



LONGWICK PLAYING FIELD & FUTURE SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY RESULTS

What do you use / enjoy about Longwick Playing Field?

The top five things highlighted were:
Playground, dog walking, walking, MUGA and the green space

Can you reference any great community sports playing fields locally or further afield? And what really makes them so great?

Residents pointed to parks with strong play areas, good sports facilities (especially tennis, football and cricket), full perimeter paths, cafés, community spaces and inclusive equipment. Many also mentioned sites that combine sport, social spaces and nature in one place.

Would you like to see a community run tennis / paddle court (guide - pay to play £5+ per hr)?

Around 80% of respondents said they would like to see a community-run tennis/padel court, with around 20% not in favour.

Would you like to see any new facilities on the playing field or new dedicated site?

Residents put forward a wide range of ideas for future facilities. The most frequently mentioned were:
Café / Coffee Shop, toilets / changing facilities, a dedicated dog area, outdoor fitness equipment / exercise classes and additional playground equipment.

What improvements could be made to the playing field?

The top five things highlighted were:
Playground, additional equipment based on inclusivity and aimed at older children
Extension of footpath so it goes around the whole field
Café / Coffee Shop
Additional benches and picnic benches
Football goals and pitch marking

Would you or any member of your family be interested in seeing or participating in any of the following activities?

The top five voted for were:
Tennis / Padel, Park Run, Boules / Pétanque and Youth Football and Youth Cricket

If it were made available, would you or a family member be interested in any of the following activities in the village hall?

Table Tennis came out on top followed by indoor bowls, youth club and then board & kinetic games.

Residents also put forward a wide mix of additional ideas, including arts and crafts, pilates/yoga/fitness, parent and toddler sessions, soft play, sewing, knitting/crochet, book club, line dancing, music and singing, coffee mornings, cinema, cookery, snooker/pool, badminton, self-defence/karate, astronomy, daytime WI, amateur drama, veterans club and SEND sessions.

Additional Comments:

Residents want stronger community connection, with more social spaces and better use of the village hall — especially ideas like a café, coffee mornings and inclusive activities for all ages. Many feel the village has grown without matching improvements in amenities, transport or safe walking routes.

There were calls for careful planning and maintenance, including managing costs, improving existing facilities and ensuring new projects are genuinely needed. Some raised concerns about noise from padel courts, anti-social behaviour, and the field being used mainly as a dog park

People also highlighted the value of the playing field, the need to keep green space, and the importance of facilities for children and young people. Overall, comments were constructive and supportive, with many welcoming the survey and wanting Longwick to feel more connected and better served as it continues to grow.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the survey.
Your time, ideas and honesty are genuinely appreciated.

For those who kindly offered to volunteer or help lead activities, we'll be in touch as plans develop.
Councillors will now begin analysing the results and exploring next steps, watch this space for updates as the project moves forward.