

Tufty Park

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2. How often do you use the play area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	21.7%	23
More than once a week	38.7%	41
Weekly	28.3%	30
Monthly	7.5%	8
Less frequently	2.8%	3
Never	0.9%	1

3. How would you rate this play area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	8.5%	9
Fair	47.2%	50
Good	44.3%	47

4. How important is this play area to you and your family?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not very important	2.0%	2
Unimportant	0.0%	0
Neither	3.0%	3
Important	46.5%	47
Very important	48.5%	49

5. Do you use other play areas within walking distance from your home?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72.0%	72
No	27.0%	27
Unsure	1.0%	1

6. Are you aware of the other play areas that are near to this one?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.3%	68
No	26.7%	27
Unsure	5.9%	6

7. Do you agree that this play area should be closed which may allow us to improve other play facilities in your area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree	1.0%	1
I neither agree nor disagree	8.3%	8
I disagree	88.5%	85
I'm unsure	2.1%	2

8. If you have any additional comments about this play area please use the box below:

Answer Options	Response Count
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Number	Response Date	Response Text	Categories
1	Jul 30, 2015 8:32 PM	This is a well used and loved park, it would be such a shame to lose it.	
2	Jul 30, 2015 7:54 PM	Tufty park is close to schools for meeting friends and parents alike. It is one of the larger, more frequently used play areas in my opinion.	
3	Jul 30, 2015 7:42 PM	This is the only play park in this area of Cullompton which has equipment just for toddlers. All other play parks have equipment for older children within the same park, and close to the toddler equipment which isn't always ideal when letting small children explore and climb. At Tufty, the older equipment is at the far end of the park letting the little children play without listening to big kids conversations or letting them learn from big kids behaviours. This is something that I think is important.	
4	Jul 30, 2015 7:01 PM	This play area is in a key location beside willowbank school and it would be detrimental to the area and to the welfare of the primary aged children who use it daily. As it receives minimal maintenance from the council at the moment I fail to see the benefit which would come from its closure.	
5	Jul 26, 2015 9:58 AM	Small, frequent play areas are essential for allowing children to play frequently, rather than having to go on a family outing to a larger, less accessible play area. It gives the option of frequent small amounts of play.	
6	Jul 26, 2015 2:00 AM	Tufty Park is between both primary schools and lots of people stop there on the way home. This is the last park that should be considered for closure.	
7	Jul 25, 2015 9:10 PM	Safest nearby area for our children to visit in open view of road and houses.	
8	Jul 23, 2015 5:56 PM	my children used this area, and now my grandchildren use it. It would be good if there could be more seats for adults who come with their children at present their is one bench in poor condition any one else has to stand. When I pass the park it is rarely empty. If it is closed what use would be made of the site? Better to keep it and make it more attractive there are plenty of families in this area who will use it.	
9	Jul 23, 2015 12:41 PM	Maybe consider closing park where there are 2 on one housing estate to reduce costs, can't blame teenagers using them at night, where else should they go.	
10	Jul 23, 2015 12:04 PM	It's a very well used area, and there is not an equivalent one close to that one. It's always mobbed after school. It just need a bit of TLC.	
11	Jul 21, 2015 11:36 PM	When we moved to Cullompton a year ago we were amazed at the number of small play areas in Cullompton. However they are all pretty basic and aimed at the very young. Cullompton seriously needs a decent play park. It is a growing town and needs to improve leisure areas/facilities.	
12	Jul 21, 2015 10:59 PM	Tufty Park is in a good location and used regularly by our friends and us and the weekly Strollers Walk led by the Health Care Team. The climbing equipment and slide are a good low height for young children to explore.	

13	Jul 19, 2015 10:45 AM	This is a decent sized playpark surrounded by lots of people that use it. The playpark is particularly pleasant with other good sized playparks (on the CCA fields and at the Knightswood one) are much further away.
14	Jul 17, 2015 2:37 PM	this park is well used by not only families but also the health visitors for a session called strollers which is important in helping families to go out for a walk with support of health visitors and the children's centre. If anything it should be one of the ones which is developed.
15	Jul 16, 2015 8:09 PM	Could do with updating
16	Jul 14, 2015 8:51 AM	This is a widely used play area it is always occupied by families when I choose to use it. Which in turn is good socially for my child. There isn't another play area within walking distance of my home. As it's situated in such a central site I find it unbelievable that Mid Devon District council would even consider closing it.
17	Jul 11, 2015 11:04 AM	Lovely well looked after park! I take my children there daily to let off some steam, be sad to see it go
18	Jul 10, 2015 7:42 PM	Convenient for all primary school families, includes enough space for running around. Is a v important social space for children and parents.
19	Jul 10, 2015 10:04 AM	This is right by mine and my daughters house and which is within walking distance for her to go to by herself when shes older. If it closes she will bot be abke to go out and play somewhere safe and could end up with her causing trouble in the community
20	Jul 10, 2015 8:47 AM	This park is used daily by pupils on their way home from primary school and frequently through the week by my friends and I who live on the street. It is the only park in safe walking distance for my eldest child to go to with her friends.
21	Jul 9, 2015 11:17 AM	My niece loves this park, perfect for her age and I used to go to this park as a child, we love visiting a couple times a week, would be a shame to see it close.
22	Jul 9, 2015 7:43 AM	Tufty park has been used for generations.. I played in it as a child.and.now.my children.do.. its a fun outdoor activity which our children need!
23	Jul 9, 2015 6:48 AM	The tufty park has always been a lovely place for children to play in, it is near to willowbank school and is the only play park that I am aware of in the centre of town. I played there as a child 30 years ago and my children have played there all through their childhood. I wish for my grandchildren to play there also and I do not wish for them to have to go into one of the horrid new estates that have been built around the town to do so. Please do not close a park that has been in cullompton for the last 40 years.
24	Jul 9, 2015 5:02 AM	This play area is in a prime location between 2 primary schools. Is it passed daily by pupils walking to and from school at both St Andrews and Willowbank schools and also is opposite a favoured area for families walking their dogs for exercise. Therefore I refute the claim that this play area is underused as it is visited daily by plenty of families. I am a childcare professional who lives very close to the area, passing this 4 times a day on "walking bus" school runs, and take numerous amounts of children there for much needed exercise and fresh air, and to aid development of their physical skills. (A requirement, by law, of professionals to offer to children in their care,in their early development stages) In actual fact, in my personal opinion (and that of many others in the area) I would say that the total opposite of closure is needed, that it is actually OVER used considering the lack of upkeep and minimal resources that are supplied in it, and that a revamp, and new resources need spending on it to make it safer end better equipped.

25	Jul 9, 2015 12:15 AM	This park provides and after school run around for many of the willow bank pupils. It is located in an area which is full of young children and young families. It's away from major traffic routes providing a large, safe and happy environment for young children.
26	Jul 8, 2015 9:36 PM	My children played there on the way home from school, now I take my grandchildren. It is well used, especially by children on their way home from school.
27	Jul 8, 2015 8:56 PM	Tufty Park is a well used Park, if equipment from others such as chaffinch could be moved here it would enhance the experience. It would be a sad day to see tufty Park close
28	Jul 8, 2015 8:17 PM	I live very close to Tufty Park and my two daughters enjoy using the facilities at this park regularly. It would be a great shame to see this lovely little park close after so many years. Parents at Willow Bank primary take there children here often and I know of parents that walk some distance to use this park, even though they have other parks closer to them. I would also be interested what would happen to the land if the park were to close.
29	Jul 8, 2015 8:09 PM	This play area has been used by my family for decades. I have two children (one on the way) who yell at me every day we walk past to go in. It would be very sad to see this park closed. There is always someone using this park and it's very popular with the local community. I believe that this park has a great location and many families gather here. It's a good location for local families and I have met many neighbours here that I would never knew existed if it wasn't for this park.
30	Jul 8, 2015 7:21 PM	All the school children use this play area It needs improving not removing
31	Jul 8, 2015 5:10 PM	I want my children to have a play area near to their home.
32	Jul 8, 2015 3:04 PM	Tufty Park is one of the most used parks in Cullompton!! It is absolutely ridiculous that parks are going to be closed at all. Parks are the one thing that you can do with your children that's free nowadays. Many of the parks have been around since before I was born. What happened to encouraging children to play outside rather than being stuck indoors all the time. Less and less children will be playing outside if parks close!
33	Jul 8, 2015 1:40 PM	This is a lovely little park that is well used.
34	Jul 8, 2015 9:46 AM	I see it very well used after school every day when I'm passing
35	Jul 6, 2015 7:50 AM	This is a well used play park that dates back to when I was a child. Every day school children use it on their way home from school, and many others during the day. I can't believe they are even considering closing it, or any if the parks for that matter. It's rudiculous, free fun play for children and they want to take that away from us, disgusting.
36	Jul 5, 2015 8:39 PM	I think if there is a real commitment to close some play areas in order to improve others that is great but just to close some without making others better would be a mistake - we need to encourage kids to play outside! In the question above it doesn't seem to make any firm commitment to improve other play areas
37	Jul 5, 2015 6:10 PM	The less constructive play children have, leaves more time for idle hands. The money you save closing play areas could possibly be used to combat the vandalism that could follow.
38	Jul 3, 2015 6:25 AM	I think IF you have to shut any parks it should be the smaller ones then you will be able to make the bigger ones better
39	Jul 2, 2015 8:15 PM	Not many of the parks have such a nice space in this part of town

40	Jul 2, 2015 7:57 PM	Please don't close this one. It's the best park covering Kingfisher Reach, all the estates off Swallow Way and all the nearby estates until you get to Knightswood. The smaller parks are lovely and serve a purpose but sometimes you want a park which will keep the children busy playing for longer. Also, it's so close to the school that you can entertain younger siblings whilst waiting for school to finish/after dropping off siblings. This is a great location and would be a real loss. I know people from the latest housing estates use this as their local park so it serves a lot of people.
41	Jul 2, 2015 7:37 PM	My daughter enjoys this park, especially the slide and swings.
42	Jun 29, 2015 7:09 PM	THIS PLAY AREA IS PARTICULARLY ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO WILLOWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
43	Jun 29, 2015 2:01 PM	Whilst the park itself isn't modern or full of brand new equipment, it is an essential play space within close proximity to a large number of family homes in the town. Many of which do not have access to any green space within a reasonable distance for children to play. Whilst the adjacent field is publicly accessible too, it is not safe for children as it always has lots of dog mess in it, is not enclosed and does not have any basic equipment for safe play. The park is situated close by to willowbank primary school and as such it gets lots of usage by preschool siblings after older brothers/sisters have been dropped off, and then again by the whole family on their way home.
44	Jun 28, 2015 10:25 PM	This one has been here even when I was young even had a bmx track, now I'm being forced to use it less and less because of the state its in, I have 3 children and numerous occasions now I've found needles glass bottles & even condoms which I think is totally unacceptable in a children's play area. I'm finding myself driving down to teignmouth each week now to use there amazing fun water/play park it's so good and I think the children of Cullompton and even surroundings would totally benefit from something like it. It needs to be updated. It's central to many families in New Street, Crow Green, Hammet Road, Shorthand, Bilbe. I see many families go in there on the way to and From Willowbank and St Andrews. The wooden frame needs updating as it has been there for at least 15 years.
45	Jun 28, 2015 10:05 PM	It needs to be updated. It's central to many families in New Street, Crow Green, Hammet Road, Shorthand, Bilbe. I see many families go in there on the way to and From Willowbank and St Andrews. The wooden frame needs updating as it has been there for at least 15 years.
46	Jun 28, 2015 8:14 PM	This is a well established and very well used park, it would be a shame to close it.
47	Jun 28, 2015 8:12 PM	Needs more equipment, wooden climbing frame needs replacing and not suitable for small children, needs regular cleaning lots of teenagers use this park in the evenings and weekends and leave all sorts of rubbish behind. Sometimes there is broken glass and bottles left there I am worried that there is a risk of needles and syringes being left there, lots of children use this park on the way home from school.
48	Jun 28, 2015 5:25 PM	what do you do with the money added to planning permission that's added on to provide these parks ? is the balance sheet actually showing minus from money charged to a developer ? are you wasting money by not managing the money used to maintain these parks properly

49	Jun 27, 2015 7:43 PM	<p>My husband and I don't frequent the play areas as often as I used to with our children as we've had several bad experiences over the past few years at said play areas. I think that trying to stop teenagers from vandalising the play areas and being rude to kids and parents (it's happened to my family, and other friends and family members too), monitoring who enters the play areas (there was an intoxicated individual that was at one of the playgrounds) and maintaining the play areas would be a good place to start in terms of managing the play areas. The CCA field playground, for example, looks awful and it is in serious need of renovation as well. It is run down, the property there has been vandalised on several occasions, the equipment is broken and honestly, if the play area is intended for mainly small children (say, under the age of five and not fifteen year olds and yes, I am aware that older children go to playgrounds too, but I'm pretty sure that their purpose is to be frequented primarily by families with little kids and not teenagers) and not older children then there's no need for a zip wire to be there.</p>
50 51	Jun 27, 2015 7:09 PM Jun 27, 2015 7:05 PM	<p>would be nice to have more play equipment in this one I would love to see the small playpark at Rivermead revamped! My children would love something other than just climbing frames to play on- not very suitable for my 3 year old.</p>
52	Jun 26, 2015 9:09 PM	<p>Tufty is a large site which would benefit from being upgraded. Why do you have to have a poxy tiny play park on every estate? A few larger parks with better facilities would encourage communities to engage more and maybe we'd get back that old community spirit cully thrived on!?</p> <p>You are about to build 3000 more house in Cullompton and yet provide no facilities or infrastructure support it! If the facilities in tufts were better, and cca fields for that matter, more people would use, it's not rocket science, Make it more attractive, few picnic benches, just look at westexe park in tiv..... Haven't looked but bet that ones not on the list! Cullompton is always the poor relation and people are becoming sick and tired of it! Close tufty at your peril, that's a keeper begging for an upgrade, it's close enough to many estates and people would be fit from having to walk further than 2 mins from their front door!</p>
53	Jun 26, 2015 9:06 PM	<p>Inu view tufty park should definatly be kept. There are no other parks within an acceptable walking distance. This one should be kept and improved as it serves a very large area. Having lived previously on headwear road we had a lot of small parks which could be thinned down. In my view tufty park should get better equipment, the outlying area around it is very large and contains a lot of children, some maybe slightly more disadvantaged on terms of outdoor garden space than that of the headwear road areas.</p> <p>A Still Sun Way Crow green Cullompton</p>

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Jun 26, 2015 1:18 PM

Tufty park is a good size and in a central location so is in a prime position for people to visit with their children/grandchildren but think it could be improved greatly. This park is central to two schools too and if there were more facilities in it, then it would be visited at both ends of the day as parents pass with their children. Would be a shame to see tufty park close as it is a longstanding park and think it would probably just end up being used for society to loiter in and leave rubbish everywhere. There are elderly bungalows alongside this park too and know the residents love to look out and see the children playing..not sure they would like to have people shouting, hollering, dumping rubbish and goodness knows what else. Maybe some of the other parks could be concreted over so that local residents could park their cars there to allow some of the local roads to be a little clearer for vehicles (especially 999 service vehicles) to pass

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Jun 26, 2015 12:58 PM

There is a wooden climbing frame that used to have monkey bars which have been down for a number of years now and I believe it's time tufty park had a new look and design perhaps swings for older children more seating areas a roundabout zip wire splash zone area it's situated near the school and pre school so it would get regular use and would benefit lots of families around this area

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Jun 25, 2015 6:27 AM

This is the one of the most used play areas in Cullompton. The under-5's group Strollers use it at least once a month as their stop-off for little ones to play. It is an important play area. Please keep it.

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Jun 23, 2015 9:07 PM

I understand money for maintenance and improvements must be lacking, however play parks are extremely important to my family! I do not drive during the week and sometimes the park is the only outside play my children get! I would like to support saving/improving ALL my local play parks, not prioritising one over the other because of money! I would rather pay more council tax!!!!

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Jun 23, 2015 8:38 PM

I do not know the separate names of the play parks. There are too many very small play areas in unknown locations with one or maybe two items. These items may be part broken or only cater for a v younger age group like a toddler but not for a slightly older child or the other way around. We need the play equipment to work and to be consolidated into the larger current play parks - not dismantled. Our nearest park is on the large common on swallow way and apart from one baby swing has a couple of balance bars and a broken hanging rail. For such a large area of park land it is such a waste.

Consolidating the play equipment into the more larger parks would make them more attractive to families to walk to and spend longer on. The small ones are not worth it and this is why there are so many poorly used parks.

Build better ones and they will be used.

Tuftys is our nearest one that can hold interest for a slightly longer while.

The cca fields park can only be reached across grass with dog poo and is a bit isolated so not keen on using it.

The skatepark ground near leisure centre would be good for relocating equipment to.

One of my children is 5 - doesn't factor into your age ranges.

59	Jun 23, 2015 8:05 PM	There are too many small play areas in cullompton. These should be consolidated into one big one, possibly with a small cafe nearby for parents to meet up.
60	Jun 23, 2015 7:42 PM	Great play area for Willowbank School run plus also used regularly by Strollers Mum and Baby walking group
61	Jun 23, 2015 7:05 PM	Tufty park is used by children from Willowbank Primary School after school. It's a great place for families to hang out. It definitely could use some improvements but it is essential to the community there.
62	Jun 23, 2015 7:03 PM	Tufty park is an excellent play area and is one of the best in cullompton.
63	Jun 23, 2015 6:22 PM	This is a great park and we travel a fair distance, 8-10 minute walk to get to it because it is our favourite.
64	Jun 23, 2015 6:22 PM	There is room for so much more in tufty, like there was years ago, it would be used more if there was more for the kids

9. How many children are in your household:				
Answer Options	0	1	2	3+
Under 5	5	41	30	8
6 - 12 Years	9	27	15	3
13 +	10	2	3	0