










Summary of Play Areas in Gillingham

Note: The majority are owned by Gillingham Town Council (GTC). List Revised May 2017

No.	Name of Public Open Space	Photo	Type of Play Area	Location and Description	Disabled Access	Size (hectare)	Managed by
1	Barnaby Meadows (off Barnaby Mead)		Local Area for Play (LAP)	SP8 4AL. The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.01	GTC
2	Chaffinch Chase (Ham Farm Estate)		Local Area for Play (LAP)	SP8 4GT. The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.02	GTC
3	Church View (opposite Waitrose Supermarket)	Goal end only	Local Area for Play (LAP)	SP8 4XE. This area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties. This area was planned for a play area but was never equipped by the developer. A teen-zone goal will be installed in Spring 2016.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.12	GTC
4	Cresscombe Close (rear of)		Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)	SP8 4GR. The site located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by properties in the local community.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.02	GTC
5	Gyllas Green	Goal end only with basket ball hoop and cricket stumps. The facility is mounted on a tarred surface with games marked.		SP8 4RL. The facility is located on a public open space between housing estates. Large grassed area suitable for informal recreation.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.78 ha	GTC
6	Fernbrook Lane	Awaiting photo.	Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) (awaiting transfer)	SP8 4FL. This site is located within a public open space adjacent to a housing estate. This play area is still the responsibility of the housing developer.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.04	GTC

7	Hardings Lane - Adventure Play Area		Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) aspiring to 'Destination' Play Area status.	SP8 4HX (site adjoins RiversMeet Leisure Centre). The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community. Significant refurbishment works undertaken in 2015/16.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	2.50	GTC
7a	Harding Park - Skate Park			SP8 4HX (site adjoins RiversMeet Leisure Centre). The facility is located at Hardings Park near an adventure playground. New facility in June 2016.	Warning! Wheeled sports is a high risk activity and protective clothing should be worn when using this facility.		
7b	Hardings Park - Multi use Games Area (MUGA)	Awaiting photo		SP8 4HX (site adjoins RiversMeet Leisure Centre). The facility is located at Hardings Park near an adventure playground. Installed in March 2017.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.		
7c	Hardings Park - Outside Table Tennis Facility	Awaiting photo		SP8 4HX (site adjoins RiversMeet Leisure Centre). This facility is located at Hardings Park. Installed in January 2017.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.		
8	Hyde Road		Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP).	SP8 4DD. This site is partially overlooked by a number of properties. Refurbished 2007. New swings and a goal-end installed 2015.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.09	GTC
9	Jay Walk/Deer Gardens (Ham Farm Estate)		Local Area for Play (LAP)	SP8 4GY. The site is partially overlooked by a number of properties.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.03	GTC
10	King John Road		Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP).	SP8 4PG. The site located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by properties in the local community. Refurbished and new equipment added in 2015.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.05	GTC

10	Marlott Road (Peacemarsh)		Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP)	SP8 4FA. The site is located in an area of public open space and is partially overlooked by properties. The site is often flooded during the winter months.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.06	GTC
11	Lodbourne (near Co-op Store)		Local Educational Area for Play (LEAP)	SP8 4DQ. The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.03	GTC
12	The Gillings (by Wyke Primary School)		Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP).	SP8 4SH. The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties. Site refurbished in 2007. New swings replaced in 2015.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.02	GTC
13	Wren Place (Ham Farm Estate)		Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP).	SP8 4WE. The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties. Refurbished and new equipment added in 2015.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.06	GTC
13a	Near the play area at Wren Place (Ham Farm Estate)		BMX track. Opened in 2014.	SP8 4WE. The site is located in an area of public open space.	Accessible: An area totally accessible to those with severe disability, who with the help if necessary, seek purpose to access the area.	0.00	GTC
14	Addison Close	No photo available.	Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)	This play area is not the responsibility of Gillingham Town Council.	Unknown.	0.06	Sovereign Housing Association
15	Hawthorne Avenue		Local Area for Play (LAP)	Small wooden pieces of equipment suitable for toddlers only. This play area is not the responsibility of Gillingham Town Council.	Unknown.	0.01	Private Management Co

Definitions as described by Fields in Trust/National Playing Fields Association

Local Area for Play (LAP)	These areas are integral part of the design process for all new housing developments, A LAP is designed for very young children up to the age of 6 years, to play close to where they live (within 1 minute walking time). Its primary function is to encourage informal play and social interaction. The size of the area is usually 100m ² . The area does not need to be equipped. (LAPS in Gillingham are equipped with public seating plus one or two 'springers' for toddlers).
Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)	These areas are intended for children who are beginning to go out and play independently. It is usually with five minutes walk from home and is usually 400m ² . These areas need to be equipped.
Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP)	These areas are primarily equipped for older children but with play opportunities for young children as well. A NEAP is usually located within a fifteen minute walk from home. It is usually 1000m ² . These areas need to be equipped.
A 'Destination' Playground	A 'destination' playground is a play space within a key site, such as a park. It is aimed at attracting family and similar groups for longer visits. It often has nearby car parking, a greater variety of equipment and access to facilities such as cafés and public toilets. Disabled children should be made to feel welcome. These play areas are located within a twenty minute walk from home.