

Hessett

Parish Council



Play Area

**Existing
Play Area
Facilities**



Bench



Two Child Swings



Single Baby Swing



Slide

Play Area Survey

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Hessett Parish Council Play Area Survey

To ascertain the numbers of children that are both residents and visitors of Hessett village the Parish Council created a “Play Area Survey” form. See appendix 1.

The answers given via this form are to enable the P.C. to put in a claim for S106 monies for the refurbishment of the existing play facilities.

The form’s aim was to gather information on the numbers, gender and age of these children as well as to show a need for the refurbishment of the existing play facilities in the village.

The survey form was distributed to all properties within the village boundary to be later collected within a two week period by both members of Hessett P.C. and volunteers.

The number of properties surveyed was **205** with returned responses from **133**. This gave a percentage return of **65%**. The total numbers of surveys distributed and the responses returned by individual roads are shown in the chart below.

Road Name	Surveys Distributed	Surveys Returned	% Return	Empty Properties Included as returns
Beach Paddocks	4	2	50%	
Beyton Road	13	8	62%	2 empty properties
Bury Road or (Beyton Rd)	2	0	0%	
Drinkstone Road	4	4	100%	
Elm Drive	4	4	100%	1 empty property
The Green	27	20	74%	1 empty property
Heath Close	18	12	67%	
Heath Road	28	21	75%	
Hubbard’s Lane	18	8	44%	
Lime Tree Close	7	6	86%	
Mount Close	6	3	50%	
Muriel King Close	8	6	75%	
Renson Close	6	2	33%	
Shrubbery Close	14	14	100%	3 empty properties
The Street	33	15	45%	
Valentine Way	17	9	53%	
TOTALS	205	134	65%	

Questions 1 & 1

	YES	NO
Q1 Do you have children living at home?	36	98
Q2 Do you have children who visit your home?	72	62

From the surveys that were returned **36** households said that they had children under the age of 16 residing with them. This is **18%** of the households in the village.

The surveys also showed that **72** households had children that visited them during the year. This is **35%** of household in the village.

The full answers to all the survey forms are shown on a spread sheet. See appendix 2.

The following pages show a breakdown of the figures supplied on the survey forms. It should be noted that there are discrepancies between the different charts due to information missing from some areas of the survey forms. To ensure fairness all information has been included.

For example a form ticked children but did not give ages or gender. It did however tick other information boxes. This information has been included in the relevant charts.

Children Residing In The Village

The survey showed the number of children that reside in the village as **61**. From the information provided a breakdown by both gender and age was obtained.

Children residing in the village																	
Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals
Boy	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	4	1	3	1	27
Girl	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	4	1	2	4	1	1	1	4	34
Totals	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	2	3	9	5	2	4	5	61

From the question “How often do your children use the existing Play Area on the village green” the following answers were obtained.

Age	Gender	Never	Rarely	Daily	Weekly	Other	Discrepancy reasons
1	Boy	2					
	Girl	1				1 2/3 times a week	
2	Boy						No answer given
	Girl		2		1		
3	Boy				1		
	Girl				1	1 2/3 times a week	
4	Boy					1 Weekends	
	Girl		1				No answer given
5	Boy				1		
	Girl		2				
6	Boy		1		1		
	Girl				1		
7	Boy		1				
	Girl		3				
8	Boy		1		1		
	Girl				1		
9	Boy						
	Girl		3			1 Weekends	
10	Boy		1				
	Girl				1		
11	Boy		1				
	Girl		1		1		
12	Boy	1	1		2		
	Girl		3	1	1		
13	Boy	2			1		No answer given
	Girl		1				
14	Boy						No answer given
	Girl			1			
15	Boy	2	1				
	Girl		1				
16	Boy						
	Girl	3	1				No answer given
TOTALS		11	25	2	14	4	

Of the **54** children who answered this question only **20 (37%)** used the existing play area on a daily or weekly basis.

The existing play area caters for children up to the age of 12. The previous chart shows that the village has **34** children between the ages of a 0 and 11 (*children under one were counted as one year olds*).

If the existing play area was refurbished within the next 12 months then those children would benefit. This equates to **63%** of the total village children who can benefit from refurbishment.

At present the only play facilities for children over 12 are five aside football nets on a grassy area and a standalone netball post and net on grass.

The survey shows that we have **16** children between 13 and 16, 26% of the total children who are too old to use the facilities in the existing play area.

We also asked the resident children between the ages of 1 and 12 years of age if they would use the play area more often when it is refurbished. The results are shown below.

Age	Boy		Girl	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1			2	
2	1		3	
3	1		2	
4	1		2	
5	1		2	
6	2		1	
7	1		2	1
8	2		1	
9			4	
10	1		1	
11	1		2	
12	4		3	1
TOTALS	15	0	25	2

From the **42** who answered the question **40 (95%)** said they would use the play area more often.

The question “When visiting other playgrounds what equipment do your children like to use the most?” The results are shown below against the age and gender of the children.

Age & Gender	Swings	Slide	Round about	See Saw	Climb Frame	Springy Animal	These suggestions were made by parents
1 M	1		1			1	More small swings with child seats
F							
2 M	1	1			1		More small swings with child seats
F	4	3	2	2	4	2	
3 M	1		1	1		1	Birds nest swing
F	1	2	1		1		New goalposts/Zip wire
4 M	1	1	1	1	2	1	Zip wire/Flowers tall?/Boxes telephone?
F	2	3			1		
5 M		1	1				Birds nest swing
F	1	1			1		
6 M	2	2	2	1	2	1	Birds nest swing
F	1	1	1				Spinning cup/Climbing apparatus
7 M							Rock climbing wall
F	4	3	2	1	3		
8 M	1			1	1		Birds nest swing
F	1	1	1		1		New goalposts
9 M							Spinning cup
F	4	3	2	1	3	1	Zip wire twice/ Flowers tall?/Boxes telephone?
10 M	1	1			1		Birds nest swing
F	1	1	1				
11 M					1		Zip wire
F	2	2	2	2	2		Monkey bars/Dutch roundabout
12 M	2	2	3	2	3		Rock climbing wall
F	4	2	3	1	3		Skateboard facilities/Zip wire/All weather facilities
13 M							More benches/Football club
F							Skateboard facilities(given twice)/All weather basketball
14 M							Roundabout/Climbing frame/Concrete pad for basketball net
F							
15 M							Monkey bar climbing frame/Rotating circular disk (like Thurston)
F							
16 M							Football club/Skateboard facilities
F							Picnic table for social meeting of older teenagers
TOTALS	35	30	24	13	30	7	
No age given							Basketball hoop/Football facilities/Seating for teenagers to sit & talk as a group.

Although not asked for, a number of households that have visiting children also gave their suggestions.

Childs age	Suggestion
17 months old	See-Saw, Climbing Frame, Springy Animals
4 year old	Enjoys imaginative play-pirate ship

Children Visiting Households in the Village

The survey also asked for residents who have children that visit to complete a number of questions requesting information regarding the frequency of visits, gender and age of the children, whether they use the existing play area and if they would use it more often when refurbished.

Children visiting residents in the village																	
Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals
Boy	5	5	10	8	5	6	7	7	6	4	3	3	4	2	3	0	78
Girl	7	11	7	8	6	12	8	2	5	5	5	7	2	4	2	1	92
Totals	12	16	17	16	11	18	15	9	11	9	8	10	6	6	5	1	170

Not included in the above totals are:

4 children that have no age or gender.

2 children written in fields 1-13 but no specific age or gender given.

One form stated "Several children" but no age or gender given.

1 boy & 2 girls ticked on a form but no age given.

A form stating "number of boys & girls" but no ages given.

From the chart above a total of **170** children of known age and gender visit the village.

How often do children visit residents of the village?

Age	Gender	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Weekends	Fortnightly	1 A Yr	2 x A Yr	3 x A Yr	4 x A Yr	5 x A Yr	6 x A Yr	Discrepancies
1	M		4						1				
	F	1	1	1					1	1		2	
2	M				1			1	1			1	No answer given
	F		7	2				1	1				
3	M	1	4	1	3			1					
	F		5		1					1			No answer given
4	M			4				2	1	1			
	F		1	1				3	1	1		1	
5	M	1		2	2								
	F		1	2	1			1		1			
6	M		2	2	1			1					2 x No answer given
	F		4	2	2			1		1	1		No answer given
7	M		2	1	1			2		1			
	F		2	3	1				1				No answer given
8	M		2		1			2			1		2 x No answer given
	F								1	1			
9	M		2				2	1		2			No answer given
	F		1	1								1	No answer given
10	M		1	1					1				
	F		2	1				1		1	1		
11	M		2	1									
	F		1	2						2			
12	M			1						2			
	F		2	3				1					
13	M		2	1								1	
	F			1						1			
14	M			1								1	
	F			1		1				1			No answer given
15	M			1				1		1			
	F									2			
16	M												
	F									1			
Totals		3	48	35	14	1	2	19	9	21	3	7	11

From the **162** that answered this question of these **145** are between the age of 1 and 12. This is the age group that would be able to use the existing play area equipment. From the **145** only **63 (43%)** visited daily, weekly or at weekends. The remainder visited monthly or less per year.

Visiting children between 1 and 12 were asked how often they use the existing play area when visiting.

Age Gender	Never	Rarely	Daily	Weekly	Other		Reasons for discrepancies
1 M		1		3	1	2 x A Yr	More as they get older
F	1				1	Monthly	2 x More as they get older
					2	6 x A Yr	When here
2 M	1		1		1	2 x A Yr	
					1	6 x A Yr	
					1	2 x A Yr	
F	2	2		1	2	Monthly	1 x No answer given
					3	Whenever visiting	
3 M		5		1	1	Weekends	
					2	Monthly	
					1	Whenever visiting	
F		1		3	1	Weekends	1 x No answer given
					1	½ Hr when visiting	
4 M		1		1	2	Monthly	2 x No answer given
					2	Whenever visiting	
F		1			2	2 x A Yr	
					2	Whenever visiting	
					1	Sometimes	
					1	6 x A Yr	
5 M		1		1	1	Whenever visiting	1 x No answer given
					1	1 x No answer	
F	1	1			1	1 x No answer	
					1	Monthly	
					1	Sometimes	
					1	2 x A Yr	
6 M	2			2	1	Weekends	
					1	½ Hr when visiting	
F	2	2		3	2	Weekends	
					1	Whenever visiting	
					1	Every visit	
					1	Monthly	
7 M	1		1		2	Weekends	
					1	2 x A Yr	
					2	Whenever visiting	
F	1	1			1	Whenever visiting	
					4	Monthly	
					1	Whenever visiting	
8 M	1	1			1	Weekends	2 x No answer given
					1	2 x A Yr	
F					1	Sometimes	
					2	Whenever visiting	
9 M	2	1			1	Every visit	2 x No answer given
F	1	2		1			1 x No answer given
10 M		1	1		1	Every visit	
					1	Every visit	
F	2	1	1				
11 M		2		1			
F		3			1	Every visit	Sometimes
12 M			1		1	Sometimes	1 x No answer given
F	2	1		1	1	Once a week	2 x No answer given
Totals	19	28	5	18	64		

From the **134** who answered only **32** used the existing play area daily, weekly or at weekends. That is approximately **51%** of the **63** children who visit daily, weekly or at weekends.

The same visiting children were asked if they would use the play area more often when it was refurbished.

Age	Boy		Girl	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	4	1	5	2
2	4		7	2
3	10		6	1
4	7	1	5	2
5	5		5	
6	6		11	1
7	6	1	7	1
8	5	1	2	
9	5		4	1
10	4		2	2
11	3		5	
12	1		3	3
TOTALS	60	4	62	15

Of the **141** who answered **122 (87%)** said they would use it more often.

Offers of help from villagers

33 households made offers of help.

See appendix 3 for full list of offers.