

Badgworth Parish Council consultation on use of the Jubilee and Memorial Fields

Brief summary of the consultation

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. We received **55 responses**, with 49 participants living in the parish. Here is what you told us:

- Many residents **value the Jubilee and Memorial Fields**, even if they don't use them very often.
- When people do use the spaces, it's usually for **enjoying nature, picnics, ball games, or community events**.
- There is strong interest in seeing the fields improved for both **wildlife and recreation**, including ideas such as **tree planting, hedgerow improvements, play equipment, goalposts, picnic areas, and community orchards**. Although some residents have concerns about the impact of any changes such as **increased noise or loss of views**.
- A recurring theme was **maintenance**: long grass, uneven ground, and overgrown hedges currently limit how much the fields can be used, especially for sports and children's activities.
- Opinions on funding maintenance were mixed, with 58% of respondents happy to pay a little more, whilst others preferring not to.
- Several residents kindly offered to **volunteer** to support future projects.

Overall, the consultation indicates that the community wants the fields to be **better maintained, more usable, and more welcoming**, for both people and wildlife.

More details on the consultation

Participation

- 55 responses received, the majority are residents of Badgworth Parish.

Usage of the Jubilee field (Badgworth)

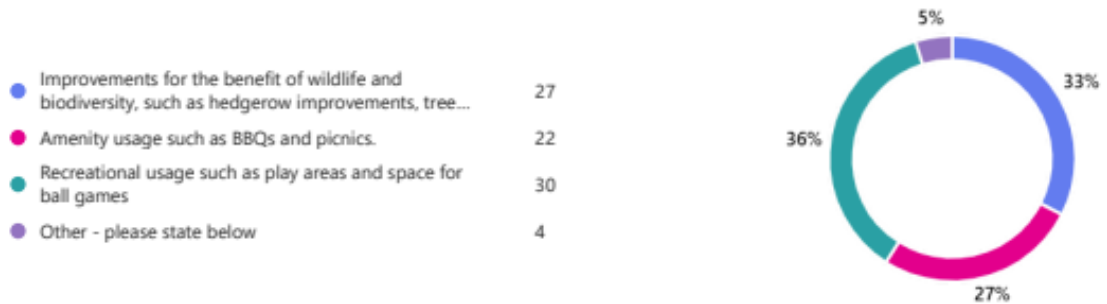
Most respondents rarely use the field, typically never or every six months with a smaller number using it weekly or monthly.

Common uses include:

- Enjoying nature and being outdoors
- Ball games

- Picnics and recreational activities

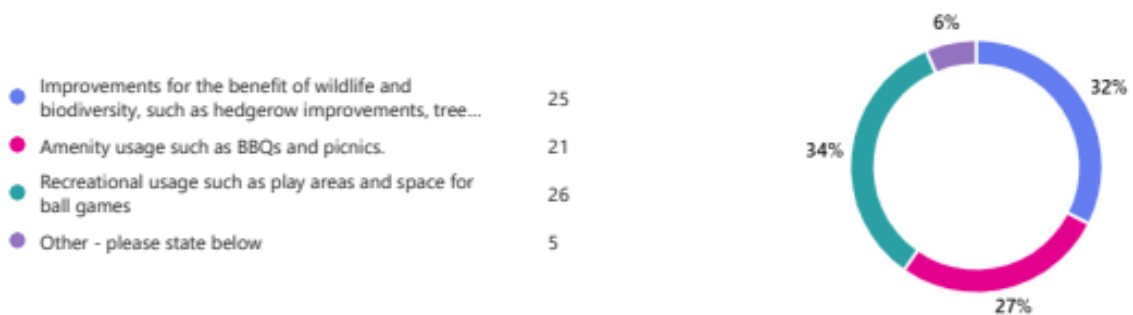
Suggestions for future use:



Memorial field (Biddisham)

Usage is lower than Jubilee Field with many saying they never use it, but most respondents were interested in retaining it for the community.

Suggestions for future use:



Maintenance and condition feedback

- Most common complaint was that the fields are overgrown, uneven and rutted.
- Several responses indicated that improved maintenance would improve usage.
- Responses on whether to replace the goalpost was roughly half in favour, and half against.

Willingness to pay more

This response was varied but the majority of respondents would be happy to pay more to improve maintenance of the fields.

