

Kemble Playing Field Survey: Results

Introduction to Questionnaire

Kemble and Ewen Parish Council want to know how you value the playing field and whether and how you use it. It is important for us to know if you have any concerns about the playing field and if you want any changes. This survey can help us with the management and preservation of the playing field.

Numbers in brackets are the raw data. Total, 65.

1. Your age:
 - a. 10-15(5) 8%
 - b. 16-19(5) 8%
 - c. 20-29(3) 5%
 - d. 30-39(9) 13%
 - e. 40-49(15) 23%
 - f. 50-59(10) 16%
 - g. 60+(18) 28%
2. Do you currently visit the site?
 - a. Yes (52) 80%
 - b. No (13) 20%
3. **If no**, why not?
 - a. Lack of facilities (1)
 - b. Unsafe (1)
 - c. Other reason, please specify: *Too busy: too old: no free time: can't walk dogs on site; didn't know it was there.*
4. **If yes**, how often do you use the site?
 - a. Every day (4) 8%
 - b. A few times a week (19) 35%
 - c. A few times a month (16) 31%
 - d. About once a month (13) 25%
5. How do you currently use the site (please tick all that apply)?
 - a. Take children to play area (38) 73%, on average how many? ()
 - b. Go for a walk (27) 60%
 - c. Go for a run / jog (19) 18%
 - d. Play football (16) 31%
 - e. Use Zip wire (23) 44%
 - f. Use the BMX ramps and cycle area (12) 23%
 - g. Socialise (16) 31%
 - h. Use basketball hoop (8) 15%
 - i. Travel through on way to somewhere else (26) 50%

j. Other, please specify: (7) 13%; picnic; cricket; Frisbee; fly model airplane.

6. Kemble Playing Field is demonstrably special to the village.

Circle or tick the number you think appropriate

Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree	Mean 4.5
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7. Kemble Playing Field is a valuable 'green space' for the village.

Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree	Mean 4.7
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8. If you believe the Playing Field is important please explain why you think this is so?

Below is a selection of comments:

- *Very important as a place for kids to socialise and play. Encourages healthy activity rather than TV/Computers. A lot of gardens in Kemble aren't big enough for ball games, so provides a venue for this.*
- *It is a safe, large enough area for children and young people especially to use up energy – great for health, social behaviour in a positive way.*
- *This is an area of low cost housing and so there are many children who would only have the road to play in; this gives them somewhere safe to play. Teenagers also have use of which helps reduce crime, especially vandalism.*
- *Since we moved to the village in 2008 the playing field has been integral to our lives. The play facilities are excellent. We often meet other parents and children there. As the children get older it is a space for them to meet independently as there is a teenage area as well for skating and BMX.*
- *It is a village asset like the village pub and shop. It should be home to the village football and cricket club. A place for people to grow up and grow old in.*
- *The play area is important for mums to get their children and themselves out of the house.*
- *Children to play sports with friends in a safe environment off the roads.*
- *....especially for families with small gardens.*
- *If as a society we want to encourage the next generation to enjoy the outdoors and sport we need to give them the opportunity to do so and the playing field fulfils this in my opinion.*
- *Roads too dangerous especially with the increased parking in the village because there isn't enough space in the station car parks. Playing field provides somewhere safe to play.*
- *Happiness and play is important to all young people; good mental health depends on it.*
- *A good area for parents/grandparents to socialise whilst children play.*

- *Meeting and playing together helps them and their parents to feel they are part of a community.*

9. Do you think there are any problems with the Playing Field?

- a) No, 31 (48%)
- b) Yes, 34 (52%)

- Dog mess; 9
- Dogs off lead; 2
- Footpath overgrown; 2
- Poor state of Windmill Park; 13
- Litter; 7
- Poor grass cutting; 5
- Poor field surface, bumpy and so difficult to play on; 4
- Antisocial behaviour of young adolescents; 4
- Need to create opportunities for sports teams and to upgrade facilities; 8
- Parking on Windmill Road causes problems for children trying to cross to the playing field safely; 2