Green Meadow are about right for younger children



# Recreation Ground

4. Do you use the Recreation Ground?			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	86.3%	82
2	No	13.7%	13
		answered	95
		skipped	0

5. What do you use the Recreation Ground for?			
Uses mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Walking	43.2%	35
2	Dog walking	35.8%	29
3	Sport	32.1%	26
4	Recreation/play	28.4%	23
5	Exercise	25.9%	21
6	Picnics	7.4%	6
7	Socialising	6.2%	5
8	Fruit picking	2.5%	2
9	Sitting	1.2%	1
10	Nursery	1.2%	1
		mentions	149
		answered	81
		skipped	14

## Comments & conclusions

- All survey respondents completed the question asking about Recreation Ground use
- As with Green Meadow, the vast majority of respondents, over 86%, are current users
- However, slightly fewer respondents (81 out of 95) went on to state what they used the Rec for, perhaps suggesting a slightly lower level of engagement versus Green Meadow
- Based on the number of times mentioned in responses it is clear that walking, both with & without dogs, sport, general recreation/play & exercise are the principal reasons that respondents use the Rec



# Recreation Ground cont'd

6. What do you value about the Recreation Ground?			
Attributes mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Size & space	82.5%	66
2	Sports opportunities	23.8%	19
3	Green space	20.0%	16
4	Exercise opportunities	13.8%	11
5	Safety	12.5%	10
6	Walking opportunities	11.3%	9
7	Cleanliness & maintenance	8.8%	7
8	Recreation/play opportunities	7.5%	6
9	Dog walking opportunities	5.0%	4
10	Miscellaneous/other (8 different suggestions)	15.0%	12
		mentions	160
		answered	80
		skipped	15

## Comments & conclusions:

- About the same number of respondents (80 out of 95) went on to state what they value about the Rec as had responded to how they use it
- Although there are some common themes with Green Meadow, such as green space, safety & recreation opportunities, the Rec is clearly valued differently
- Overwhelmingly, respondents value its size & space, which accounts for as many mentions as the next five attributes combined
- Perhaps unsurprisingly given the nature of the Rec, sports, exercise & walking, both with & without dogs, are common themes



## Recreation Ground cont'd

7. How would you like the Recreation Ground to be enhanced?			
Areas for Enhancement mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	28.4%	21
2	More benches & picnic tables	20.3%	15
3	More play & exercise equipment	14.9%	11
4	Tennis court(s)	13.5%	10
5	Skate park	10.8%	8
6	Nothing	10.8%	8
7	Dog restrictions	9.5%	7
8	More wildlife habitats	9.5%	7
9	More dog poo bins	6.8%	5
10	A café	4.1%	3
11	Toilets	4.1%	3
12	Miscellaneous/other (8 different suggestions)	13.5%	10
		mentions	108
		answered	74
		skipped	21

### Comments & conclusions:

- Slightly fewer respondents (74 out of 95) stated what enhancements, in terms of facilities, equipment & aesthetics, they would like to see in the Rec
- Based on the number of times they were mentioned in responses there were no enhancements favoured by a majority of respondents
- However, there is clearly a theme, mentioned in over 54% of responses, that there should be provision of facilities or equipment primarily targeted at older children (MUGA, play & exercise equipment, skate park)
- This would appear to suggest that there is a desire for enhancements at the Rec to address that need



# Biodiversity



8. Following a biodiversity survey, it was suggested that a new wildflower area could be introduced. Would you be in favour of its creation:

Answer Choices	Yes	%	No	%	Response Total
In Green Meadow	52	59.8%	35	40.2%	87
At the Recreation Ground	64	73.6%	23	26.4%	87
Other - please specify below	31	88.6%	4	11.4%	35
				answered	95
				skipped	0

## 8.a. Other wildflower area locations

Other Areas mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Non-specific but in existing green spaces in the village	30.6%	15
2	No more wildflower areas	26.5%	13
3	Green Meadow or the Recreation Ground	10.2%	5
4	In front of the shops	6.1%	3
5	Chalfont Road grass verge beyond Park Place	6.1%	3
6	Hearnes Meadow entrance	6.1%	3
7	Long Grove green	4.1%	2
8	Jubilee Walk	4.1%	2
9	Miscellaneous/other	12.2%	6
		mentions	52
		answered	49
		skipped	46

## Comments & conclusions

- All 95 respondents answered some but not all of the initial questions about a new wildflower area
- There appears to be a consensus that there should be new wildflower areas in Green Meadow (59.8%), the Rec (73.6%) & other areas (88.6%)
- However, although only 35 respondents answered the question about 'Other' locations in table 8 opposite, somewhat confusingly 49 respondents went on to suggest specific 'Other' locations in table 8.a
- Of those there were 13 mentions for 'No more wildflower areas' & 5 for 'Green Meadow or the Recreation Ground'
- This perhaps suggests that there was some confusion amongst some respondents about what they were being asked





# General suggestions for enhancements

9. Do you have any general suggestions for your PC to consider for enhancements to our village?			
Suggestions for Enhancements mentioned		Mentions Percent	Mentions in Responses
1	Traffic management improvements	23.6%	13
2	Potholes fixed	20.0%	11
3	More plants & shrubs	14.5%	8
4	Path & pavement improvements	10.9%	6
5	Nothing	9.1%	5
6	A café	9.1%	5
7	More litter & dog poo bins	7.3%	4
8	Reduced flooding	7.3%	4
9	More streetlights	7.3%	4
10	Tidy the area around the shops & Three Horsehoes	5.5%	3
11	More provision for older children at the Recreation Ground	5.5%	3
12	Miscellaneous/other (4 different suggestions)	9.1%	5
		mentions	71
		answered	55
		skipped	40

## Comments & conclusions

- Only 55 out of 95 respondents provided suggestions for consideration
- Based on the number of times they were mentioned in responses there were no suggestions for enhancements favoured by a majority of respondents
- However, there were over 54% of mentions for traffic, road or footpath improvements
- Although these are outside the control of the Parish Council they are matters on which considerable time & effort is spent on lobbying & chasing
- Of the suggestions within the control of the Parish Council, some were covered elsewhere within the survey & some require further consideration



## Next steps

- ▶ Circulate the survey results analysis more widely & collate feedback
- ▶ Survey the views of Seer Green's children & young people on any enhancements to facilities & equipment
- ▶ Establish the feasibility of any enhancements to facilities, equipment & aesthetics