



## IMPROVING PHILLIMORE RECREATION GROUND

### Results of survey (150 responses)

1. Do you have children you bring to the playground at Phillimore Recreation Ground? If so, what ages do they fall between? Check all that apply.

0 – 2 years	2 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10 years +	Total
19	73	94	34	220

2. How often do you visit the playground at Phillimore Recreation Ground?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Total
9	75	39	26	149

3. How would you normally get to the Phillimore Recreation Ground?

Walk	Car	Bike	Other	Total
96	68	2	1	167

4. Please tell us what additions you would like to see in the playground and why. Do you have any ideas for improvements or is there a piece of equipment you think children would benefit from that should be included here?

#### **Suggestions**

Café  
Climbing frame/rock wall  
More swings / seesaw swing  
Surfaces / pathways  
More seating / Picnic area  
Trampoline / Bounce mat  
Better zipline (team sport)  
Splash park or water feature  
Sensory equipment / Music  
Sandpit  
Skate park/ramp or scooter track  
Assault course  
Spider's web climbing  
Football pitch  
Shade / Picnic area  
More Parking  
Drinking Fountain  
*Forts/pirate ship, outdoor mirrors, mud kitchen, puzzles, bridges, ropes, pretend play,*

#### **Total requests and additional comments**

44 – more toilets (closer), changing facility, open longer  
32 – younger & older - wooden, more challenging, bars  
23 – basket / older / tyre / tandem swing  
17 – very muddy/soft flooring, all-weather track/cycle  
18 – buddy bench  
15 – sunken in ground  
12 – have 2, bigger platform, one with back for SEN  
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9 – have big covered slide going into sand  
6 – all weather cycle/scooter track/teenagers  
5 – cargo nets, balance, monkey bars, rings, challenge  
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3 – astro  
3 – sheltered area (buggies)  
2 – better gates, get rid of kissing gate  
2 – or vending machine

**Main Comments;** Too muddy, newer/better equipment (safer -slide), more for older children, flush roundabout, more for younger children, soft flooring, better layout (area for toddlers, bigger kids too rough), more toilets, ice-cream, keep castles/tunnels, dog area, bike rack



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### 5. What can we do to make the playground more accessible for your child and your whole family?

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- *(Results in order of most asked for)*
  - Café – hot drinks / sheltered seating / vending machine
  - More seating / picnic areas (more bins)
  - Mud free area for pushchairs / too muddy / better drainage / buggy park
  - Pathways – linking equipment (too muddy / very slippery / buggies)
  - Resurface under play equipment / improve safety (slide too dangerous) / bark
  - More parking
  - More toilets nearby – have changing places (café) – stay open longer
  - Remove hedge and replace with fence to be able to see children when walking a dog
  - Better visibility from playground to fields (also to see dogs tied up)
  - Equipment for older children – more modern/challenging
  - Separate area for toddlers
  - Remove kissing gate – hard for wheelchairs/buggies to get through
  - Policed – older kids smoking/drinking at night
  - Ban dogs – people still bring them in (safe dog area)
  - Gates both ends to park – some didn't like the safety aspect of this
  - Flush roundabout
  - More entrances and better lighting
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### 6. Is there anything you are not happy with at the playground or any other comments...

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- Equipment not safe (netting etc), too old/outdated, needs modernising, bad layout
  - Toilets always closed
  - Too spread out – could be more equipment (better layout)
  - Muddy - water logged at top by tunnels
  - More seating
  - Needs café
  - Dogs still coming in (larger signage)
  - Shaded areas (slides get really hot in sun)
  - Dangerous roundabout (flush to ground) / dangerous big slide (big gaps)
  - Matting under equipment – trip hazard. Something under zip wire if they fall off
  - Gate breaks / hate that there's 2 gates either end (safety) – gate can be opened too easily by children
  - Older children hanging around at night – the castles can get broken glass or other dangerous/off-putting rubbish in and around them
  - More lights
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What's also nice is there are so many lovely comments of how lovely the park is and what enjoyment people get from going there and how well maintained it is 😊

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