

**Do you or any of your children have disabilities or difficulties based around access to or within the play area If yes, please provide further information along with what equipment might be of benefit to you and your household eg. wheelchair adapted swing, large swing seat, access etc.**

Part of my child's disability is sensory processing difficulties. Any equipment that creates vestibular and proprioceptive input would be beneficial and enjoyable for many children. If these items allow children to adapt and initiate the type, level and length of input, this would further increase the benefits of this type of play. For example a seesaw, spinning cup, roundabout etc that are easily operated by the children themselves.

Large swing seat with harness x2

Disabled access to parks to enable special pushchair access

sensory play equipment would be fantastic.

Tarmac smooth path no bumps

Wheelchair adapted roundabout

Wheelchair adapted swing

**On average how often does your household use at the play areas (specifically the play equipment, not the field/park in general)? If never, please provide reason why**

Just forget that Victoria Park play area is there x3

Because each time we have been there is dog mess, beer cans, broken glass etc where youths hang out x5

Macandrew not available x2

Too far away x13

We don't use Macandrews as not near other facilities-cafe, toilets, shops etc

Nothing there x5

More suitable for older children, not baby or young child friendly x5

The play equipment is poor x5

Victoria park not very accessible with a pram.

Just use the football goals

It would be nice if there was play stuff for older primary age kids too as there's not much for my kids

Didn't know it was there x3

Didn't know it was there (Macandrews)

My children are grown up

There's nothing there for my generation

We go to St.Johns play area of woodlands because it is more fun for the children

I don't have young children x4

Never passing by after school

Only recently moved to Ivybridge.

Didnt realise there was play equipment available there.

We go out of Ivybridge to go to parks as neither were/are very good for our children

Baby still young

Victoria Park too far away

**Any other facilities eg. Outdoor gym equipment, zip wire etc**

Zip wire x90

Outdoor gym equipment x56

Climbing frame / wall / equipment x14

Water play x6

Benches, picnic area x6

Sand pit x5

Football goals x5

Scooter / bike / skateboard ramps x4

Pump track x3

More challenging stuff for older teens eg pull up bars x3

Basketball / football area / multi activity court x3

Toddler slide x3

Slides x3

Accessible slide x2

Musical toys / sound creator like "Jupiter play - Yalp Fono DJ" x2

Trampoline built into the floor x2

big cars / fire engine to play on x2

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Swings x2

Simple balance bars x2

Skate park x2

Enclosed sports court

Tall slide

Toilets

Inclusive of younger and older children

Equipment that encourages lone play as well as team work

Toddler friendly parts do they can be independent and safe on the equipment

Toddler climbing area  
Adventure equipment for the older child  
Rugby goals  
Nothing specific just a good variety  
Water sprinklers  
Mud kitchen  
More of any items frm above for children to play and explore. Theres just not enough for the amount of children using the play areas  
Just good simple fun activities  
Tunnels  
More inclusive equipment  
We love the natural play ground thats been created. Can we leave the remnants and extend along the hedge line into the park,  
Wouldn't bother with zip wires as always break.  
A piece of play equipment that is more rare  
Hidey holes  
Castle / fort  
water and sand scientific equipment  
Double swing  
Table tennis  
Chess table  
level surface in park not broken up patches of tarmac and rubber  
Obstacle course  
Sports pitches accessible without being part of a club  
Something that spins fast  
circuit suitable for kids to practice cycling

#### **What single improvement would encourage you to use the MacAndrews Field play area more?**

Better variety / modern / quality of equipment for the play area (not just balance beams) x48  
Equipment to play on x29  
Outdoor gym x12  
Fenced off area - keep little ones safe and dogs out x9  
Seating for parents to watch / picnic tables x7  
Younger play equipment / toddlers x6  
Better maintained play area x4  
More variety for lots of different ages x4  
Accessibility x4  
More nature play x4  
More football goals, in better condition and in a variety of sizes x3  
Safer play equipment which children can use without assistance x3  
Reduce the wasps around the play equipment x3  
Accessible slide inclusive play equipment x2  
Keeping the grass cut in park/pathways around the park x2  
Footpath around perimeter for prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters along with proper safe surfaced entrances x2  
Provision for older children x2  
Swing  
Better quality  
All weather sport area  
Safety and cleanliness  
More welcoming feel  
Park area  
Better lighting to stop teenagers gathering with broken glass, foul language, etc...  
Zip wire  
Cargo nets  
Obstacle course  
A pond

#### **What single improvement would encourage you to use the Victoria Park play area more?**

Wider variety / more / new equipment x47  
Cleaner and not dangerous - often equipment is vandalised or broken glass/ litter on floor / stop drug and alcohol use x19  
Outdoor gym inc adult x10  
Toddler/small child friendly equipment x8  
Zip wire x7  
Better condition of existing equipment / better maintained x7  
Cutting back some trees to reduce green/slippy surfaces. Play area not in the shade x7  
Things for older children x4

Better football goals x3  
More picnic benches x3  
More natural equipment x3  
More climbing areas x2  
Pump track x2  
More seating for adults around play area x2  
Better lighting in the evening / low light x2  
Wider age range x2  
Better parking x2  
toilet facilities  
Complete overhaul  
Proper fencing  
Enclosed sports court  
Dog free area for ball games  
Obstacle course  
Swing  
Accessibility  
More bins  
Water play  
More inclusive x2  
Sand pit  
Shelter over benches  
Less teenagers x2

**Please suggest any other play activities or facilities you wish to see within the parks**

Slides x3  
Role play/imaginative play sections x3  
Bins x8  
Shaded area x2  
A small fence around play area so dogs can't get in x2  
Sensory experiences, like sensory stepping stones.  
Something for everyone from young toddlers (preschool) to older school children x5  
Sand pit x10  
Adventurous  
Trampolines x8  
Toddler climbing frame/slide area for younger ones  
Seesaw x2  
Obstacle course  
Water play x7  
More picnic benches x13  
Hop scotch  
Fireman pole  
Zip wire x17  
Gym equipment / adult x13  
Monkey bars  
Dog free area for ball games x3  
Basketball/netball hoops x5  
Play house / fort / dens x3  
Toilets x9  
Pump track / ramps x10  
Natural play equipment x5  
Multiple baby swings x2  
Bridges / tunnels / hide and seek places x3  
Mud kitchen  
Outdoor musical instruments x3  
Covered areas  
Nature trail x2  
A coffee/tea/snacks trailer x3  
Football goals x5  
Ropes to climb  
Level all weather surface with hoops or goals etc x2  
Stuff for girls or boys who don't like ball games and especially older primary kids and teens x2  
A greater variety of equipment would be nice, of course. The Mobilus swinging spinner (<https://www.hags.com/en-us/play/dynamic-playground-equipment/mobilus>) in St John's Park has been a favourite of our children  
All inclusive ie wheelchair friendly and autism friendly ie sensory Garden play activities x4  
Avoid sand - it's cat litter and stinks  
Climbing equipment x5

Basket swing  
Balance equipment x3  
Something to rock on  
Bike trail  
Roads and train tracks painted on the ground  
Roundabouts x3  
Cargo nets  
More sports facilities  
Splash pool  
Swings x2  
An area for den building together with suitable materials

**Please can you tell us what is your favourite town or village size play park you have visited anywhere in the world and why:**

Anney: big, varied, inclusive, good condition, fabulous views, cafes for parents  
Any large, fenced designated play area with other families around  
Averton Gifford - range of equipment, fun structures x2  
Bath Victoria Park both made for children and adults to enjoy  
Belton House in Lincolnshire. There's a wide variety of play equipment, plenty of shade. Suitable for all ages.  
Bennetts rec in Dunstable as it caters for all ages and is something for everyone to enjoy  
Betteshanger in Kent, variety of place equipment - you can google it  
Bideford Park, North Devon - play equipment for a variety of ages plus cafe nearby, paddling pool, art gallery, wide open area for family games and just running around, all located alongside the estuary  
Boscawen park-variety of equipment, cafe and toilets. Park so well maintained.  
Bovey Tracey. Good skate park, play area and adult gym.lots of varied equipment (inc. zip wire) and is nice and bright X4  
Bradford on Avon have a fantastic adult play park with slides, swings, zip wire and exercise equipment  
Brendon village, Gloucestershire. Because it was toddler friendly and my children could access most of the equipment without help from an adult.  
Buckfastleigh is a good one x5  
Camping le Pin Parasol in France has a fantastic play area for primary aged children. Spread out, up to date, challenging, great condition.  
Cardiff, outdoor gym  
Charlton Park London has outside gym sensory play and normal park  
Charmouth caravan and camping. Lots of big climbing frames, plus small make believe and climbing area, and swings, slides and bouncy squares and lots of space around it.  
Cheltenham Pitville Park - great range of activities for kids of all ages x2  
Chillington (South Hams) Playing Field, something for all ages, great variety, robust, and well maintained  
Clifton park.rotherham. paddling pool, sand area, different equipment for different ages  
Clyst Heath Exeter that has a wide variety of equipment for all ages. Climbing, slides, swings, bounce mats, zip wire, football areas etc etc  
Cologne, Germany. Lots of challenging equipment suitable for all ages including older children  
Croft Warrington ... caters for all ages and safe secure and highly maintained  
Crystal Palace adventure playground, there was always something to test yourself  
Dartington due to variety of equipments  
Devizes park  
Devonport park, lots of variety x2  
Dinton pasture in Reading. Amazing park  
Elburton wooden play park it has appropriate equipment for children of varying ages.  
Ermington Park is fantastic. Good range of equipment, clean and safe for all ages x12  
Escot Park which was good because it was natural  
Exeter disabled park lots of inclusive equipment x2  
Exmouth sea front have a lovely park with lots of variety  
Fitz Park in Keswick. It catered for all age groups, and had a vast variety of modern, bright equipment segretating the age groups, plus a zip wire, MUGA and outdoor gym. It had sand as a ground covering and I particularly liked the multi activity unit with the slide as it had buckets on chains and tubes to pour the sand which had a lot of play value. The setting was magnificent too surrounded by the fells, and next to the cricket pitch and a cafe and museum. There was a carved bear at the entrance with a donations slot as it is a tourist location and probably more tourists than locals use it.  
Gimli Pavilion Play Park located north of Winnipeg Canada. Had a slashpad play area with water drawn for underground aquifers. Kid really enjoyed it in the heat of summer.  
Glasgow Hayburn Park  
Harrogate large park which had something for everyone  
Hyde park park  
Ivybridge Macandrews as it has a couple of goals  
Ivybridge Spinney  
Ivybridge St Johns Park good equipment, good size but run down, liket the old Thomas train x6

Ivybridge Victoria Park as it's naturally shaded by trees, it's quiet (away from traffic) perfect for the summer time, it has a green space beside it to go for imaginative play or an adventure, or to just sit and have a picnic.

Kilkenny Lane Country Park, Carterton. Lots of exploring and long slides

Kingsbridge near estuary. Sandpits, lots of equipment, wide array of play things, including free tennis courts and large grass area with pond and café/toilets x4

Kingston play park is amazing clean, tidy, plenty to do x6

Leamington spa Variety of equipment Large play area

Llanhydrock play area

Longleat. It had lots of exploring and used natural resources.

Malborough Village Park, variety of equipment for all ages to play on

Mallorca calla Dor play park large play area safe and outdoor cafe

March nr Cambridge has a selection of equipment for many different interests ages and abilities

Menheniot in Cornwall has enclosed kids play area with variety of equipment for a range of ages, separate football area and then outdoor gym equipment for older kids and adults

Modbury have an amazing park near the school. One of the only places I feel safe taking my three under 4 together alone, as there are no super high or unsafe bits and they can manage it all alone. interesting, aimed at different ages and makes use of different ground levels X3

Mount Gould, plenty of sand and variety of things to do

Mount Wise - gym equipment

Newton Abbott Decoy park with water feature, all ages, Field. Good play equipment. Fountains. Walk. Woods, Large array of play equipment including a splash pool x14

Newton Ferrers Butts Park x4

None specific. Just a decent size/quality tarmac and/or grass area where kids can play different sports.

Noss Mayo

Occombe farm which has a safe climbing structure inclusive for younger children

Okehampton x2

Old Sarum community Playground, creative, interactive and something for all ages, plus has a trail.

Paignton has a really good variety and nice and clean, excellent mix for a range of ages x5

Peacock meadow in Plympton for the make believe bits and sand play x2

Perranporth in Cornwall have a good park with a good range of equipment. Well maintained and soft floor if children fall over.

Peterborough Ferry Meadows, the play equipment is all natural but has been truly well thought out, with everything you can think of. It is on larger scale than what would be in Ivybridge but something similar here would be amazing!

Plymouth Central Park. Its big not squashed together, very inclusive, all ages, huge variety, café, zip wire and sand pit and trampoline x21

Plymouth Tothill Park

Reigate Priory Park

Sampford peverell (village) - it has nice big wooden activities/structures, swings, slides, bridges, tunnel, zip wire. All looked well maintained.

Saumarez Park, Guernsey - variety of activities for different ages including climbing, gym equipment, zip wire, adventure/imaginary - allows children to self-regulate & challenge

Seaton play park, east Devon

Sherford because it encourages the kids to be physically active and test their limits

Shobdon village park. space. variety of play equipment

South Brent lots of space new equipment, different zones for different ages toilet and recreation ground easy to run around and good sand area x7

Spain - parks always have trees for shade and water fountains so you can enjoy the park even in extreme heat.

Stafford

Stoke Fleming Village Park circa 20 years ago

Surbiton, Balaclava Park wide range of play equipment

Switzerland for the views

Tavistock. Variety of all age equipment, suitable seating and toilet facilities. X6

Teignmouth Den (recently reopened)

Totnes Leechwell Garden - Natural Equipment with herbal garden

Totnes near leisure centre sandpits, lots of equipment

Trethorne country park in Cornwall

Wembury Park due to great climbing facilities, new and clean equipment plus a skatepark x3

Whinlatter forest, lakes district variety of equipment and engagement of children

Woodburn park is excellent.

Woolms meadow park

Wotter park as there are enough swings for lots of kids

Yealmpton park is great because it has really good quality, safe play equipment and it has a good variety of equipment to appeal to different aged children

**Do you have any further comments regarding the play facilities or the parks?**

A creative safe space , including accessible exercise facilities for adults and children to enable wellbeing and health within the community.

A great park would also bring people from surrounding areas to Ivybridge helping out our local shops and community.

Access and play facilities for disabled children is a definite must!

Add in skatepark facilities

All parks in Ivybridge need updating. Please also do something at Filham. Even some natural climbing/natural play area would be useful

Anything to prevent teenagers hanging around and causing a mess

Anything would be better than nothing, we sorely miss the MacAndrews field play area but also always felt the space could be much better occupied with better equipment.

Be good to have a fence in MacAndrew fields for child play area, as I know dogs (mine especially!) will go into the play area otherwise

Better equipment and looked after more x2

Children are part of a family so often visits will include a variety of aged children so equipment must be varied and suitable for children of all ages babies-young teens. As well as suitable seating for parents/grandparents to enjoy spending time together.

Cleaning and maintaining is really important, evening lighting in the park area would mean it could be used for longer in darker months and safer

Cut the grass and keep it short. You can pick up dog shit in long grass so people just leave it if it's difficult.

Dog free

Ensure plenty of bins and recycling facilities and consider forest school area and activities

Equipment appears old

Gates are not fit for purpose. 1yr olds can easily get out of them

Good to have a combination of equipment suitable for all ages in the same space. Also when a slide is put in place the steps to it need to be accessible for a small child.

I encourage anyone to have a look at Tavistock play area along side the river it's beautiful to sit and have a picnic whilst there is loads more for the children to play on

I find it hard to keep my toddler entertained at Victoria park so equipment for you get children would be great

I think all the parks in Ivybridge need some life put back in them

I think for a town the size of Ivybridge facilities are limited. We have some great parks in the UK to take inspiration from.

I think this development review is a great opportunity to design something for all ages, and to counteract the increasing anti-social behaviour.

The products I've seen on Jupiter play website and have used at Old Sarum are far behind any park I've visited. I think it's important to retain Victoria Park as a play area that's fairly central to the town and always seems to be well used. Set amongst the trees it can be a bit glady and damp and ideally should be located in a more open area of the park.

I would like to see something positive happen in these areas, as we were told last year that Woodlands park would receive extra play equipment in August 2021. This still hasn't arrived and looks unlikely to ever happen. Since moving to South Hams I feel let down by all levels of local council, and hope that this becomes a turning point for positive action in Ivybridge

If the parks incorporated an adults outdoor gym it would encourage families to go out more together, use the facilities and spend longer periods of time there. It would also encourage general health, fitness and wellbeing, as well as set a good example to young kids.

It would be great to see a variety of equipment to meet the needs and interests of people of all ages. X2

it would be lovely if they were to be updated

It would be nice to have a mobile coffee/snack stall or cafe

It's annoying with small children when you don't just have a simple steps/ladder to get on the slide and they are expected to rock climb up there

Ivybridge could really do with an adult park

Ivybridge is depressing, run down and completely forgotten about

Ivybridge needs a skate park

Ivybridge needs far better parks.

Just need to have bits in for slightly older children

Just reiterate that outdoor gym stances should be created to encourage and promote free access to fitness equipment. Perhaps provide an extra bin or 2 at each park. They often become full.

Just that Ivybridge is really lacking. We are looking to move out of the town and away from the area in the next couple of years due to the lack of play areas, child friendly activities, free parking and shops. We also have friends who were looking to move to the area but have decided against it recently as there is little to no investment in the town or surrounding area.

Keep the big wild spaces, rewild more if possible, encourage parents to use

Keep them up dated

Location is key - away from huge trees, suitable gate to keep dogs out of area

MacAndrews could be set up for spending several hours with a variety of equipment, football, nature trail, areas for picnics and toilet facilities.

Make the most of the space and keep equipment well maintained.

Making sure they are secure is important

More bins so people have no excuse to leave litter laying around

More for the older kids...

more range of equipment

Need to be on a safe surface and unlike the removed equipment in MacAndrews Field not situated under trees as this attracts bees therefore not suitable area for play equipment

Need to be something for each age range

Need updating and made more exciting for older children to encourage them to be active

Needs regular inspections to maintain high standards. It would be great to have top quality equipment on the doorstep.

Also equipment for toddlers - currently I find either too small or too advanced for a 2.5yr old - need some in between that encourages climbing/exploring but doesn't require an adult to follow and hold them

Needs to be suitable for a wide age range

Obviously the play area must be safe and exciting for the children but for us as parents I think it's very important for how we get to and from the play park. We live in Rivers close and the main road (Exeter road) is increasingly busy, especially with all the new house and contractor lorry traffic, the path along side MacAndrews field is very narrow and having three Children means it is not safe for us all to use...forcing us to cross the very busy (and getting busier!) road. Any alternative ways to enter the field would be warmly welcomed and a smooth surface path circled around the field linking up to the play area would be great (we mentioned this earlier in the survey regarding buggy's, bikes, scooters etc)

Older children need to have somewhere to play

One of the issues that needs addressing is the risks posed by bored teenagers who are allowed to wander around town in the evening. They have been known to damage equipment and leave broken glass in play areas. These are still children who are drawn to play parks but they are too old to play there. I would like to see investment in youth centres, youth clubs, youth cafes etc alongside investment in play parks.

Park benches for picnics?

Play equipment at Victoria Park is very run down and vandalised. Also, the under age drinking, smoking and drug misuse that happens in Victoria Park is very off putting.

Really do need to be updated

Remember children over 5 still like to climb and play, so any equipment or climbing frames should be inclusive for them too.

Some of the Ivybridge parks are well maintained but sometimes broken equipment is not replaced anymore and it is dangerous/unusable for younger children as a result.

Something for everyone is a hard task within budget constraints but with the rise of autism sensory would be great

Still them green, clean and safe

Stuff for older kids as often forgotten.

That are crap

The kids will use this park no matter what the facilities are like. What makes the biggest difference is the seating you provide for parents. We're all on the school run and stop and chat in the park after school. Unless it's nice and we sit on the floor we have to stand. Socially positioned seating would be fab.

We love the football goals and the trees that have been planted around the edge. Our kids mostly play in the trees and hedgerows. If we can plant more trees or build an adult course around the perimeter within the trees, this would be heavily used. If a tree falls down, please please leave the trunk for them. It creates the best free playground.

The parks in Ivybridge are not as good as they could be for such a large town

The play parks we have visited since moving to the area are extremely small or rundown

The slide & climbing frame outside the leisure centre is dangerous

The upkeep needs to be stayed on top of.

The wasp sign means my children feel they can't play on MacAs field playground.

Their maintenance is important and perhaps opportunity for the local schools to be able to be involved with planting vegetables or flowers whether in large planters or specific beds.

There are quite a lot of parks in Ivybridge for the young children we need something centre ish of Ivybridge for the older kids

There definitely needs to be some improvements to the parks in Ivybridge with updated play equipment, Paignton seafront park and Exmouth Dino park are amazing play spaces for local children, we really need something like that in Ivybridge

There needs to be more variety and they need to be maintained and cleaned more often. Also need separate equipment for older and younger ones and maybe something for the older children to stop them hanging around in the younger play parks which can be intimidating for those who wish to play.

There probably needs to be some sort of enclosure to keep dogs out & thought given re wasps

There's a great site that collates research into park spaces that are girl and teen friendly and has a lot of great case study examples. Toilets would be so helpful too!

<https://makespaceforgirls.co.uk/>

They could be so much better, need better equipment, this would encourage me to want to take my children out to them. X3

They help everyone get fresh air and exercise, more we have with age range the better  
Under utilised due to lack of variety. Nothing for adults but maybe Filham is better location for this.  
Upgraded play equipment  
using ecological materials

variety is important, an expensive swing set is not as good as an assault course x2

We are just grateful for any play areas that are provided.

We are very fortunate to have lots of play parks on ivybridge. One approach would be less individual parked but larger ones.

We love parks and open spaces need to keep them and have more.

We love them thanks - both are really important places for us and friends to meet - a really good way for parents to get to know each other too. The combination of play area and field at each is a major attraction that suits the age range of our family.

We love Woolms meadow and the park near priory close

we need some more inspiring creative play areas please

Well kept most of the time, well done!

Well run play parks , seeing children playing happily brings pleasure to all.

Whatever is put in just needs to be varied and safe

With Macandrew field it is quite natural at the moment and it would be a shame to change that too much.

Would be good to encourage use by whole family, not just kids

Would like to see the play park kept natural and in keeping with the field

You need to also include teenagers so may be hoops