



# PARK QUALITY ASSESSMENTS 2019

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Park names used throughout this document may have been abbreviated where space is limited

## 1 Introduction

Edinburgh values its reputation as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, renowned for its setting, history and built heritage. Parks and green spaces are integral to this. They serve as a stage for our public lives and are settings where celebrations are held, where social exchanges take place, where friends mix, where cultures run into each other, where nature thrives and where people revive themselves from the stresses of urban living.

The Parks, Greenspace & Cemeteries Service is committed to providing quality parks for residents and visitors alike. There are five qualities that make a park great and drive the work of the Parks, Greenspace & Cemeteries Service: They must be full of activity and invite affection. They must also be visible and accessible as well as being comfortable and safe. They also need to be places you can count on, no matter if you visit the park every day or once a year.

Using the Green Flag judging criteria all of Edinburgh's parks are assessed on an annual basis and a Parks Quality Score is produced for each site. These scores are compared to the Edinburgh Minimum Standard which has been developed to benchmark our parks and record how they are improving.

In Edinburgh, the involvement of local residents through a network of Friends groups is well established. Depending on their capacity, sites host both major and local events and activities, offering a wide range of attractions to families and individuals from a diverse community.

The Parks, Greenspace & Cemeteries Service ensures that Edinburgh's parks and greenspaces are clean, safe, colourful and diverse; they will be the setting for activities and celebrations; be well-known for their features, history and "happenings"; and be locally valued and used.

To this end our vision is:

**"A quality parks system worthy of international comparison; accessible, diverse and environmentally rich; which fulfils the cultural, social and recreational needs of the people".**



*Little France Park*

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Green Flag

The Green Flag Award is the national and fast becoming, international standard for parks and green spaces. The award scheme began in 1996 as a means of recognising and rewarding the best green spaces in the country. It is also seen as a way of encouraging others to achieve the same high environmental standards, creating a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas.



### 2.2 Criteria Used

Whilst the Green Flag Award contains both desk and field research, this project is limited to field assessments carried out by Council officers, external partners and members of the community trained in assessing parks using Green Flag criteria. Thus, the final 'Parks Quality Score' (PQS) should not be read as the site's score against the Green Flag Award but should be used for indicative purposes only.

Criteria that cannot be judged during a site visit are assessed as a desktop exercise by the site manager using guidance set by the Green Flag Forum (a group consisting of key officers, park managers and community members). This approach provides a fuller view of a park's quality.

Changes to some criteria were implemented in 2018 by Keep Britain Tidy and most of these changes were approved by the Green Flag Forum to be included in the 2019 or 2020 assessments.

Listed below are the categories and criteria. The criteria in red were not used in 2019.

#### A Welcoming Park

- Welcoming
- Good and safe access
- Signage
- Equal access for all

#### Healthy, Safe and Secure

- Appropriate levels of quality facilities
- Safe equipment & facilities
- Personal security in park
- Control of dogs / fouling.

#### Well Maintained and Clean

- Litter and waste management
- Horticultural maintenance
- Arboricultural maintenance
- Buildings & infrastructure maintenance
- Equipment maintenance

#### Environmental Management

- Managing Environmental Impact (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Waste minimisation (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Chemical Use (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Peat use (*Desktop Assessment*)
- **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (*Desktop Assessment to be included in 2020*)**

#### Conservation and Heritage

- Management of natural features, wild fauna and flora (Biodiversity)
- Conservation of landscape features (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Conservation of buildings and structures

#### Community Involvement

- Community involvement in management and development (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Appropriate provision for the community (*Desktop Assessment*)

#### Marketing

- Marketing and promotion (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Appropriate information
- Appropriate educational & interpretational information

#### Management

- **Implementation of the management plan (*Desktop assessment to be included in 2020*)**

*Some criteria names may be shortened/abbreviated in this document where space is limited.*

## 2.3 Scoring of Criteria

Each individual criterion was scored out of 10. Criteria that did not apply to a particular site – e.g. ‘conservation of buildings or structures’ on a site where no applicable buildings or structures are present – were scored as not applicable and were therefore not included in the total score or average calculations.

The Green Flag Forum agreed to use the scoring system below to assess their sites.

Score	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Description	N/A	Very Poor	Low Poor	Mid Poor	High Poor	Low Fair	High Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Exceptional

## 2.4 Park Quality Score

Park quality scores were obtained by adding together all the criteria scores and dividing the total by the number of applicable criteria resulting in an average score. This score is then multiplied by 100 to obtain a Park Quality Score (PQS) expressed as a percentage. The maximum score available was therefore 100% for each site.

## 2.5 Assessment Accuracy

To maximise consistent and accurate scores for each site, assessment teams were led by an experienced officer who in some cases is also a formal Green Flag Award judge. There was also additional guidance included in the assessment documentation which included scores, comments and the site manager’s response from the previous year’s assessment, along with improvements carried out over the last 12 months.

Each site was assessed once.

To allow scrutiny to take place, provisional site results were made available to site managers, as soon as possible following the assessment. Site managers also involved friends & community groups (where available) when scrutinising any provisional results. This approach allows rectification of any clear judging errors before results are finalised.

## 2.6 Gradings & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

In 2009, bandwidths were introduced to accommodate the natural variance of assessors both in terms of reliability and repeatability with a 10% variance between different assessors deemed acceptable.

In 2018, the bandwidths were reviewed and a simplified grading system was agreed (see table below), making it both easier to understand and explain. The Edinburgh Minimum Standard was also reviewed and set at Grade C (60%+) for all park types. All previous data has been retrospectively amended to show the data in the new grade format to enable year on year analysis.

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Edin Min Std	Grade D	Grade E
All Parks & Cemeteries	100%-80%	79% - 70%	69% - 60%	<b>60%</b>	59% - 50%	49% - 0%

## 2.7 Localities

The performance results of the Park Quality Assessments are grouped by Localities and Citywide.

Natural Heritage and Botanical Sites continue to be included within Locality figures due to the geographical aspects of the sites along with the continued support these sites obtain from the Locality. However, supplementary information is made available for the 13 Natural Heritage Service sites due to them being managed by a separate service area.

## 2.8 Sites

Due to the recent development of sports provision in **Dundas Park**, it was agreed to remove the site from the 2019 assessment list.

Two sites were re-introduced to the list for 2019, **Pikes Pool** and **Saughton Park** and two new sites, **Little France Park** and **Barony Street Community Garden** were added to the list for the first time.

Although Pikes Pool and Saughton Park had been assessed previously we only used data from parks that were assessed in 2018 when providing year on year data.

In total **141 sites** were identified to be assessed in 2019.

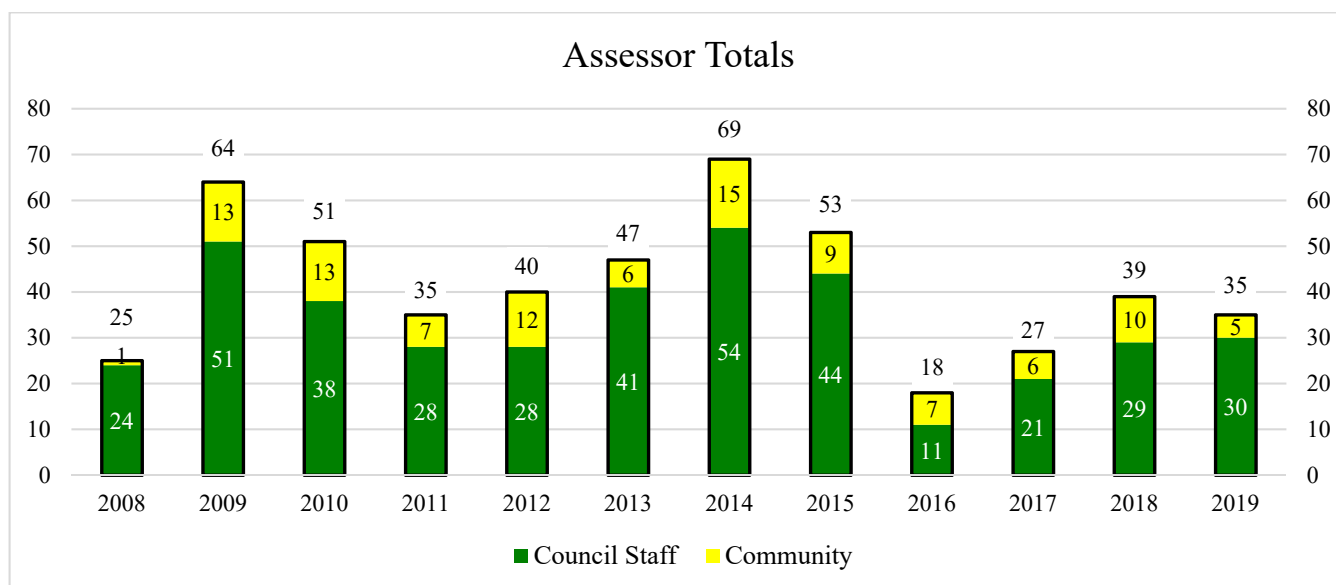
## 2.9 Assessors

Assessments were undertaken by teams comprising of an experienced lead officer (in most cases a formal Green Flag judge) with up to four assistant assessors. Assistants were made up from Council officers and members of the community.

Awareness of the Green Flag scheme and guidance on scoring criteria was provided for all new assessors either through training, the distribution of guidance documents and/or via the Lead Assessor during the assessments.

In total **35 assessors** were used to carry out this year's assessments and since 2008, over 140 assessors have taken part with many being involved for two or more years.

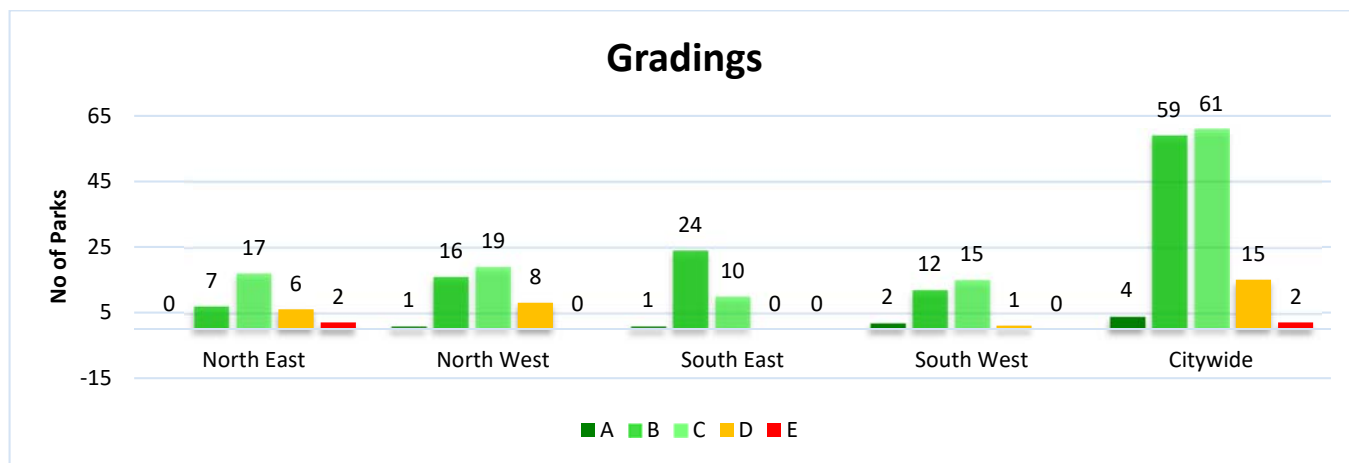
The chart below shows the number of assessors taking part each year since 2008.



### 3 Performance Results

#### 3.1 Grading Summary

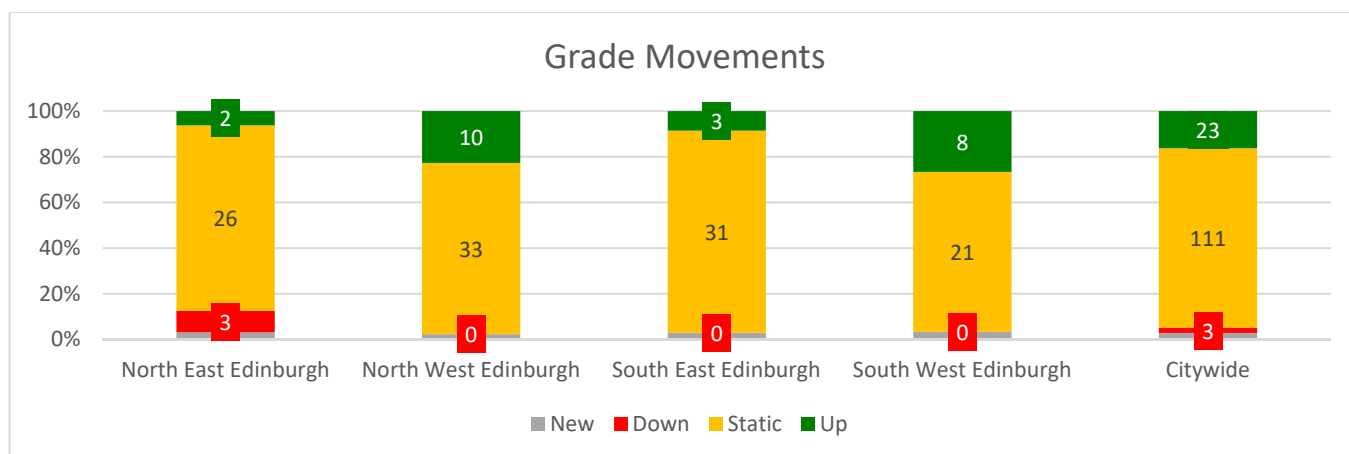
The chart and table below shows a summary of the park gradings for 2019.



Locality	No of Parks	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
North East Edinburgh	32	0 0%	7 22%	17 53%	6 19%	2 6%
North West Edinburgh	44	1 2%	16 36%	19 43%	8 18%	0 0%
South East Edinburgh	35	1 3%	24 69%	10 29%	0 0%	0 0%
South West Edinburgh	30	2 7%	12 40%	15 50%	1 3%	0 0%
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4 3%</b>	<b>59 42%</b>	<b>61 43%</b>	<b>15 11%</b>	<b>2 1%</b>

#### 3.2 Grading Movements

The chart and table below shows the number (and percentage) of park grades moving up, down or remaining static compared to the 2018 grade.



Locality	No of Parks	Up	Down	Static	New
North East Edinburgh	32	2 6%	3 9%	26 81%	1 3%
North West Edinburgh	44	10 23%	0 0%	33 75%	1 2%
South East Edinburgh	35	3 9%	0 0%	31 89%	1 3%
South West Edinburgh	30	8 27%	0 0%	21 70%	1 3%
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>23 16%</b>	<b>3 2%</b>	<b>111 79%</b>	<b>4 3%</b>

### 3.3 Park Quality Score and Criteria Averages

The table below shows the average overall Parks Quality Score for the last five years.

Locality	No of Parks	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
North East Edinburgh	32	59%	61%	64%	64%	64%	↔
North West Edinburgh	44	61%	62%	63%	65%	66%	↑
South East Edinburgh	35	65%	67%	70%	71%	71%	↔
South West Edinburgh	30	61%	62%	65%	66%	70%	↑
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>↑</b>

The table below provides the citywide average scores for each criterion over the last five years.

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6	↔
• Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	↔
• Signage	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.7	↔
• Equal Access	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Levels of Quality Facilities	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.2	↓
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.8	↓
• Personal Security	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	↑
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.4	↓
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	↑
• Horticultural Maintenance	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	↓
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.9	7	↑
• Building & Infrastructure Maintenance	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	↔
• Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	↑
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6	6.2	6.3	6.5	7	↑
• Waste Minimisation	3.1	3.9	5.3	6	6.4	↑
• Chemical Use	4.8	5.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	↑
• Peat Use	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	↔
• Climate Change Adaptation Strategies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.9	↑
• Conservation of Landscape Features	5.9	6	6.2	6.4	7.6	↑
• Conservation of Buildings and	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.1	↑
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	4.9	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.8	↑
• Appropriate Provision for Community	6	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.4	↑
• Appropriate Information	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.3	↑
• Education & Interpretation Info	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.7	↑
<b>Overall</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>↑</b>



### 3.4 Edinburgh Minimum Standard

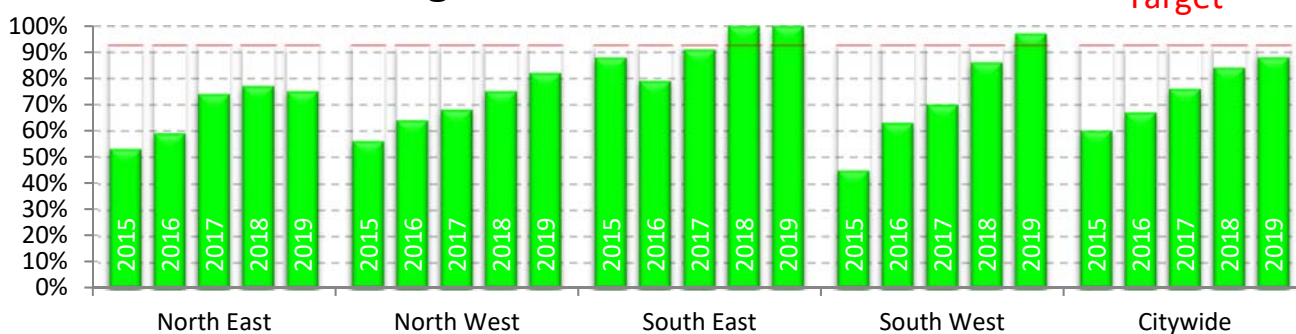
Performance indicators have been developed to drive improvement and which measures and sets targets for the percentage of sites in each Locality that meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard. The targets since 2008 are listed below.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Target</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>

The tables and chart below show the percentage of sites meeting the Edinburgh Minimum Standard in each Locality and citywide over the last five years. Due to the fluctuation in the number of sites, the actual number of parks meeting the standard along with the number of parks assessed have been included for information.

Locality	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Target Met
North East Edinburgh	17/32 53%	19/32 59%	23/31 74%	24/31 77%	<b>24/32 75%</b>	↓	No
North West Edinburgh	25/45 56%	29/45 64%	30/44 68%	33/44 75%	<b>36/44 82%</b>	↑	No
South East Edinburgh	28/32 88%	27/34 79%	31/34 91%	34/34 100%	<b>35/35 100%</b>	↔	Yes
South West Edinburgh	13/29 45%	19/30 63%	21/30 70%	25/29 86%	<b>29/30 97%</b>	↑	Yes
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>83/138 60%</b>	<b>94/141 67%</b>	<b>105/139 76%</b>	<b>116/138 84%</b>	<b>124/141 88%</b>	↑	No




























### Edinburgh Minimum Standard Met









Ferry Glen & Back Braes


## 4 Citywide Results

4.1 Listed below are all sites in quality order. Parks listed by Locality can be found from page 19

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2018	2019	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
1	Starbank Park 	Community	North West	86%	<b>88%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+1</b>
2=	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	South West	81%	<b>87%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+2</b>
2=	Pentland Hills Regional Park 	Regional	South West	87%	<b>87%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-1</b>
4	Seven Acre Park 	Community	South East	84%	<b>84%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-1</b>
5=	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	South West	75%	<b>79%</b>	<b>+4%</b>	<b>+11</b>
5=	Hermitage of Braid 	LNR	South East	79%	<b>79%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
5=	Prestonfield Park 	Community	South East	78%	<b>79%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>+1</b>
8=	Ferniehill Community Park 	Community	South East	74%	<b>78%</b>	<b>+4%</b>	<b>+12</b>
8=	Figgate Burn Park 	Community	North East	78%	<b>78%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-2</b>
8=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden	North East	78%	<b>78%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-2</b>
8=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	North West	74%	<b>78%</b>	<b>+4%</b>	<b>+12</b>
12=	Bloomiehall Park	Community	South West	72%	<b>77%</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>+19</b>
12=	Cammo Estate	LNR	North West	77%	<b>77%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-3</b>
12=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	North West	72%	<b>77%</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>+19</b>
12=	Inverleith Park 	Premier	North West	77%	<b>77%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-3</b>
12=	Morningside Park 	Community	South East	76%	<b>77%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
17=	Braidburn Valley Park 	Community	South East	75%	<b>76%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
17=	Muir Wood Park 	Community	South West	75%	<b>76%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
17=	Murieston Park	Community	South West	64%	<b>76%</b>	<b>+12%</b>	<b>+67</b>
17=	Saughton Park	Premier	South West		<b>76%</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>New</b>
17=	St Katharines Park	Community	South East	73%	<b>76%</b>	<b>+3%</b>	<b>+7</b>
17=	The Meadows and B'field Links	Premier	South East	76%	<b>76%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-6</b>
23=	Harrison Park 	Community	South West	73%	<b>75%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+1</b>
23=	London Road Gardens 	Garden	South East	72%	<b>75%</b>	<b>+3%</b>	<b>+8</b>
23=	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	69%	<b>75%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+28</b>
26=	Bauks View	Natural	South East	75%	<b>74%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-10</b>
26=	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	North West	76%	<b>74%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-15</b>
26=	King George V, Eyre Pl 	Garden	North West	68%	<b>74%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+34</b>
26=	Lochend Park 	Community	North East	73%	<b>74%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-2</b>
26=	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	North West	73%	<b>74%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-2</b>
26=	Victoria Park 	Garden	North West	72%	<b>74%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+5</b>
32=	Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	72%	<b>73%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
32=	Fairmilehead Park 	Community	South West	70%	<b>73%</b>	<b>+3%</b>	<b>+11</b>
32=	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	South East	73%	<b>73%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-8</b>
32=	Station Road Park 	Community	North West	74%	<b>73%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-12</b>
36=	Atholl Crescent	Garden	South East	71%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>+3</b>
36=	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	North West	66%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+32</b>
36=	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	North East	74%	<b>72%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-16</b>
36=	Davidsons Mains Park	Garden	North West	72%	<b>72%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-5</b>
36=	Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	South East	70%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+7</b>
36=	Hailes Quarry Park 	Community	South West	70%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+7</b>
36=	Inch Park	Garden	South East	70%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>+7</b>
36=	Spylaw Park 	Community	South West	71%	<b>72%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>+3</b>
44=	Calton Hill	Premier	South East	76%	<b>71%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-33</b>
44=	Deaconess	Garden	South East	70%	<b>71%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
44=	Drum Park	Community	South East	66%	<b>71%</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>+24</b>
44=	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	70%	<b>71%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-1</b>
44=	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	South East	72%	<b>71%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-13</b>
44=	St Margarets Park 	Community	North West	73%	<b>71%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-20</b>
50=	Braid Hills	Natural	South East	70%	<b>70%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-7</b>

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2018	2019	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
50=	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	South West	69%	70%	+1%	+1
50=	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	65%	70%	+5%	+26
50=	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	North West	68%	70%	+2%	+10
50=	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	North West	69%	70%	+1%	+1
50=	Liberton Park	Community	South East	69%	70%	+1%	+1
50=	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	South East	70%	70%	0%	-7
50=	Portobello Community Gdn 	Community	North East	69%	70%	+1%	+1
50=	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	South East	71%	70%	-1%	-11
50=	Ravelston Park 	Community	North West	71%	70%	-1%	-11
50=	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	64%	70%	+6%	+34
50=	Regent Road Park	Community	South East	73%	70%	-3%	-26
50=	Rocheid Path	Natural	North West	72%	70%	-2%	-19
50=	Rosefield Park 	Community	North East	76%	70%	-6%	-39
64=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	South East	66%	69%	+3%	+4
64=	Gracemount Community Park	Community	South East	66%	69%	+3%	+4
64=	Montgomery Street Park	Community	North East	65%	69%	+4%	+12
64=	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	South West	65%	69%	+4%	+12
64=	Ratho Park	Community	South West	68%	69%	+1%	-4
69=	Brunstane Mill	Natural	North East	69%	68%	-1%	-18
69=	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	North West	65%	68%	+3%	+7
69=	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	65%	68%	+3%	+7
69=	Gyle Park	Garden	North West	67%	68%	+1%	-4
69=	Meadows Yard	LNR	North East	69%	68%	-1%	-18
69=	Newcraighall Park	Community	North East	68%	68%	0%	-9
69=	White Park	Community	South West	64%	68%	+4%	+15
76=	Abercorn Park	Community	North East	68%	67%	-1%	-16
76=	Brighton Park	Community	North East	67%	67%	0%	-11
76=	Pentland View Park	Community	South West	63%	67%	+4%	+18
76=	Redhall Park	Community	South West	66%	67%	+1%	-8
80=	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	South East	66%	66%	0%	-12
80=	Blinkbonny Park	Community	South West	64%	66%	+2%	+4
80=	Granny's Green	Garden	South East	62%	66%	+4%	+19
80=	Marchbank Park	Community	South West	65%	66%	+1%	-4
80=	Meadowspot Park	Community	South West	62%	66%	+4%	+19
80=	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	61%	66%	+5%	+26
80=	Pilrig Park	Community	North East	69%	66%	-3%	-29
87=	Baronscourt Park	Community	North East	64%	65%	+1%	-3
87=	Campbell Park	Community	South West	64%	65%	+1%	-3
87=	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	North East	60%	65%	+5%	+22
87=	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	North West	64%	65%	+1%	-3
87=	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	South West	62%	65%	+3%	+12
87=	Little France Park	Natural	North East		65%	New	New
87=	Sighthill Park	Community	South West	64%	65%	+1%	-3
94=	Barony Community Garden	Garden	South East		64%	New	New
94=	Gayfield Square	Garden	South East	65%	64%	-1%	-18
94=	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	North East	60%	64%	+4%	+15
94=	Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Community	North West	66%	64%	-2%	-26

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2018	2019	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
94=	Ratho Station Park	Community	North West	63%	64%	+1%	0
94=	St Patricks Square	Garden	South East	69%	64%	-5%	-43
94=	Whinhill Park	Community	South West	59%	64%	+5%	+23
101=	Allison Park	Community	North West	63%	63%	0%	-7
101=	East Pilton Park	Community	North West	62%	63%	+1%	-2
101=	Fauldburn Park	Community	North West	60%	63%	+3%	+8
101=	Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	Community	South West	57%	63%	+6%	+25
101=	Roseburn Park	Garden	North West	65%	63%	-2%	-25
101=	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	58%	63%	+5%	+20
101=	Taylor Gardens	Garden	North East	64%	63%	-1%	-17
101=	West Pilton Park	Community	North West	62%	63%	+1%	-2
109=	Granton Crescent Park	Community	North West	61%	62%	+1%	-3
109=	King George V Park (S.Q)	Community	North West	59%	62%	+3%	+8
109=	Meadowfield Park	Community	North East	64%	62%	-2%	-25
109=	Moredun Park	Community	South East	63%	62%	-1%	-15
113=	Bingham Park	Community	North East	60%	61%	+1%	-4
113=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	North West	66%	61%	-5%	-45
113=	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	North West	58%	61%	+3%	+8
113=	Redbraes Park	Community	North East	55%	61%	+6%	+15
113=	Straiton Place Park	Community	North East	63%	61%	-2%	-19
118=	Clermiston Park	Community	North West	58%	60%	+2%	+3
118=	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	South East	60%	60%	0%	-9
118=	Glendevon Park	Community	North West	60%	60%	0%	-9
118=	Haugh Park	Community	North West	59%	60%	+1%	-1
118=	Leith Links	Premier	North East	67%	60%	-7%	-53
118=	Orchard (Brae) Park	Community	North West	62%	60%	-2%	-19
118=	Union Park	Garden	North West	61%	60%	-1%	-12
125=	Balgreen Park	Community	North West	58%	59%	+1%	-4
125=	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	60%	59%	-1%	-16
127=	Drumbrae Park	Community	North West	57%	58%	+1%	-1
127=	Magdalene Glen	Community	North East	62%	58%	-4%	-28
127=	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	North West	48%	58%	+10%	+8
127=	St Marks Park	Community	North West	59%	58%	-1%	-10
131=	Jewel Park	Community	North East	55%	57%	+2%	-3
131=	Riverside Park	Community	North West	55%	57%	+2%	-3
133	Pikes Pool	Natural	North West		56%	New	New
134	Keddie Park	Community	North East	54%	55%	+1%	-3
135	Curriemuirend Park	Community	South West	46%	54%	+8%	+2
136	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	North West	48%	53%	+5%	-1
137=	Cairntows Park	Community	North East	58%	52%	-6%	-16
137=	Muirhouse Linear Park	Community	North West	53%	52%	-1%	-5
139	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	North East	52%	51%	-1%	-6
140	Hays Park	Community	North East	51%	48%	-3%	-6
141	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	44%	46%	+2%	-3

 = Green Flag Park

## 4.2 Listed below are sites that have improved and deteriorated the most based on the difference in PQA score between 2018 and 2019.

### Most Improved

Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQA 2018	PQA 2019	+ / - %	+ / - Rank
Murieston Park	Community	South West	64%	76%	+12%	+67
Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	North West	48%	58%	+10%	+7
Curriemuirend Park	Community	South West	46%	54%	+8%	+1

### Most Deteriorated

Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQA 2018	PQA 2019	+ / - %	+ / - Rank
Leith Links	Premier	North East	67%	60%	-7%	-53
Rosefield Park	Community	North East	76%	70%	-6%	-39
Cairntows Park	Community	North East	58%	52%	-6%	-17

#### ↑ Murieston Park



Improved scores were recorded across 15 criteria with the only drop in score recorded against Horticultural Maintenance. It was also noted that there is now an active Friends Group who are clearly having a positive impact on the park.

Judges mentioned that the park was welcoming with good signage, a successful dog fouling campaign and good habitat provision.

#### ↑ Silverknowes Park



Improved scores were recorded across 16 criteria with no drops in score.

The judge noted however that the site still had some issues and could be further improved by providing more information and tackling the fly tipping problem in the woodlands but welcomed the fact that the park was inviting, well maintained outside the woodlands, had good habitat provision for wildlife and was moving in the right direction.

Scores dropped in 14 criteria with five dropping by two points or more. The final Parks Quality Score of 60% is on the cusp of the Edinburgh Minimum Standard and efforts should be made to ensure that the park does not deteriorate further and slip below the mark.

The judge mentioned that the park had problems with weeds and graffiti throughout and that the park was lacking colour and biodiversity.



#### Leith Links ↓

Rosefield Park saw 12 scores drop this year which was worrying for a Green Flag Award park.

The judge commented on the park appearing overgrown with paths and seating needing cleaned. Grass was also needing cut and bins repaired & cleaned.



#### Rosefield Park ↓

## 4.3 Summary of Results

### Gradings

Of the 141 parks that were assessed in 2019, only 17 parks have been judged as Grade D or E leaving 124 (88%) as Grade C or better. Four parks achieved Grade A status (Starbank Park, Easter Craiglockhart Hill, Pentland Hills regional Park and Seven Acre Park) with another seven only a point or two away. At the other end of the scale, of the 15 parks that have been graded as D, six are only one or two points off reaching a C grade. Only two parks (Hay's Park and Henderson Gardens Park) were classed as Grade E and should be a priority for improvement.

The results also showed that 23 parks (16%) moved up a grade whilst 111 parks (79%) stayed the same and only three parks (2%) dropped a grade from last year. Four parks were newly added or reinstated to the list for assessment this year.

All parks in the South East Locality were judged as Grade C or better and the South West Locality only had one park classed as Grade D. The North West Locality had the most parks (10) improving a grade closely followed by South West Locality with eight. Unfortunately, of the three parks (Joppa Quarry Park, Magdalene Glen and Hay's Park) that dropped a grade, all were in the North East Locality.

### Park Quality Scores

Although grades take into account the natural variance of judges' scoring and provide a description for each park, it can be interesting to explore a little deeper into Park Quality Scores (PQS).

Eighty four (60%) parks improved their score from last year but unfortunately, 35 (25%) of Edinburgh's parks also fell in quality. The South West Locality had the most number of parks (28) increasing their scores and it is worth noting that apart from the Pentland Hills Regional Park, where the score remained the same as last year and Saughton Park that was re-introduced to the list following refurbishment, all other parks in the South West Locality improved their overall scores.

The citywide average PQS continues to increase year on year with two localities seeing an improvement whilst North East and South East Localities remained static. The average Park Quality Score of an Edinburgh park now stands at 68%. The South East continues to have the highest average at 71% followed by South West with 70% which saw a considerable increase of 4 points this year.

Starbank Park was judged to be the highest scoring park in Edinburgh with a two point improvement to 88%, which is the highest score ever recorded for an Edinburgh Park. Pentland Hills Regional Park and Easter Craiglockhart Hill were next on 87% with the latter improving its score by 6 points this year and Seven Acre Park was the last of the Grade A parks with a score of 84%.

At the other end of the table, Henderson Gardens improved 2 points to 46% but still occupies the bottom spot whilst Hay's Park dropped three points to 48% with the consequence of also slipping into Grade E.

### Edinburgh Minimum Standard

In 2019, 124 (88%) of the 141 parks assessed met the standard rising 4 points from the previous year's total of 116 (84%).

The South East Locality maintained its 100% performance and there were good increases in the North West and South West Localities bringing their totals 82% and 97% respectively. Unfortunately, the North East Locality saw its percentage drop 2 points but was due to one park (Joppa Quarry Park) dropping below the standard and the number of parks in the area increasing.

It is also worth noting that two parks currently sit just under the mark at 59% and a further four on 58%, all of which are obviously within striking distance of achieving the standard but it is also worth noting that there are seven parks that scored 60% and a further five on 61% which are in danger of falling under the mark.

## 4.4 Summary of Criteria Average Scores

Citywide, 16 out of 25 criteria average scores improved whilst four fell. The data suggests that although the overall average parks quality scores (PQS) increased it is largely due to the rises in the desktop and more strategic criteria scoring rather than the criteria that can perhaps be affected by maintenance. This can be demonstrated by examining the data on the next page and noticing that the first three categories is where the four drops in criteria averages occur whilst the remaining criteria all saw increases bar Peat Use which stayed the same.

**A Welcoming Place:** Citywide, **Welcoming**, **Good & Safe Access** and **Signage** remained static but there was a good increase in **Equal Access**. Across the Localities, there was a mix of results but **Good & Safe Access** stood out as it dropped in three areas and remained static in the South East and was close to actually recording an overall decrease. **Welcoming** in the Natural Heritage Service's (NHS) parks suffered a significant decrease and attracted 7% of NHS highlighted issues (see section 4.6) and almost a third of the 181 NHS highlighted issues were recorded against the Welcoming category. Across the Localities the category attracted a quarter of the 2091 highlighted issues and 17% of the 423 specific recommendations.

**Healthy, Safe & Secure:** Citywide, small decreases were noted in **Appropriate Levels of Quality Facilities**, **Safe Equipment & Facilities** and **Control of Dogs / Fouling** whilst there was a small increase in **Personal Security**. Across the Localities it was noted that the North West suffered a significant drop in **Control of Dogs / Fouling** whereas the North East witnessed an increase in the same criteria but recorded drops across the other three criteria including a significant drop in **Safe Equipment & Facilities**. It was also noted that there was a considerable increase in the **Control of Dogs / Fouling** score across NHS sites. It was interesting to note that although this category recorded drops in average scores, the number of highlighted issues and recommendations only accounted for around 15% of the total.

**Clean & Well Maintained:** Citywide, and across all Localities, **Litter Management** scores increased slightly. Citywide, **Horticultural Maintenance** dropped slightly in score and **Building & Infrastructure Maintenance** remained the same as last year. There were also small increases citywide in **Arboricultural Maintenance** and **Equipment Maintenance**. There were mixed results across the Localities with nothing particularly standing out but when looking at the number of highlighted issues and recommendations it was clear that judges picked up on a quite a few issues with over 40% of the total number of issues and over 60% of specific recommendations recorded against the category.

**Environmental Management:** Citywide, **Peat Use** remained static but **Chemical Use**, **Managing Environmental Impact** and **Waste Minimisation** all increased with the latter two rising considerably. Most Localities also saw increases across these criteria which could be attributed to improvements in sustainable practices. With the criteria being mostly desk assessed, judges had little scope to highlight issues and recommendations for this category.

**Conservation & Heritage:** Citywide there were good increases on **Management of Natural Features**, **Wild Fauna and Flora (Biodiversity)** and **Conservation of Buildings**. It is worth noting that the large increase in **Conservation of Landscape Features** can be attributed to the allocation of a n/a score for this criterion in some parks following a guidance update (see section 6 for more information). The number of highlighted issues and recommendations amounted to 6% and 8% of the total number so judges clearly thought there was room for improvement.

**Community Involvement:** There was a good increase in the **Community Involvement** score with **Appropriate Provision for the Community** also increasing. Interestingly, **Community Involvement** increased across all Localities but NHS sites saw a significant drop which may be down to the new Little France Park having little involvement so far and pulling down the average due to the small number of NHS managed parks. Again, as a desktop score, judges had little course to highlight issues or recommend improvement.

**Marketing:** **Marketing**, **Appropriate Information** and **Educational & Interpretative Provision** increased across the city and across all Localities except South East where **Marketing** and **Appropriate Information** remained static and **Appropriate Education & Interpretative Provision** dropped slightly. Judges again found issues with the criteria resulting in over 10% of highlighted issues and 5% of recommendations recorded against the category.

## 4.5 Criteria Score Statistics

Criteria	2018	2019	Trend	Criteria scores changes		
	Avg	Avg		Increased	Static	Decreased
<b><u>Welcoming Category</u></b>						
Welcoming	6.6	6.6	↔	34	72	31
Good & Safe Access	6.9	6.9	↔	22	91	24
Signage	6.7	6.7	↔	32	81	24
Equal Access	6.2	6.4	↑	30	96	11
<b><u>Healthy Safe &amp; Secure Category</u></b>						
Appropriate Levels of Quality Facilities	7.3	7.2	↓	18	91	28
Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.9	6.8	↓	29	76	32
Personal Security	7.2	7.3	↑	28	92	17
Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.5	7.4	↓	48	40	49
<b><u>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</u></b>						
Litter and Waste Management	6.8	6.9	↑	37	68	32
Horticultural Maintenance	6.2	6.1	↓	38	57	42
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	7.0	↑	27	92	18
Building & Infrastructure Maintenance	6.5	6.5	↔	21	89	27
Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.8	↑	30	81	26
<b><u>Environmental Management Category</u></b>						
Managing Environmental Impact	6.5	7.0	↑	47	89	1
Waste Minimisation	6.0	6.4	↑	49	26	62
Chemical Use	6.4	6.5	↑	1	134	2
Peat Use	9.6	9.6	↔	69	38	30
Climate Change Adaptation Strategies	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
<b><u>Conservation &amp; Heritage Category</u></b>						
Mgmt of Natural Features (Biodiversity)	6.7	6.9	↑	41	84	12
Conservation of Landscape Features	6.4	7.6	↑	17	96	24
Conservation of Buildings and Structures	6.9	7.1	↑	6	117	14
<b><u>Community Involvement Category</u></b>						
Community Involvement	5.5	5.8	↑	32	100	5
Appropriate Provision for Community	6.4	6.5	↑	7	128	2
<b><u>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</u></b>						
Marketing & Promotion	5.9	6.4	↑	42	94	1
Appropriate Information	6.1	6.3	↑	35	85	17
Educational & Interpretation Information	5.4	5.7	↑	39	92	6

## 4.6 Highlighted Issues & Recommendations

As part of the assessments, judges were asked to highlight issues found on site and to also provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the site. These issues and recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused.

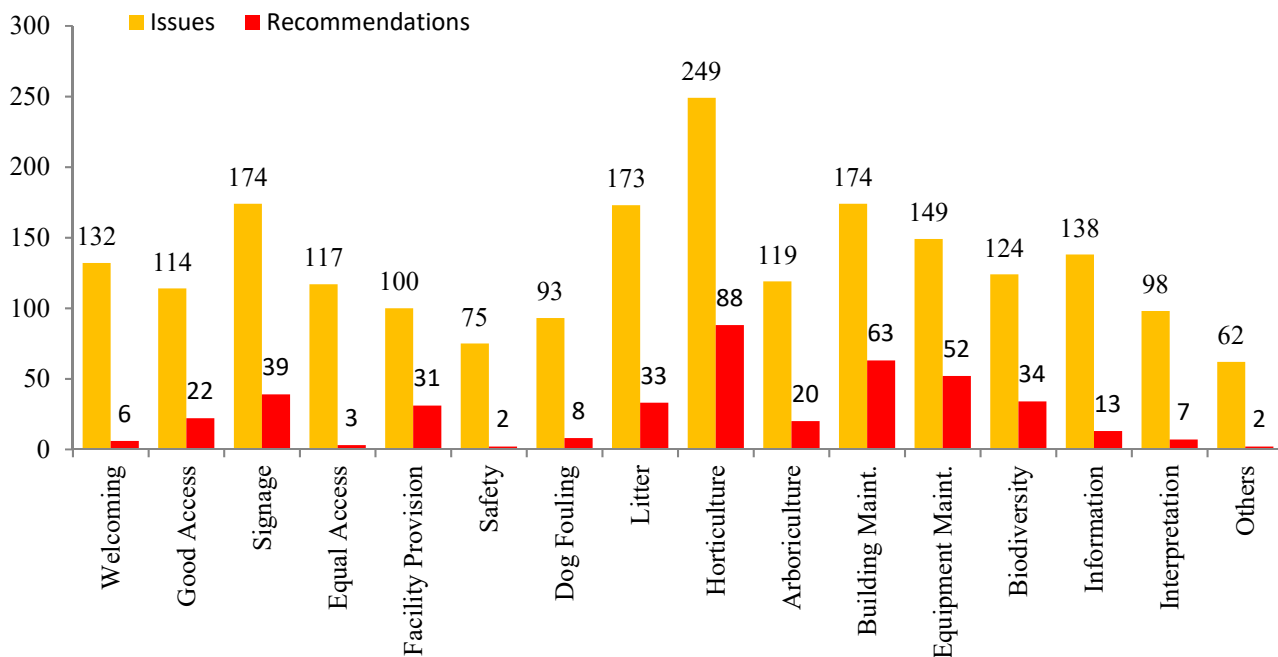
The purpose of providing three specific recommendations for each park is to provide a driver for improvement across all parks, and it is hoped that by reporting and highlighting the numbers of issues raised by judges, it will trigger restorative actions.

In total, 2091 issues were recorded in the comments and arising from those issues, 423 recommendations were put forward for managers to consider implementing before the next assessment.

The chart on the next page shows the number of issues and recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks.



## Number of highlighted issues and recommendations



### 4.7 Park Improvement & Management Plans

Improvement actions can be identified for parks through various sources and the annual Park Quality Assessments provide the site manager with information on the quality of their parks that can be used to identify areas for improvement, promotion or the sharing of good practice. Besides the three recommendations for each park and the highlighting of issues found, there is also opportunity to discuss the assessment results at the Green Flag Forum that allows managers to identify more strategic improvements across areas or citywide.

It is intended that managers use all the available information including the recommendations from judges to update park improvement plans. This is particularly important where the site is a current Green Flag Award park and the improvement plan forms part of the management plan and should be updated regularly. The results can also be used to provide information and evidence that recent improvements or strategies are having the desired effect.

### 4.8 Green Flag Forum





The Green Flag Forum convenes towards the end of the year to discuss the results and items that the Forum may wish to consider include;

- Improving parks that failed to meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.
- Consider a method of developing and assessing Parks Management and Improvement Plans.
- Develop citywide and local improvement actions identified from the results/recommendations.
- Identifying parks suitable for Green Flag Award submission.
- Agree desktop assessment guidance and 2020 assessment process.

## 5 Area Results

### 5.1 North East Edinburgh

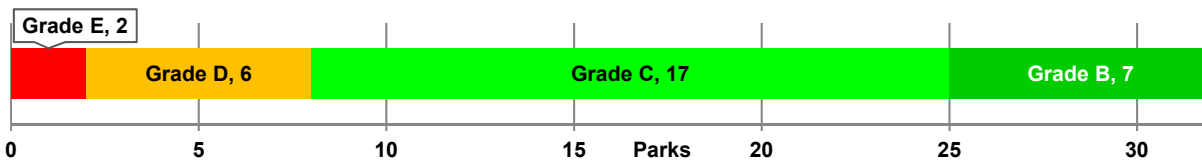
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five years, PQS short term trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Abercorn Park	B (68%)	C (70%)	B (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	↓	✓
Baronscourt Park	D (64%)	D (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Bingham Park	E (63%)	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	↑	✓
Brighton Park	C (65%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	↔	✓
Brunstane Mill	C (66%)	C (70%)	C (72%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Cairntows Park	E (47%)	E (48%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	D (52%)	↓	✗
Craigmillar Castle Park 	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	↓	✓
Dalmeny Street Park	C (58%)	D (56%)	C (56%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Figgate Burn Park 	B (73%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	↔	✓
Hays Park	F (39%)	E (48%)	E (49%)	D (51%)	E (48%)	↓	✗
Henderson Gardens Park	E (42%)	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (46%)	↑	✗
Hillside Crescent Gardens	D (65%)	C (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	↑	✓
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	B (73%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	↔	✓
Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	↑	✓
Jewel Park	D (53%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	↑	✗
Joppa Quarry Park	D (54%)	D (60%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	↓	✗
Keddie Park	E (49%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	↑	✗
Leith Links	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (60%)	↓	✓
Little France Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C (65%)	<b>New</b>	✓
Lochend Park 	C (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	↑	✓
Magdalene Glen	D (56%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	D (58%)	↓	✗
Meadowfield Park	C (53%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Meadows Yard	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Montgomery Street Park	C (55%)	C (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Newcraighall Park	C (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	↔	✓
Pilrig Park	D (65%)	D (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	C (66%)	↓	✓
Portobello Community Garden 	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (63%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Redbraes Park	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	↑	✓
Rosefield Park 	B (71%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	↓	✓
Seafield Recreation Ground	E (47%)	D (51%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	D (51%)	↓	✗
Straiton Place Park	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	↓	✓
Taylor Gardens	D (57%)	C (57%)	C (59%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	↓	✓

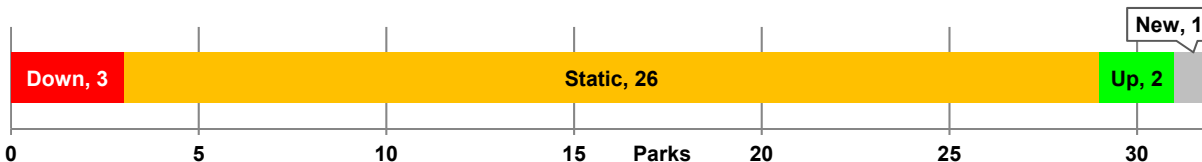
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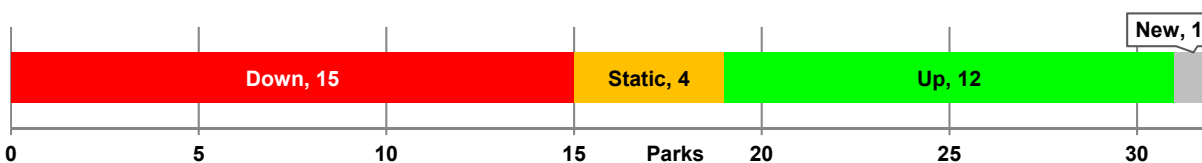
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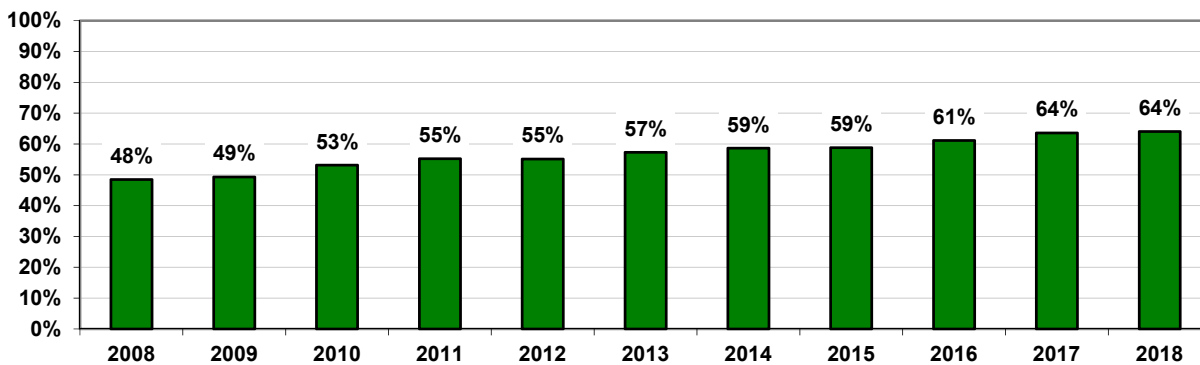
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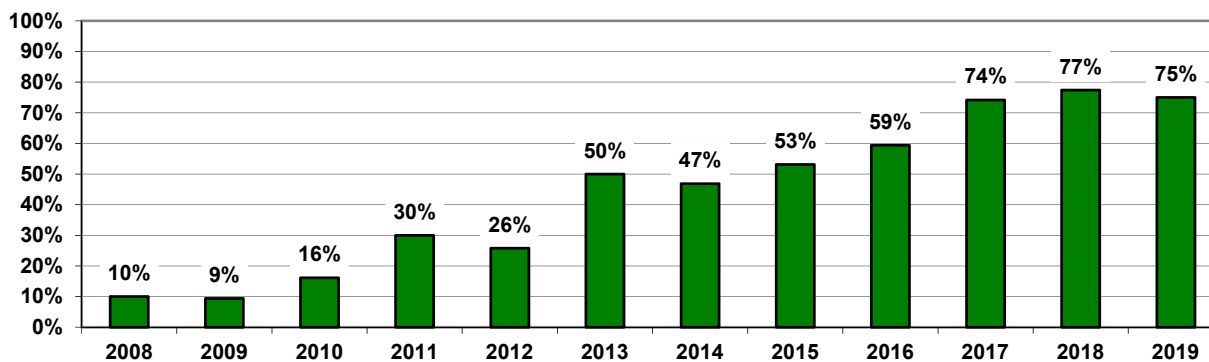
### Score Movements



### Park Quality Score Averages



### % of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard





## North East Edinburgh


### Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

#### North East Edinburgh Locality – 32 Parks

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	↓
• Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	↓
• Signage	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.8	6	↑
• Equal Access	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Levels of Quality Facilities	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.9	↓
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.7	↓
• Personal Security	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.0	↓
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	6.3	7.1	6.5	6.9	7.0	↑
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	6.2	6.3	5.7	5.9	6.0	↑
• Horticultural Maintenance	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	↓
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	↓
• Building & Infrastructure	5.9	6	6.3	6.5	6.2	↓
• Equipment Maintenance	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.3	↓
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.4	7.1	↑
• Waste Minimisation	2.7	3.9	6.1	6.1	5.3	↓
• Chemical Use	4.4	5.0	7.1	7.1	5.4	↓
• Peat Use	9.9	9.9	10	10	10	↔
• Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	↔
• Conservation of Landscape Features	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	7.6	↑
• Conservation of Buildings/Structures	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.5	7.0	↑
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	↑
• Provision for Community	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.3	↓
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.4	↑
• Appropriate Information	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.3	↑
• Education & Interpretation Provision	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.6	↑
<b>Overall</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	↔

## North East Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2019 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2018	2019	+ / - %
1=	8=	Figgate Burn Park 	Community	78%	78%	0%
1=	8=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden	78%	78%	0%
3	26=	Lochend Park 	Community	73%	74%	+1%
4	36=	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	74%	72%	-2%
5	44=	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	70%	71%	+1%
6=	50=	Portobello Community Garden 	Community	69%	70%	+1%
6=	50=	Rosefield Park 	Community	76%	70%	-6%
8	64=	Montgomery Street Park	Community	65%	69%	+4%
9=	69=	Brunstane Mill	Natural	69%	68%	-1%
9=	69=	Meadows Yard	LNR	69%	68%	-1%
9=	69=	Newcraighall Park	Community	68%	68%	0%
12=	76=	Abercorn Park	Community	68%	67%	-1%
12=	76=	Brighton Park	Community	67%	67%	0%
14	80=	Pilrig Park	Community	69%	66%	-3%
15=	87=	Baronscourt Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
15=	87=	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	60%	65%	+5%
15=	87=	Little France Park	Natural		65%	New
18	94=	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	60%	64%	+4%
19	101=	Taylor Gardens	Garden	64%	63%	-1%
20	109=	Meadowfield Park	Community	64%	62%	-2%
21=	113=	Bingham Park	Community	60%	61%	+1%
21=	113=	Redbraes Park	Community	55%	61%	+6%
21=	113=	Straiton Place Park	Community	63%	61%	-2%
24	118=	Leith Links	Premier	67%	60%	-7%
25	125=	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	60%	59%	-1%
26	127=	Magdalene Glen	Community	62%	58%	-4%
27	131=	Jewel Park	Community	55%	57%	+2%
28	134	Keddie Park	Community	54%	55%	+1%
29	137=	Cairntows Park	Community	58%	52%	-6%
30	139	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	52%	51%	-1%
31	140	Hays Park	Community	51%	48%	-3%
32	141	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	44%	46%	+2%

 = Green Flag Park

## Highest and lowest scoring North East Edinburgh parks



Figgate Park (pictured) and Hopetoun Crescent Gardens were the highest scoring parks in the North East with PQS of 78%.



Henderson Gardens was once again the lowest scoring park in the Locality and also across the city but had improved by 2 points to 46%.

## Most improved and deteriorated North East Edinburgh parks



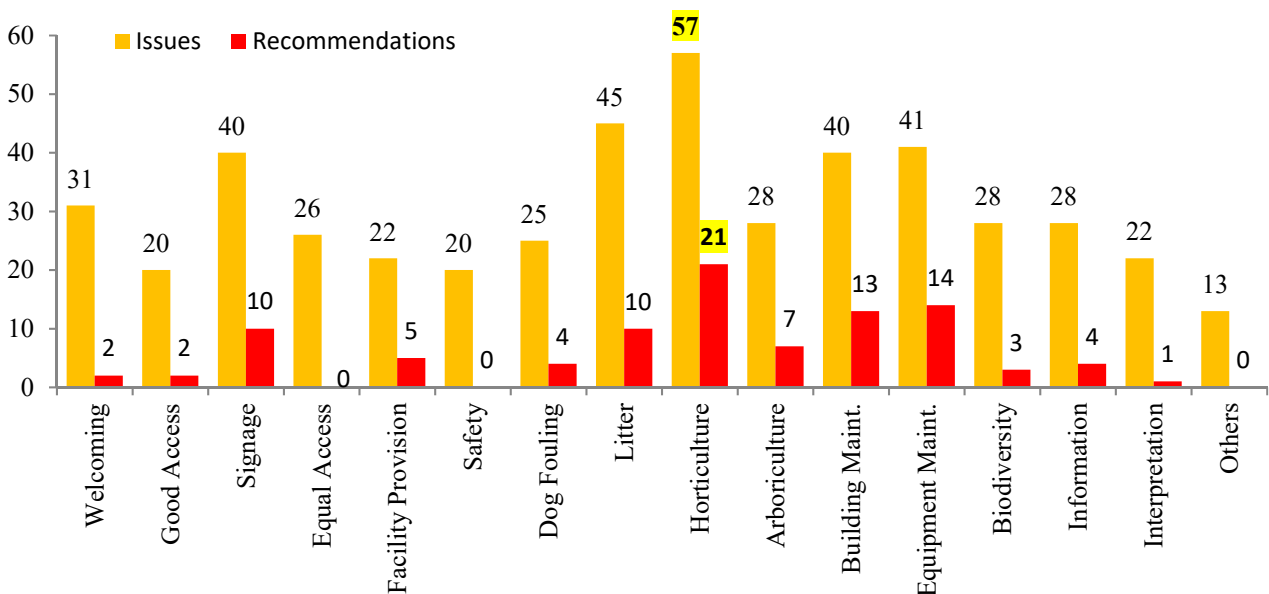
Redbraes Park was the most improved park in North East Edinburgh with an increase of 6 points to 61%.



Leith Links has deteriorated in quality the most falling 7 points to 60% and has dropped 53 places to 118<sup>th</sup> in the city.










## Highlighted Issues and Recommendations


Following the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found and provide three specific recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations identified against each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality. The highest number of issues and actions are highlighted in yellow.




## 5.2 North West Edinburgh

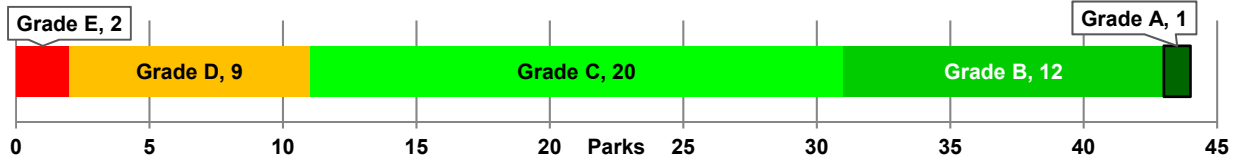
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show grades & scores over the last five years, PQS short term trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Allison Park	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	<b>C (63%)</b>	↔	✓
Balgreen Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	<b>D (59%)</b>	↑	✗
Buttercup Farm Park	D (59%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	✓
Cammo Estate	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	<b>B (77%)</b>	↔	✓
Clermiston Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	<b>C (60%)</b>	↑	✓
Corstorphine Hill LNR 	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	<b>B (74%)</b>	↓	✓
Cramond Foreshore	C (67%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	<b>B (77%)</b>	↑	✓
Cramond Walled Garden	D (58%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	<b>C (68%)</b>	↑	✓
Davidsons Mains Park	C (68%)	C (66%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↔	✓
Drumbrae Park	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (57%)	<b>D (58%)</b>	↑	✗
East Pilton Park	D (58%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	<b>C (63%)</b>	↑	✓
Easter Drylaw Park	D (53%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	<b>C (65%)</b>	↑	✓
Fauldburn Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	<b>C (63%)</b>	↑	✓
Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	<b>C (61%)</b>	↓	✓
Glendevon Park	D (58%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	<b>C (60%)</b>	↔	✓
Granton Crescent Park	D (55%)	D (57%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	<b>C (62%)</b>	↑	✓
Gyle Park	C (65%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	<b>C (68%)</b>	↑	✓
Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↑	✓
Haugh Park	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (61%)	D (59%)	<b>C (60%)</b>	↑	✓
Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	✓
Inverleith Park 	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (77%)	<b>B (77%)</b>	↔	✓
King George V Park (Eyre Pl.) 	C (68%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	<b>B (74%)</b>	↑	✓
King George V Park (S. Queensferry)	D (58%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	<b>C (62%)</b>	↑	✓
Lauriston Castle 	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↑	✓
Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (53%)	<b>D (52%)</b>	↓	✗
Orchard Brae Park	C (64%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	<b>C (60%)</b>	↓	✓
Parkside, Newbridge	E (47%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	<b>C (61%)</b>	↑	✓
Pikes Pool	D (55%)	D (55%)			<b>D (56%)</b>	New	✗
Ratho Station Flyover Park	E (47%)	E (46%)	D (53%)	E (48%)	<b>D (53%)</b>	↑	✗
Ratho Station Park	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↑	✓
Ravelston Park 	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	✓
Ravelston Woods LNR 	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	<b>B (74%)</b>	↑	✓
River Almond Walkway	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	<b>B (78%)</b>	↑	✓
Riverside Park	D (55%)	D (54%)	D (50%)	D (55%)	<b>D (57%)</b>	↑	✗
Rocheid Path	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	✓
Roseburn Park	C (65%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	<b>C (63%)</b>	↓	✓
Silverknowes Park	D (56%)	E (49%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	<b>D (58%)</b>	↑	✗
St Margarets Park 	B (71%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	B (73%)	<b>B (71%)</b>	↓	✓
St Marks Park	D (52%)	D (56%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	<b>D (58%)</b>	↓	✗
Starbank Park 	B (73%)	B (78%)	A (83%)	A (86%)	<b>A (88%)</b>	↑	✓
Station Road Park	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	<b>B (73%)</b>	↓	✓

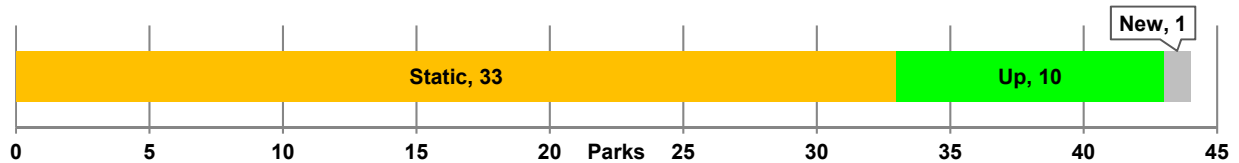
Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Union Park	D (58%)	D (54%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	↓	☑
Victoria Park 	C (69%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	↑	☑
West Pilton Park	D (52%)	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	↑	☑

 = Green Flag Award park

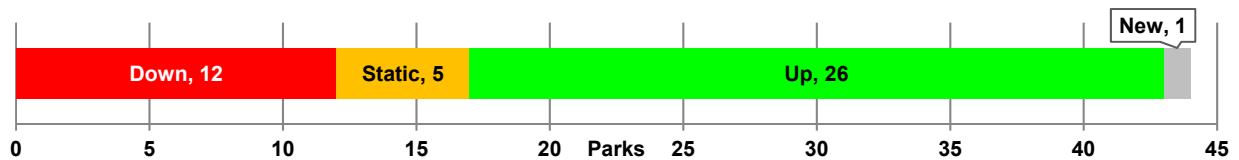
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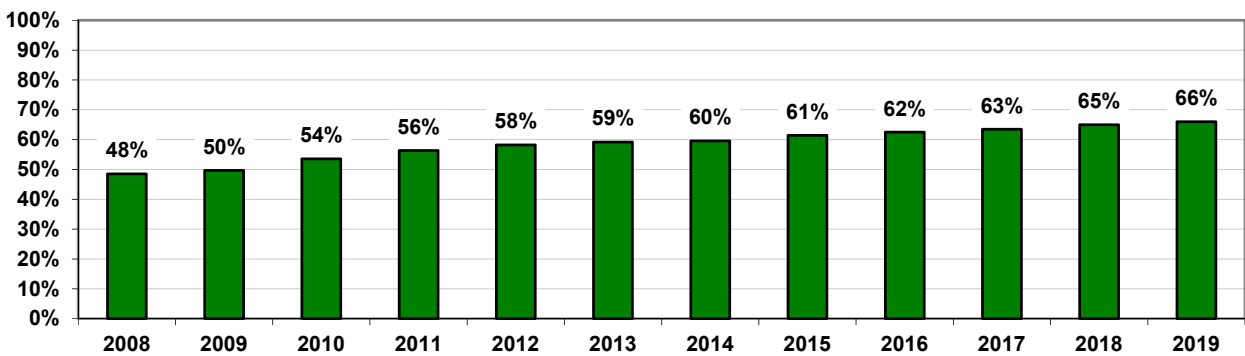
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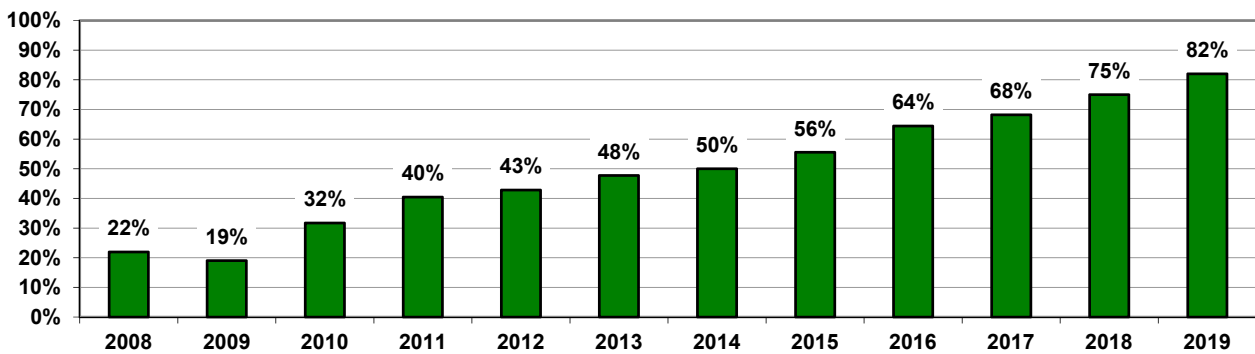
### Score Movements



### Park Quality Score Averages



### % of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard
















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### Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

#### North West Edinburgh Locality – 44 Parks

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	↔
• Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.6	↓
• Signage	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	↔
• Equal Access	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.3	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Levels of Quality Facilities	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.0	↓
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.7	↑
• Personal Security	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.3	↑
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.4	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.3	↓
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	↑
• Horticultural Maintenance	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	↓
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.0	↑
• Building & Infrastructure	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	↔
• Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	↑
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.7	↑
• Waste Minimisation	3.4	3.6	4.1	5.6	6.1	↑
• Chemical Use	4.9	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.2	↑
• Peat Use	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	↑
• Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	↑
• Conservation of Landscape Features	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.7	8	↑
• Conservation of Buildings/Structures	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.9	↑
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	4.6	5.0	5.4	4.9	5.1	↑
• Appropriate Prov. for Community	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.9	↑
• Appropriate Information	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.8	6	↑
• Education & Interpretation Info	4.2	4.2	4.7	5.0	5.2	↑
<b>Overall</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>↑</b>

## North West Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2019 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2018	2019	+ / - %
1	1	Starbank Park 	Community	86%	88%	+2%
2	8=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	74%	78%	+4%
3=	12=	Cammo Estate	LNR	77%	77%	0%
3=	12=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	72%	77%	+5%
3	12=	Inverleith Park 	Premier	77%	77%	0%
6=	26=	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	76%	74%	-2%
6=	26=	King George V Park (Eyre Pl) 	Garden	68%	74%	+6%
6=	26=	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	73%	74%	+1%
6	26=	Victoria Park 	Garden	72%	74%	+2%
10	32=	Station Road Park 	Community	74%	73%	-1%
11=	36=	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	66%	72%	+6%
11	36=	Davidsons Mains Park	Garden	72%	72%	0%
13	44=	St Margarets Park 	Community	73%	71%	-2%
14=	50=	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	68%	70%	+2%
14=	50=	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	69%	70%	+1%
14=	50=	Ravelston Park 	Community	71%	70%	-1%
14	50=	Rocheid Path	Natural	72%	70%	-2%
18=	69=	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	65%	68%	+3%
18	69=	Gyle Park	Garden	67%	68%	+1%
20	87=	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
21=	94=	Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Community	66%	64%	-2%
21	94=	Ratho Station Park	Community	63%	64%	+1%
23=	101=	Allison Park	Community	63%	63%	0%
23=	101=	East Pilton Park	Community	62%	63%	+1%
23=	101=	Fauldburn Park	Community	60%	63%	+3%
23=	101=	Roseburn Park	Garden	65%	63%	-2%
23	101=	West Pilton Park	Community	62%	63%	+1%
28=	109=	Granton Crescent Park	Community	61%	62%	+1%
28	109=	King George V Park (S.Queensferry)	Community	59%	62%	+3%
30=	113=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	66%	61%	-5%
30	113=	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	58%	61%	+3%
32=	118=	Clermiston Park	Community	58%	60%	+2%
32=	118=	Glendevon Park	Community	60%	60%	0%
32=	118=	Haugh Park	Community	59%	60%	+1%
32=	118=	Orchard (Brae) Park North & South	Community	62%	60%	-2%
32	118=	Union Park	Garden	61%	60%	-1%
37	124=	Balgreen Park	Community	58%	59%	+1%
38=	127=	Drumbrae Park	Community	57%	58%	+1%
38=	127=	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	48%	58%	+10%
38	127=	St Marks Park	Community	59%	58%	-1%
41	131=	Riverside Park	Community	55%	57%	+2%
42	133	Pikes Pool	Natural	n/a	56%	New
43	136	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	48%	53%	+5%
44	137=	Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	Community	53%	52%	-1%

## Highest and lowest scoring North West Edinburgh Parks



Starbank Park was the highest scoring park in the North West and has currently been judged as the best park in Edinburgh with a PQS of 88%.



Muirhouse Park was the lowest scoring parks in the North West with a PQS of 52% and is now judged as in the bottom five parks in Edinburgh.

## Most improved and deteriorated North West Edinburgh Parks



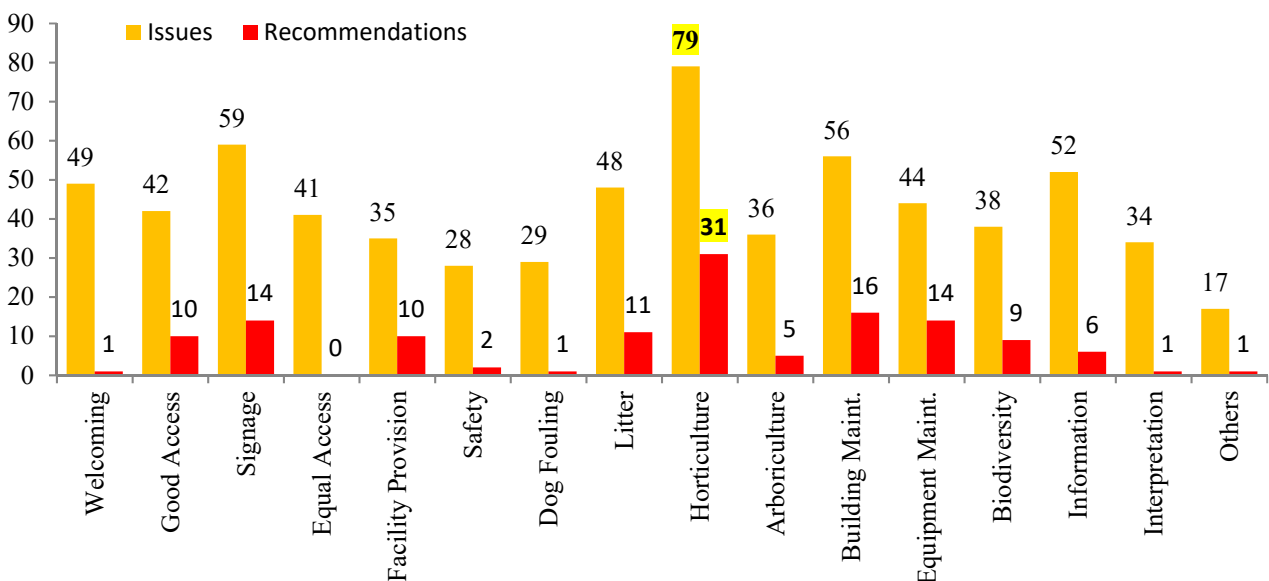
Silverknowes Park was the most improved park in North West Edinburgh with an increase of 10 points to 58%.



Ferry Glen & Back Braes has deteriorated in quality the most falling 5 points to 61%. The park is the lowest scoring Green Flag Award park.









## Highlighted Issues and Recommendations


Following the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found and provide three specific recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations identified against each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality. The highest number of issues and actions are highlighted in yellow.



## 5.3 South East Edinburgh

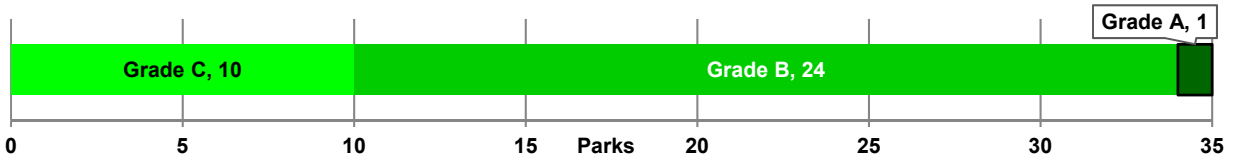
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five years, PQS short term trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Atholl Crescent	N/A	D (56%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	✓
Barony Community Garden					<b>C (64%)</b>	<b>New</b>	✓
Bauks View	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	<b>B (74%)</b>	↓	✓
Bellevue Crescent Gardens	E (40%)	E (42%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	<b>C (66%)</b>	↔	✓
Braid Hills	C (65%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↔	✓
Braidburn Valley Park 	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	<b>B (76%)</b>	↑	✓
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	C (66%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	<b>C (69%)</b>	↑	✓
Calton Hill	C (60%)	D (58%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	<b>B (71%)</b>	↓	✓
Coates Crescent	N/A	D (53%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	<b>B (73%)</b>	↑	✓
Deaconess	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	<b>B (71%)</b>	↑	✓
Drum Park	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (66%)	<b>B (71%)</b>	↑	✓
Dunbar's Close Garden	B (71%)	B (71%)	B (75%)	B (70%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	✓
Ferniehill Community Park 	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (74%)	<b>B (78%)</b>	↑	✓
Fernieside Recreation Ground	D (56%)	C (62%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	<b>C (60%)</b>	↔	✓
Gardner's Crescent	C (64%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	<b>B (73%)</b>	↔	✓
Gayfield Square	D (51%)	D (52%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	✓
Gracemount Community Park	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	<b>C (69%)</b>	↑	✓
Granny's Green	D (52%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	<b>C (66%)</b>	↑	✓
Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford Hill 	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	<b>B (79%)</b>	↔	✓
Inch Park	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	✓
Liberton Park	C (67%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↑	✓
London Road Gardens 	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	<b>B (75%)</b>	↑	✓
Moredun Park	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	<b>C (62%)</b>	↓	✓
Morgan Playing Fields	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↔	✓
Morningside Park 	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	<b>B (77%)</b>	↑	✓
Mortonhall Community Park	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (61%)	<b>C (66%)</b>	↑	✓
Nicolson Square	C (67%)	B (70%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	<b>B (75%)</b>	↑	✓
Prestonfield Park 	B (73%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	<b>B (79%)</b>	↑	✓
Prestonfield War Memorial	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	✓
Princes Street Gardens 	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	<b>B (71%)</b>	↓	✓
Regent Road Park	C (61%)	C (62%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	✓
Seven Acre Park 	B (72%)	A (83%)	A (85%)	A (84%)	<b>A (84%)</b>	↔	✓
St Katharine's Park	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	<b>B (76%)</b>	↑	✓
St Patrick's Square	C (65%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	✓
The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	<b>B (76%)</b>	↔	✓

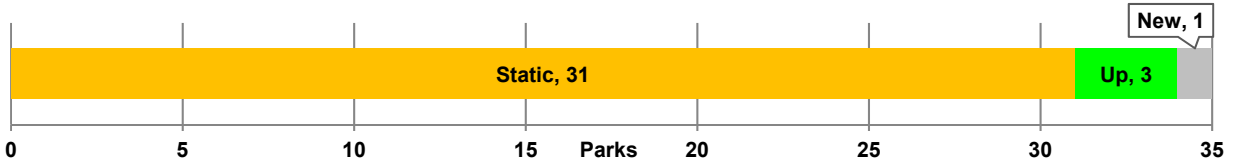
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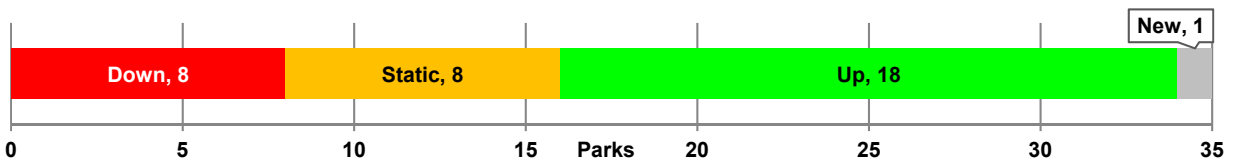
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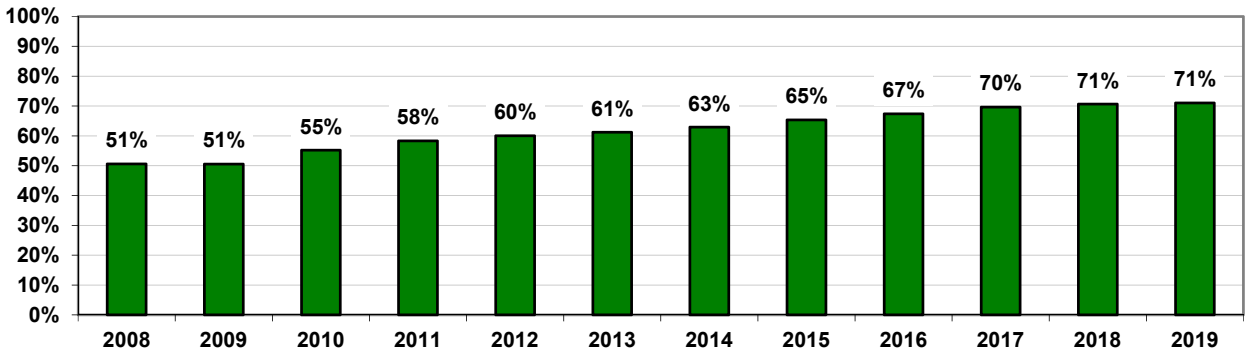
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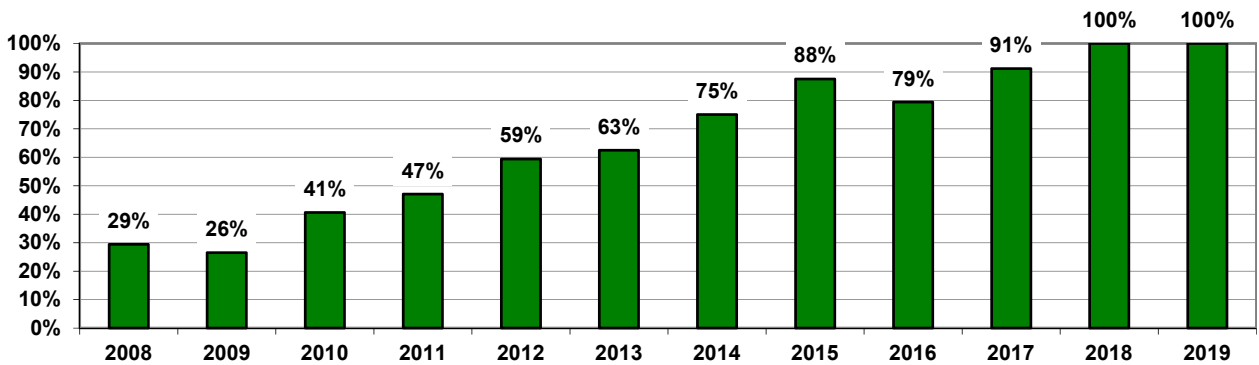
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## Park Quality Score Averages



## % of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard












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### Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

#### South East Edinburgh Locality – 35 Parks

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.9	7.0	↑
• Good & Safe Access	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	↔
• Signage	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.3	↓
• Equal Access	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Levels of Quality Facilities	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.6	↔
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2	↑
• Personal Security	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.6	↑
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.5	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.7	↓
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.2	↑
• Horticultural Maintenance	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.0	↑
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.2	↓
• Building & Infrastructure	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.0	↑
• Equipment Maintenance	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	↑
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	↑
• Waste Minimisation	3.4	5.1	6.4	6.4	7.1	↑
• Chemical Use	4.7	5.9	6.9	7.0	6.6	↑
• Peat Use	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	↔
• Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.9	7.2	↑
• Conservation of Landscape Features	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.9	↑
• Conservation of Buildings/Structures	6.9	6.6	7.4	7.5	7.3	↓
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.2	↑
• Appropriate Prov. for Community	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.8	↑
• Appropriate Information	6.4	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.2	↔
• Education & Interpretation Info	6.2	6.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	↓
<b>Overall</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	↔

## South East Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2019 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2018	2019	+ / - %
1	4	Seven Acre Park 	Community	84%	84%	0%
2=	5=	Hermitage of Braid 	LNR	79%	79%	0%
2	5=	Prestonfield Park 	Community	78%	79%	+1%
4	8=	Ferniehill Community Park 	Community	74%	78%	+4%
5	12=	Morningside Park 	Community	76%	77%	+1%
6=	17=	Braidburn Valley Park 	Community	75%	76%	+1%
6=	17=	St Katharines Park (Liberton Gardens)	Community	73%	76%	+3%
6	17=	The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	Premier	76%	76%	0%
9=	23=	London Road Gardens 	Garden	72%	75%	+3%
9	23=	Nicolson Square	Garden	69%	75%	+6%
11	26=	Bauks View	Natural	75%	74%	-1%
12=	32=	Coates Crescent	Garden	72%	73%	+1%
12	32=	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	73%	73%	0%
14=	36=	Atholl Crescent	Garden	71%	72%	+1%
14=	36=	Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	70%	72%	+2%
14	36=	Inch Park	Garden	70%	72%	+2%
17=	44=	Calton Hill	Premier	76%	71%	-5%
17=	44=	Deaconess	Garden	70%	71%	+1%
17=	44=	Drum Park	Community	66%	71%	+5%
17	44=	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	72%	71%	-1%
21=	50=	Braid Hills	Natural	70%	70%	0%
21=	50=	Liberton Park	Community	69%	70%	+1%
21=	50=	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	70%	70%	0%
21=	50=	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	71%	70%	-1%
21	50=	Regent Road Park	Community	73%	70%	-3%
26=	64=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	66%	69%	+3%
26	64=	Gracemount Community Park	Community	66%	69%	+3%
28=	80=	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	66%	66%	0%
28=	80=	Granny's Green	Garden	62%	66%	+4%
28	80=	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	61%	66%	+5%
31=	94=	Barony Street Community Garden	Garden		64%	New
31=	94=	Gayfield Square	Garden	65%	64%	-1%
31	94=	St Patricks Square	Garden	69%	64%	-5%
34	109=	Moredun Park	Community	63%	62%	-1%
35	118=	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	60%	60%	0%

 = Green Flag Park

## Highest and lowest scoring South East Edinburgh Parks



Seven Acre Park was the highest scoring park in South East Edinburgh and fourth across the city with a PQS of 84%.



Fernieside Recreation Ground was the lowest scoring park in the South East with a PQS of 60%.

## Most improved and deteriorated South East Edinburgh Parks



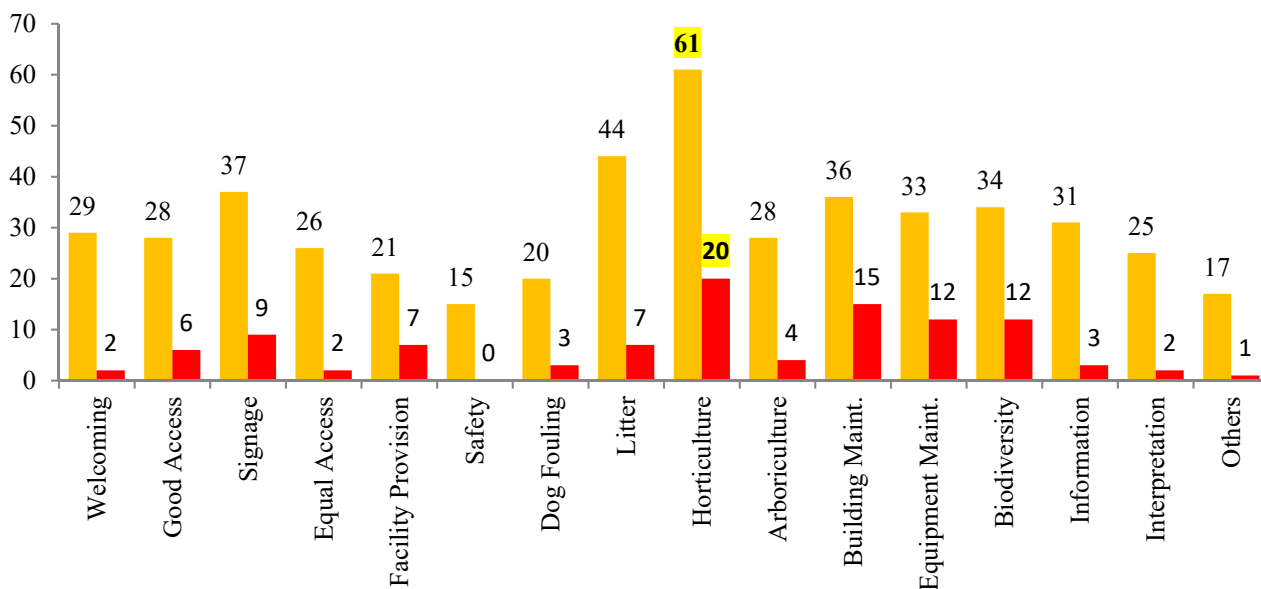
Nicolson Square Gardens was the most improved park in South East Edinburgh with an increase of 6 points to 75%.



Calton Hill and St Patrick's Square Gardens (pictured) both deteriorated in quality by 5 points each to 71% and 64% respectively.

## Highlighted Issues and Recommendations








Following the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found and provide three specific recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations identified against each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality. The highest number of issues and actions are highlighted in yellow.





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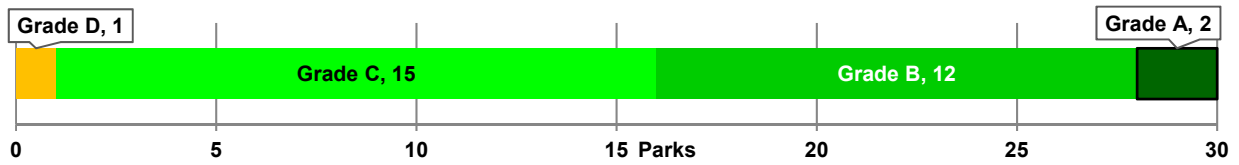
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five years, PQS short term trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Blinkbonny Park	D (57%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	↑	✓
Bloomiehall Park	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (77%)	↑	✓
Campbell Park	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	↑	✓
Colinton Mains Park	D (59%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Curriemuirend Park			E (44%)	E (46%)	D (54%)	↑	✗
Dovecot Park	D (52%)	D (52%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	B (75%)	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	A (87%)	↑	✓
Fairmilehead Park 	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	↑	✓
Fountainbridge Green		C (64%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	D (52%)	E (48%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Hailes Quarry Park 	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	↑	✓
Harrison Park 	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	↑	✓
King George V Park (Currie)	D (58%)	D (56%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Marchbank Park	D (54%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	↑	✓
Meadowspot Park	E (48%)	E (44%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	↑	✓
Muir Wood Park 	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	↑	✓
Murieston Park	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	B (76%)	↑	✓
Paties Road Recreation Ground	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	A (81%)	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	A (87%)	↔	✓
Pentland View Park	D (59%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	C (67%)	↑	✓
Ratho Park	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Redford Wood	D (53%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	C (64%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Redhall Park	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	C (67%)	↑	✓
Saughton Park	C (65%)	B (72%)	B (72%)		B (76%)	<b>New</b>	✓
Sighthill Park	D (57%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Spylaw Park 	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	↑	✓
Stenhouse Place East Park	E (49%)	D (55%)	D (53%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Whinhill Park	D (55%)	D (59%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	↑	✓
White Park	D (57%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	↑	✓

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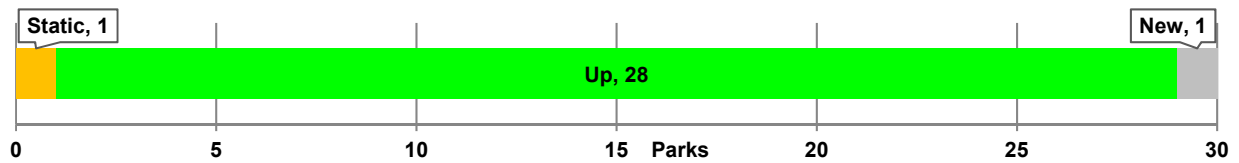
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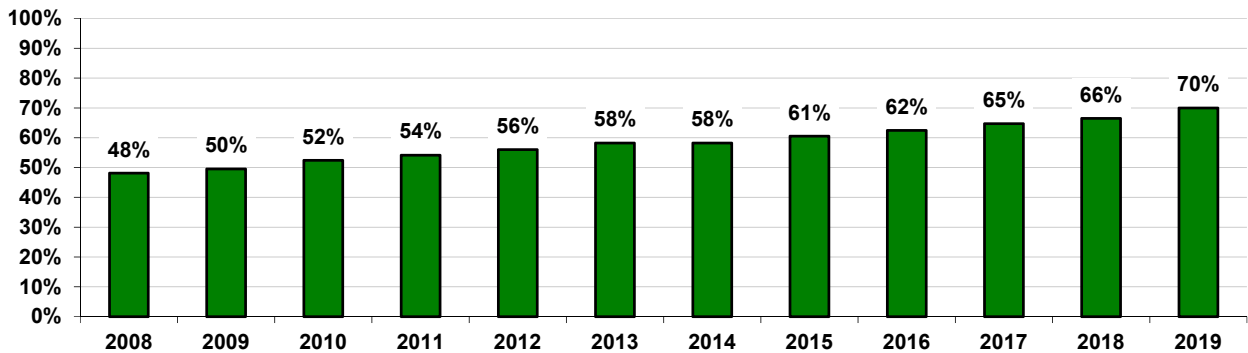
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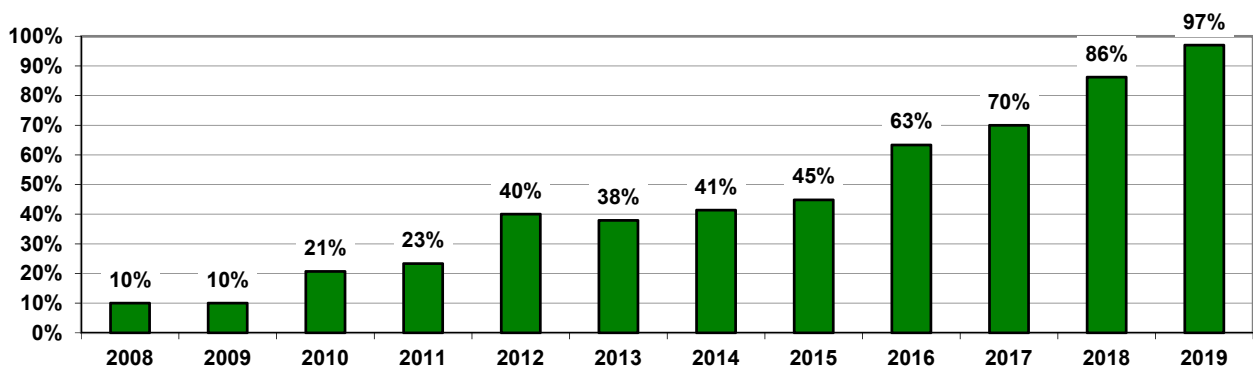
### Score Movements



### Park Quality Score Averages



### % of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard









## South West Edinburgh

### Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

#### South West Edinburgh Locality – 30 Parks

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.7	↓
• Good & Safe Access	6.8	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.0	↓
• Signage	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8	↑
• Equal Access	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.5	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Provision of Quality Facilities	6.9	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.1	↓
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8	↓
• Personal Security	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.3	↑
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.1	7.5	7.2	7.6	7.6	↔
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2	↑
• Horticultural Maintenance	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	↔
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.2	↑
• Building & Infrastructure	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	↑
• Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.9	↔
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.6	7.5	↑
• Waste Minimisation	2.5	3.1	4.9	5.9	7.2	↑
• Chemical Use	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.6	7.9	↑
• Peat Use	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.5	↓
• Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	6.4	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	↑
• Conservation of Landscape Features	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.3	9.3	↑
• Conservation of Buildings/Structures	6.3	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.0	↓
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.3	6.5	↑
• Appropriate Prov. for Community	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.8	↑
• Appropriate Information	5.1	5.2	5.9	6.2	6.5	↑
• Education & Interpretation Info	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.2	5.7	↑
<b>Overall</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	↔

## South West Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2019 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2018	2019	+ / - %
1=	2=	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	81%	87%	+6%
1=	2=	Pentland Hills Regional Park 	Regional	87%	87%	0%
3	5=	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	75%	79%	+4%
4	12=	Bloomiehall Park	Community	72%	77%	+5%
5=	17=	Muir Wood Park 	Community	75%	76%	+1%
5=	17=	Murieston Park	Community	64%	76%	+12%
5=	17=	Saughton Park	Premier		76%	New
8	23=	Harrison Park 	Community	73%	75%	+2%
9	32=	Fairmilehead Park 	Community	70%	73%	+3%
10=	36=	Hailes Quarry Park 	Community	70%	72%	+2%
10=	36=	Spylaw Park 	Community	71%	72%	+1%
12=	50=	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	69%	70%	+1%
12=	50=	Dovecot Park	Community	65%	70%	+5%
12=	50=	Redford Wood	Natural	64%	70%	+6%
15=	64=	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	65%	69%	+4%
15=	64=	Ratho Park	Community	68%	69%	+1%
17=	69=	Fountainbridge Green	Community	65%	68%	+3%
17=	69=	White Park	Community	64%	68%	+4%
19=	76=	Pentland View Park	Community	63%	67%	+4%
19	76=	Redhall Park	Community	66%	67%	+1%
21=	80=	Blinkbonny Park	Community	64%	66%	+2%
21=	80=	Marchbank Park	Community	65%	66%	+1%
21=	80=	Meadowspot Park	Community	62%	66%	+4%
24=	87=	Campbell Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
24=	87=	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	62%	65%	+3%
24=	87=	Sighthill Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
27	94=	Whinhill Park	Community	59%	64%	+5%
28=	101=	Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	Community	57%	63%	+6%
28=	101=	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	58%	63%	+5%
30	135	Curriemuirend Park	Community	46%	54%	+8%

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### Highest and lowest scoring South West Edinburgh Parks



Easter Craiglockhart Hill and Pentland Hills Regional Park were the highest scoring parks in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 87%.



Curriemuirend Park was the lowest scoring park in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 54% but increased 8 points from 2018.

### Most improved and deteriorated South West Edinburgh Parks



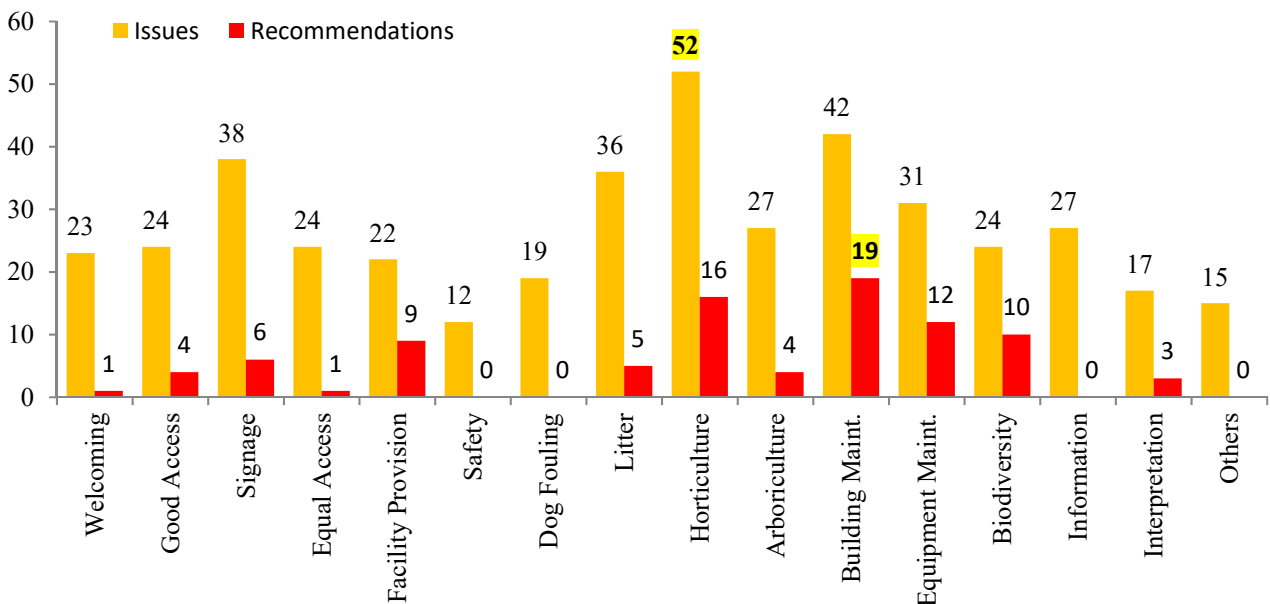
Murieston Park improved the most in the South West Edinburgh increasing its score 12 points to 76%.



No park in the South West deteriorated but the Pentland Hills Regional Park was the only park in the South West that didn't improve this year retaining the same score as 2018.








### Highlighted Issues and Recommendations


Following the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found and provide three specific recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations identified against each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality. The highest number of issues and actions are highlighted in yellow.



## 5.5 Natural Heritage Service

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five years, PQS short term trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Met
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	C (66%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Cammo Estate	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (77%)	↔	✓
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	↑	✓
Corstorphine Hill 	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	↓	✓
Craigmillar Castle Park 	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	↓	✓
Cramond Foreshore	C (67%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (77%)	↑	✓
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	B (75%)	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	A (87%)	↑	✓
Hermitage of Braid inc B'ford Hill 	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	B (79%)	↔	✓
Little France					C (65%)	New	✓
Meadows Yard	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	A (81%)	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	A (87%)	↔	✓
Ravelston Woods 	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	↑	✓
River Almond Walkway	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	↑	✓

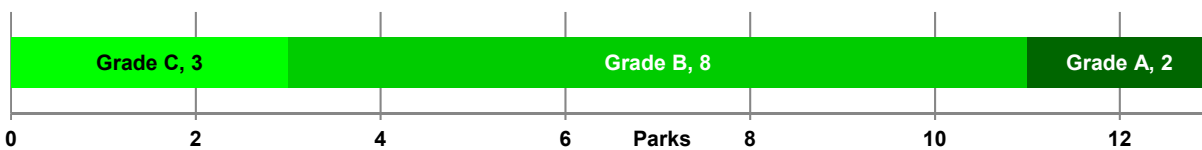
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### Natural Heritage Service parks ranked in order of 2019 Park Quality Score

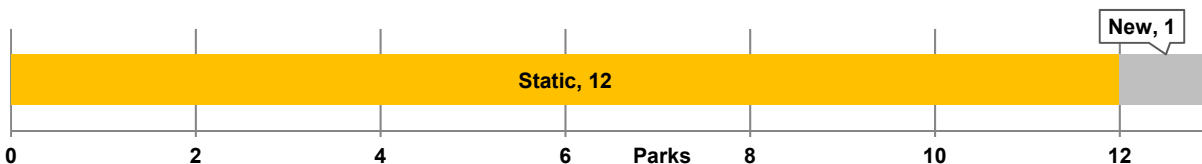
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3	5=	Hermitage of Braid	LNR	79%	79%	0%
5	8=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	74%	78%	+4%
6=	12=	Cammo Estate	LNR	77%	77%	0%
6	12=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	72%	77%	+5%
8=	26=	Corstorphine Hill	LNR	76%	74%	-2%
8	26=	Ravelston Woods	LNR	73%	74%	+1%
10	36=	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	74%	72%	-2%
11	64=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	LNR	66%	69%	+3%
12	69=	Meadows Yard	LNR	69%	68%	-1%
13	87=	Little France Park	Natural		65%	New

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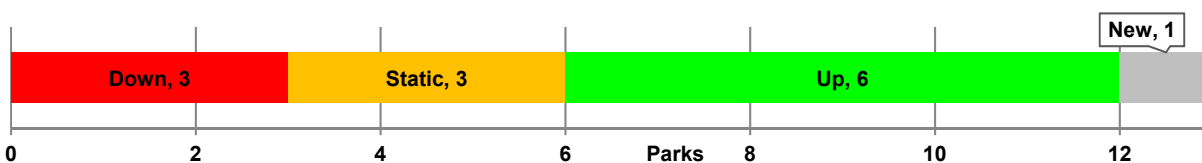
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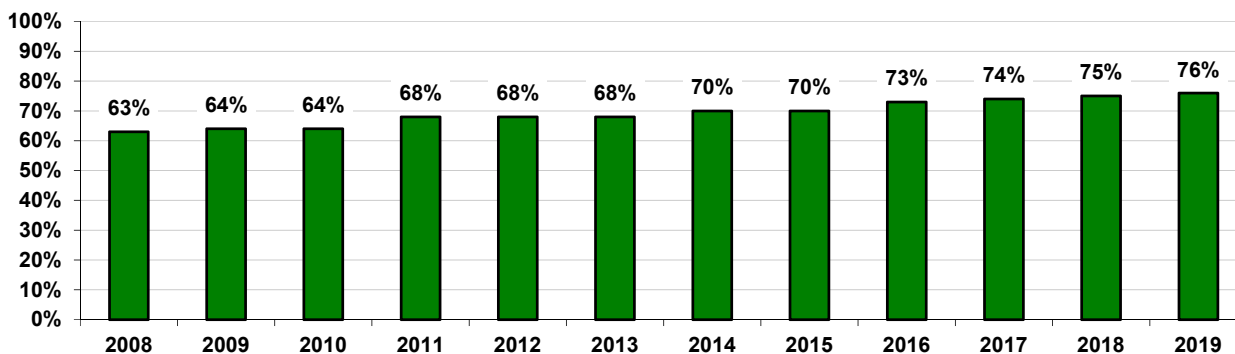
## Grade Movements



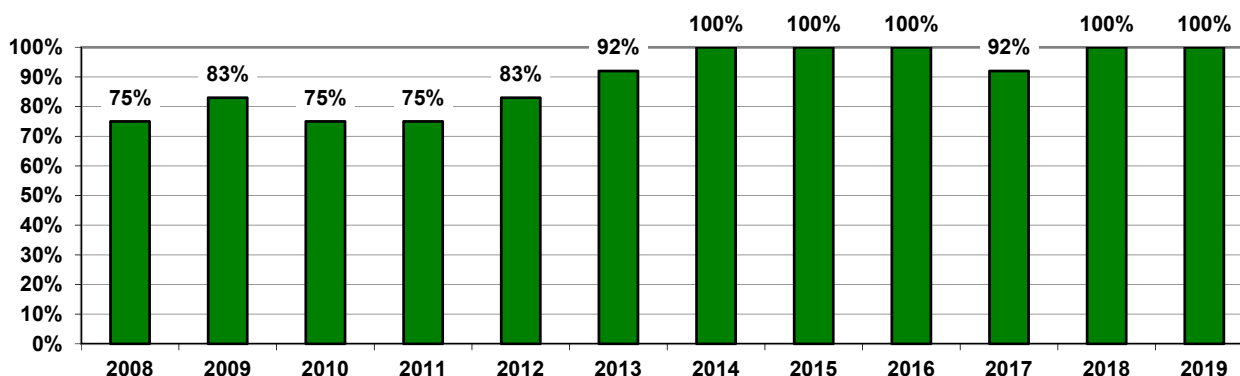
## Score Movements



## Park Quality Score Averages



## % of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



## Natural Heritage Service

### Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

#### Natural Heritage Service – 13 Parks

Criteria	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend
<b>Welcoming Category</b>						
• Welcoming	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.2	↓
• Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0	↓
• Signage	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.4	↑
• Equal Access	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.5	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure Category</b>						
• Levels of Quality Facilities	6.6	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.3	↔
• Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.4	↓
• Personal Security	6.1	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.7	↔
• Control of Dogs / Fouling	6.7	7.1	7.3	6.6	7.0	↑
<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean Category</b>						
• Litter and Waste Management	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	↔
• Horticultural Maintenance	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.6	↑
• Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.6	↔
• Building & Infrastructure	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	↔
• Equipment Maintenance	7.0	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.9	↑
<b>Environmental Management Category</b>						
• Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.8	7.2	7.8	8.6	↑
• Waste Minimisation	6.9	7.8	7.8	8.4	8.1	↓
• Chemical Use	9.0	8.5	8.4	9.0	8.3	↓
• Peat Use	10	10	10	10	10	↔
• Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Conservation Category</b>						
• Biodiversity	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	↔
• Conservation of Landscape Features	7.4	7.8	8.3	8.4	8.5	↑
• Conservation of Buildings/Structures	6.6	6.3	6.5	7.3	7.3	↔
<b>Community Category</b>						
• Community Involvement	7.3	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.2	↓
• Appropriate Prov. for Community	6.0	7.1	7.3	7.6	8.2	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion Category</b>						
• Marketing & Promotion	7.7	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.7	↑
• Appropriate Information	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	↔
• Education & Interpretation Info	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.4	7.3	↓
<b>Overall</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>↑</b>



### Highest and lowest scoring Natural Heritage Service Parks



Easter Craiglockhart Hill and Pentland Hills Regional Park (pictured) were the highest scoring NHS managed parks with a PQS of 87%.



Little France Park was the lowest scoring park managed by the NHS with a PQS of 65% which should improve when more facilities are added.

### Most improved and deteriorated Natural Heritage Service Parks



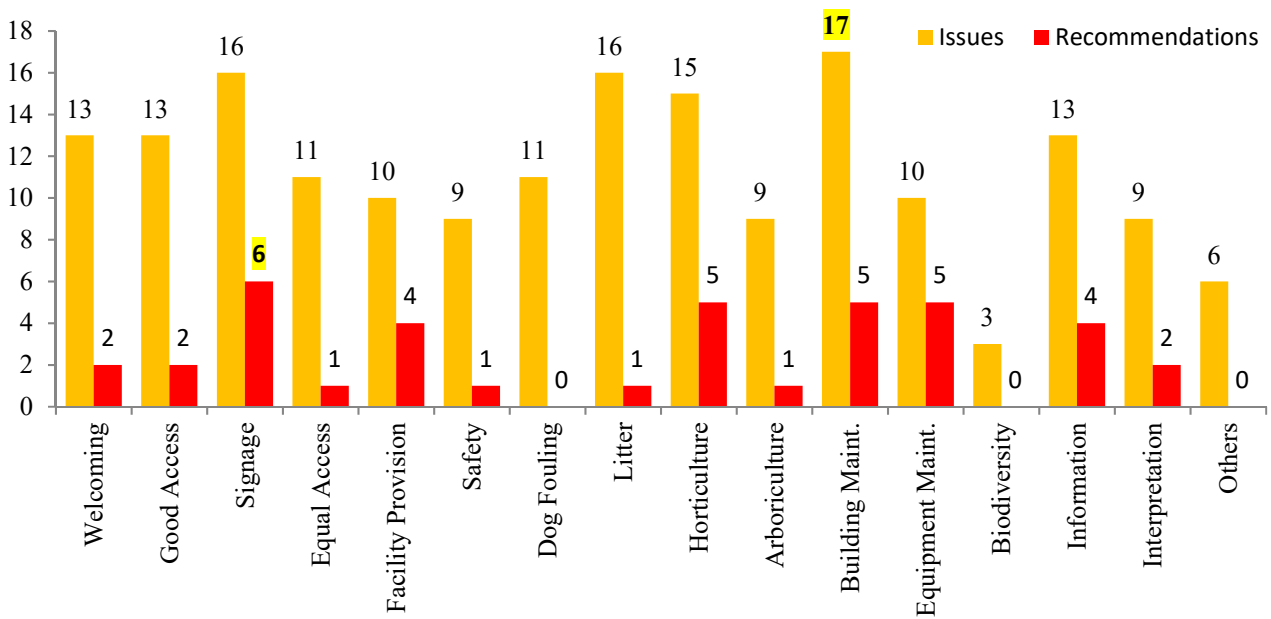
Easter Craiglockhart Hill Park was the most improved NHS managed site with an increase of 6 points to 87%.



Corstorphine Hill (pictured) and Craigmillar Castle Park both fell by 2 points each this year to 74% and 72% respectively.

### Highlighted Issues and Recommendations

Following the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found and provide three specific recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations identified against each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality. The highest number of issues and actions are highlighted in yellow.



## 6 Green Flag Awards



Green Flag Awards are a way of recognising sites of quality. The awards are given out on an annual basis and each site must submit an application each year. The scheme also involves a Green Flag Community Award which is to reward quality sites that are managed by the community.

In 2007, the Green Flag Award was trialled in Scotland with Edinburgh taking part along with Dundee. In that year Edinburgh was successful in achieving two Green Flags (Braidburn Valley Park and Harrison Park). The chart at the bottom of the page demonstrates the number of Green Flag Award Parks achieved since 2007.

All Green Flag Award winning parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council were successfully retained in 2019 and the total number of Green Flag Award Parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council now stands at 32 plus one Green Flag Community Award. A list and map of current Green Flag Award sites and associated data can be found on the following pages.

### 6.1 Green Flag Group Award

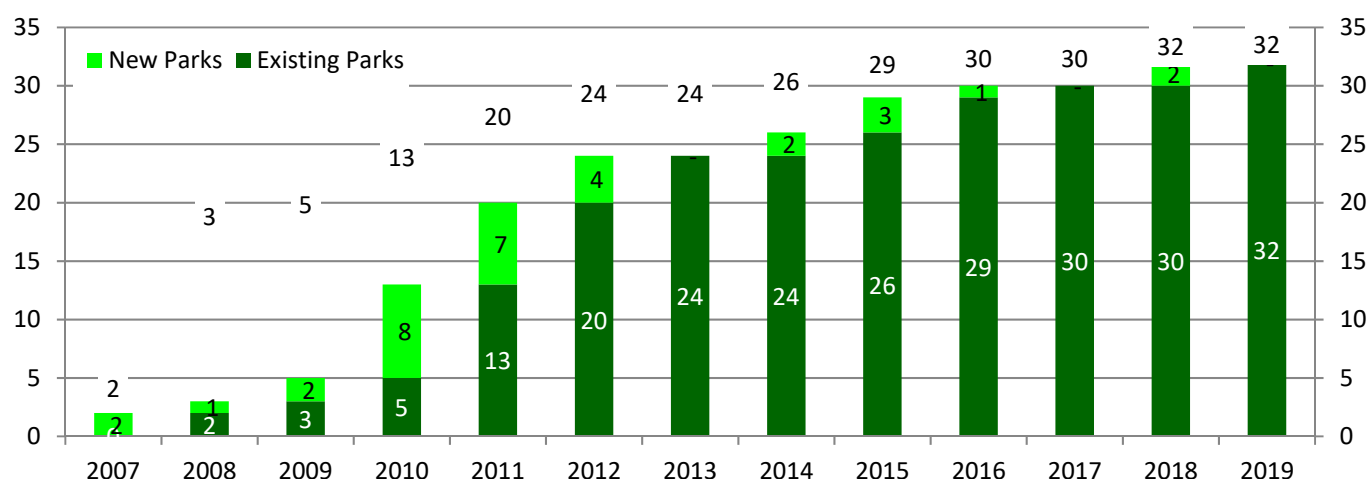
In 2011, Edinburgh was invited to take part in the pilot of the Green Flag Group Award that sees the authority self assess existing sites annually and award a flag where the standards are maintained. However, these sites may also be subject to one or more mystery shopper assessments which will see an external Green Flag judge arriving at the park unannounced and assess the site based on visitor experience.

In addition, two peer judges assess the strategy the authority has to managing its greenspaces biennially and assesses the risk of the authority failing to maintain its Green Flag Award parks to the required standard.

The 2018 Peer Review assessment returned a successful 'Low Risk' result with judges from Birmingham City Council highlighting Community Involvement, Park Quality Assessments and Website Information as strengths but recommended that we consider how water courses are managed for safety, further rationalisation of parks signage and how to increase site specific information in park management plans.

New sites identified for the award will continue to be assessed using the existing judging method of two judges assessing the management plan and undertaking a formal site visit.

### Green Flag Award Parks



## 6.2 Green Flag Award & Green Flag Community Award Parks

Listed below are the current Green Flag Award Parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council sorted by year achieved.

### Green Flag Awards

Year First Achieved	Park Name	Park Type	Management	Locality	2019 Grade & PQS
2007	Braidburn Valley Park	Community	South East	South East	B (76%)
2007	Harrison Park	Community	South West	South West	B (75%)
2008	Pentland Hills Regional Park	Natural	NHS	South West	A (87%)
2009	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Natural	NHS	South West	A (87%)
2009	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	North East	B (78%)
2010	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Natural	NHS	South East	C (69%)
2010	Corstorphine Hill	Natural	NHS	North West	B (74%)
2010	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	NHS	North East	B (72%)
2010	Figgate Burn Park	Community	North East	North East	B (78%)
2010	Inverleith Park	Premier	North West	North West	B (77%)
2010	London Road Gardens	City	South East	South East	B (75%)
2010	Portobello Community Garden	Garden	North East	North East	B (70%)
2010	Station Road Park	Natural	North West	North West	B (73%)
2011	Hailes Quarry Park	Community	South West	South West	B (72%)
2011	Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford	Community	NHS	South East	B (79%)
2011	Morningside Park	Community	South East	South East	B (77%)
2011	Muir Wood Park	Community	South West	South West	B (76%)
2011	Princes Street Gardens	City	Botanical	South East	B (71%)
2011	St Margarets Park	Community	North West	North West	B (71%)
2011	Victoria Park	City	North West	North West	B (74%)
2012	Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Natural	North West	North West	C (61%)
2012	Lochend Park	Community	North East	North East	B (74%)
2012	Prestonfield Park	Community	South East	South East	B (79%)
2012	Ravelston Park	Community	North West	North West	B (70%)
2012	Ravelston Woods	Community	NHS	North West	B (74%)
2014	King George V Park (Eyre Place)	Community	North West	North West	B (74%)
2014	Spylaw Park	Community	South West	South West	B (72%)
2015	Ferniehill Community Park	Community	South East	South East	B (78%)
2015	Rosefield Park	Community	North East	North East	B (70%)
2015	Starbank Park	Community	North West	North West	A (88%)
2016	Seven Acre Park	Community	South East	South East	A (84%)
2018	Fairmilehead Park	Community	South West	South West	B (73%)
2018	Lauriston Castle	Garden	Botanical	North West	B (70%)

*There are 33 parks listed in the table above instead of the advertised 32 Green Flag Award Parks but it should be noted that Ravelston Park and Ravelston Woods are combined for Green Flag Award judging.*

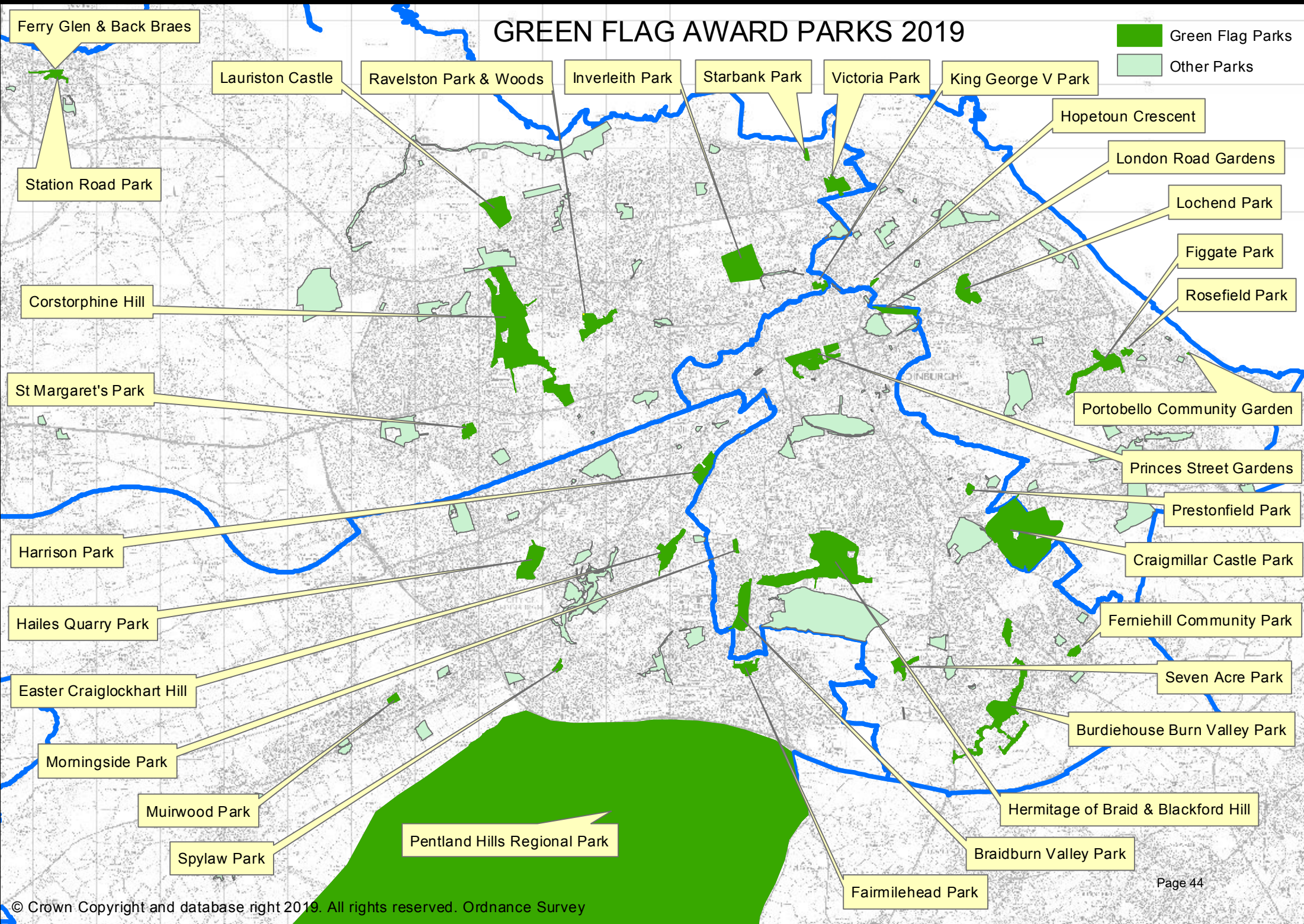
*NHS = Natural Heritage Service*

### Green Flag Community Awards

Year First Achieved	Park Name	Park Type	Management	Locality
2009	Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden	Community Garden	Friends of Corstorphine Hill / NHS	North West

# GREEN FLAG AWARD PARKS 2019

Green Flag Parks  
Other Parks



## 7 PQA Site Criteria Scores – Grouped by Management Areas

### 7.1 North East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Abercorn Park	7	8	7	8	8	7	9	9	6	7	6	7	7	8	5	5	10	0	8	8	6	4	4	6	5	3	67% (C)
Baronscourt Park	7	7	7	6	6	7	7	5	7	6	6	7	6	8	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	4	8	7	6	6	65% (C)
Bingham Park	7	7	5	5	6	5	7	9	6	8	8	5	6	6	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	4	6	6	5	3	61% (C)
Brighton Park	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	8	6	6	7	7	7	6	5	5	10	0	7	7	7	8	6	6	3	1	67% (C)
Brunstane Mill	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	6	6	7	8	5	5	10	0	9	0	0	4	6	7	7	6	68% (C)
Cairntows Park	5	5	4	3	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	5	6	8	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	7	6	4	3	1	52% (D)
Dalmeny Street Park	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	4	6	7	7	7	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	7	6	7	5	5	65% (C)
Figgate Burn Park	7	8	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	5	5	10	0	9	7	0	9	9	8	7	8	78% (B)
Hays Park	6	7	4	6	2	5	6	8	2	3	7	4	4	6	5	5	10	0	3	0	0	4	6	4	2	1	48% (E)
Henderson Gardens	2	5	4	6	7	6	3	4	3	2	5	6	5	6	5	5	10	0	3	0	0	4	6	4	3	1	46% (E)
Hillside Crescent	6	7	9	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	5	5	10	0	6	8	0	7	6	8	7	7	71% (B)
Hopetoun Crescent	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	7	8	8	7	8	5	5	10	0	8	9	8	9	6	8	8	9	78% (B)
Hunters Hall Park	6	5	5	6	7	6	7	7	4	7	9	5	6	7	5	5	10	0	8	8	0	8	6	8	5	4	64% (C)
Jewel Park	4	6	5	6	6	7	7	8	5	6	7	5	7	7	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	6	6	4	2	1	57% (D)
Joppa Quarry Park	6	5	6	4	7	7	8	8	7	3	5	5	6	7	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	3	6	7	5	4	59% (D)
Keddie Park	5	6	5	6	7	5	6	7	4	4	4	4	7	7	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	3	6	5	5	5	55% (D)
Leith Links	5	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	3	5	4	3	7	5	5	10	0	6	7	5	8	6	8	6	5	60% (C)
Lochend Park	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	5	7	7	8	7	7	8	5	5	10	0	8	7	8	8	6	8	9	9	74% (B)
Magdalene Glen	3	7	4	5	8	7	6	7	4	4	7	5	7	8	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	6	6	4	4	4	58% (D)
Meadowfield Park	7	7	5	4	8	7	7	6	6	5	7	7	5	6	5	5	10	0	7	7	0	6	6	6	5	5	62% (C)
Montgomery Street	7	8	5	7	7	6	8	7	6	8	8	7	6	7	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	8	7	8	6	5	69% (C)
Newcraighall Park	7	7	7	6	8	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	8	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	6	7	6	6	7	68% (C)
Pilrig Park	5	8	5	7	7	7	7	6	5	7	7	5	7	8	5	5	10	0	8	0	6	8	7	8	6	5	66% (C)
Portobello Community	7	8	5	8	7	9	9	5	8	5	0	7	8	6	5	9	10	0	5	8	8	6	6	9	5	5	70% (B)
Redbraes Park	6	6	7	5	8	7	7	8	6	5	7	5	4	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	5	6	7	6	5	61% (C)

## North East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Rosefield Park	7	8	6	8	8	8	8	7	7	3	6	7	5	7	5	5	10	0	8	8	8	6	8	8	7	7	70% (B)
Seafeld Rec Ground	5	6	4	3	5	5	7	7	4	5	7	5	6	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	3	6	4	3	1	51% (D)
Straiton Place Park	6	7	5	7	8	7	8	7	7	5	0	8	7	7	5	5	10	0	4	0	0	6	6	5	4	1	61% (C)
Taylor Gardens	7	8	7	8	8	5	8	8	6	5	7	7	6	6	5	5	10	0	2	0	0	4	6	4	6	6	63% (C)

## 7.2 North West Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Allison Park	7	7	7	5	7	8	7	9	7	6	7	6	7	6	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	1	6	5	6	5	63% (C)
Balgreen Park	6	6	5	6	8	6	7	7	9	7	7	7	8	6	5	6	10	0	5	0	0	1	6	2	4	2	59% (D)
Buttercup Farm Park	7	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	9	6	5	7	10	0	7	0	0	2	6	5	7	7	72% (B)
Clermiston Park	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	4	6	5	6	3	60% (C)
Cramond Walled Gdn	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	5	7	7	8	7	5	9	10	0	8	5	6	4	6	5	7	5	68% (C)
Davidsons Mains Park	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	6	7	6	6	10	0	8	0	0	7	6	7	7	8	72% (B)
Drumbrae Park	5	6	7	5	4	7	6	5	3	5	7	7	7	6	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	2	6	5	7	6	58% (D)
East Pilton Park	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	10	0	6	0	0	2	6	5	5	5	63% (C)
Easter Drylaw Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	6	6	5	10	0	7	0	0	2	6	5	6	4	65% (C)
Fauldburn Park	7	5	7	5	7	6	8	9	8	4	7	7	7	6	5	6	10	0	7	0	0	1	6	5	7	4	63% (C)
Ferry Glen	4	4	4	5	5	5	7	5	7	3	6	4	4	7	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	8	6	8	8	7	61% (C)
Glendevon Park	7	7	7	5	6	7	7	9	9	6	7	7	7	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	1	6	2	5	2	60% (C)
Granton Crescent Park	6	6	7	5	7	5	6	7	5	6	7	7	6	6	6	5	10	0	8	0	0	2	6	5	7	7	62% (C)
Gyle Park	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	7	7	5	7	5	68% (C)
Gypsy Brae Rec	6	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	9	10	0	8	0	0	6	6	5	7	7	70% (B)
Haugh Park	7	7	5	5	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	6	7	5	10	0	7	0	0	1	6	2	2	2	60% (C)
Inchcolm Park	6	6	7	6	9	7	8	9	8	5	7	6	6	6	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	4	6	5	6	4	64% (C)
Inverleith Park	8	9	7	9	8	8	9	6	8	8	8	6	7	8	7	5	7	0	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	8	77% (B)
KGV Park (Eyre Pl)	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	10	0	8	8	6	8	7	8	8	8	74% (B)
KGV Park (S.Q)	6	6	6	6	8	6	8	7	8	5	7	6	6	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	6	6	5	5	4	62% (C)
Muirhouse Park	4	5	6	8	8	6	6	5	3	4	6	5	5	6	6	5	10	0	6	0	0	2	6	5	2	1	52% (D)
Orchard (Brae) Park	5	5	7	5	7	6	7	7	6	5	7	7	6	6	7	6	10	0	6	0	0	4	6	5	4	4	60% (C)
Parkside, Newbridge	6	7	7	8	8	8	7	9	7	5	7	6	6	6	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	1	6	5	3	2	61% (C)
Pikes Pool	6	5	4	4	5	4	7	8	6	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	10	0	8	0	0	7	6	5	3	3	56% (D)
Ratho St. Flyover Park	3	4	3	3	4	7	7	9	7	5	7	4	8	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	6	6	5	3	1	53% (D)
Ratho Station Park	6	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	6	6	8	6	8	6	5	5	10	0	7	0	0	1	6	5	4	4	64% (C)
Ravelston Park	7	8	6	8	8	7	9	8	8	5	7	8	7	6	7	6	10	0	6	0	0	6	6	7	7	5	70% (B)

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Riverside Park	6	5	6	3	7	8	8	8	8	5	7	7	7	6	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	1	6	2	3	2	57% (D)
Rocheid Path	5	7	6	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	7	6	7	9	7	9	10	0	8	0	0	9	6	8	7	8	70% (B)
Roseburn Park	7	8	6	8	6	6	7	8	6	6	6	4	6	7	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	7	6	5	6	5	63% (C)
Silverknowes Park	5	6	5	2	4	6	7	7	4	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	10	0	7	0	0	6	6	5	6	3	58% (D)
St Margarets Park	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	3	7	6	8	8	5	5	10	0	8	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	71% (B)
St Marks Park	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	10	0	7	0	0	3	6	5	5	5	58% (D)
Starbank Park	9	8	9	8	9	8	9	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	7	9	7	0	9	9	8	10	9	10	9	9	88% (A)
Station Road Park	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	9	5	8	7	7	6	7	5	10	0	7	0	0	7	6	7	7	6	73% (B)
Union Park	6	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	5	5	6	5	7	6	5	5	10	0	6	0	0	5	7	5	7	5	60% (C)
Victoria Park	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	7	4	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	0	7	5	6	8	6	8	7	7	74% (B)
West Pilton Park	5	5	5	7	6	5	7	7	4	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	10	0	7	0	0	8	6	7	6	5	63% (C)



### 7.3 South East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Atholl Crescent	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	9	7	7	8	7	8	6	7	6	7	0	7	6	0	5	6	6	8	7	72% (B)
Barony Com Garden	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	9	8	4	4	7	8	6	7	5	7	0	6	0	0	6	7	5	5	2	64% (C)
Bauks View	6	8	7	7	9	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	7	8	8	6	10	0	9	0	0	9	6	6	8	8	74% (B)
Bellevue Crescent	6	5	8	4	6	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	0	8	6	0	3	6	6	7	7	66% (C)
Braid Hills	7	5	6	5	7	6	8	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	7	6	10	0	8	9	0	7	6	6	6	6	70% (B)
Braidburn Valley Park	8	8	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	5	7	8	7	6	10	0	8	7	6	9	6	9	8	8	76% (B)
Calton Hill	6	6	7	6	8	7	8	7	5	6	7	7	6	8	7	6	10	0	7	9	8	7	6	8	8	8	71% (B)
Coates Crescent	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	9	8	8	8	9	8	6	7	6	7	0	7	7	8	5	6	6	7	7	73% (B)
Deaconess	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	9	7	8	8	7	8	6	7	7	7	0	6	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	71% (B)
Drum Park	7	7	9	6	8	6	8	9	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	0	6	0	0	6	6	5	8	8	71% (B)
Dunbars Close Garden	7	7	6	6	7	8	7	8	8	9	8	7	7	6	7	8	7	0	8	7	7	8	6	8	6	6	72% (B)
Ferniehill Com Park	8	8	8	9	9	8	9	8	9	7	8	7	8	7	7	6	7	0	8	0	0	6	8	8	8	9	78% (B)
Fernieside Recreation	5	5	7	5	6	4	5	8	7	7	6	6	3	6	7	6	10	0	5	0	0	7	6	5	6	5	60% (C)
Gardners Crescent	7	8	6	8	8	7	8	10	7	7	7	8	7	6	5	6	10	0	6	9	9	6	6	7	7	7	73% (B)
Gayfield Square	7	6	6	4	5	6	7	8	7	5	7	7	8	6	7	6	10	0	5	4	0	6	6	8	6	6	64% (C)
Gracemount Com Pk	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	8	6	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	0	7	0	0	6	6	5	7	7	69% (C)
Grannys Green	6	5	6	5	7	6	8	8	6	7	6	7	6	6	7	6	10	0	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	6	66% (C)
Inch Park	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	7	10	0	8	6	8	6	6	6	8	8	72% (B)
Liberton Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	10	0	7	0	0	6	7	5	7	7	70% (B)
London Road Gardens	8	7	7	6	8	7	8	8	9	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	10	0	9	7	8	7	6	8	7	7	75% (B)
More dun Park	7	6	7	4	6	7	8	7	6	7	6	7	5	6	7	6	10	0	5	0	0	3	6	6	5	5	62% (C)
Morgan Playing Fields	7	7	8	6	9	9	7	7	7	8	7	6	9	6	7	6	10	0	6	0	0	4	6	5	7	7	70% (B)
Morningside Park	8	8	8	8	9	7	9	9	9	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	0	8	0	0	5	8	9	8	8	77% (B)
Mortonhall Com Park	6	5	6	4	6	7	6	9	9	7	7	0	6	6	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	3	6	5	8	7	66% (C)
Nicolson Square	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	0	7	6	8	6	6	6	8	8	75% (B)
Prestonfield Park	9	9	8	9	9	9	9	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	0	7	6	0	8	8	8	8	8	79% (B)
P'field War Memorial	7	7	8	5	7	7	9	6	6	5	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	0	7	0	7	8	6	6	8	7	70% (B)

## South East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Regent Road Park	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	7	5	7	6	7	7	10	0	8	0	6	4	6	7	8	8	70% (B)
Seven Acre Park	9	8	9	7	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	0	9	0	0	9	8	8	9	9	84% (A)
St Katharine's Park	7	7	8	7	7	8	7	4	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	9	10	0	8	0	0	8	8	8	7	8	76% (B)
St Patricks Square	6	8	8	6	6	5	8	6	6	5	6	7	7	6	7	6	7	0	6	5	5	5	7	6	7	8	64% (C)
The Meadows	7	8	7	9	9	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	0	7	7	7	9	8	9	7	8	76% (B)

## 7.4 South West Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Blinkbonny Park	5	6	4	6	8	6	5	10	8	6	6	8	7	8	7	9	10	0	8	0	0	6	6	6	5	2	66% (C)
Bloomiehall Park	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	10	0	8	0	0	7	6	7	7	8	77% (B)
Campbell Park	6	7	6	4	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	9	10	0	5	0	6	6	6	6	6	5	65% (C)
Colinton Mains Park	6	7	6	8	8	6	8	8	5	8	7	6	6	7	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	8	6	6	6	6	70% (B)
Curriemuirend Park	4	4	5	2	1	2	4	9	4	6	7	5	3	8	7	9	10	0	6	0	0	7	6	6	6	4	54% (D)
Dovecot Park	7	6	7	3	6	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	5	6	6	7	6	70% (B)
Fairmilehead Park	7	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	8	6	7	7	6	73% (B)
Fountainbridge Green	5	8	6	8	8	9	8	9	7	3	5	7	8	6	7	9	7	0	4	0	0	8	7	6	6	6	68% (C)
Gorgie/Dalry Park	5	6	6	5	7	7	6	7	6	5	7	6	6	8	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	4	6	6	5	3	63% (C)
Hailes Quarry Park	7	8	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	5	6	8	7	7	10	0	8	0	0	8	6	8	7	7	72% (B)
Harrison Park	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	6	7	6	7	6	7	9	7	0	8	0	0	8	6	8	8	8	75% (B)
KGV Park (Currie)	7	7	7	7	7	6	5	8	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	7	7	0	7	0	6	5	6	6	7	4	65% (C)
Marchbank Park	6	8	5	7	6	7	8	9	8	6	6	7	6	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	5	6	6	4	2	66% (C)
Meadowspot Park	7	8	7	6	5	6	7	8	7	7	7	5	7	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	4	6	4	7	5	66% (C)
Muir Wood Park	8	8	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	5	8	7	8	6	7	7	10	0	8	0	0	8	6	8	7	8	76% (B)
Murieston Park	8	8	7	7	8	8	9	9	8	5	8	8	8	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	8	6	7	7	6	76% (B)
Paties Road Rec	6	6	6	5	7	7	8	8	8	6	8	6	7	6	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	6	6	6	7	7	69% (C)
Pentland View Park	6	7	7	7	7	8	9	8	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7	10	0	4	0	0	6	6	6	5	2	67% (C)
Ratho Park	7	6	7	6	8	6	8	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	7	9	10	0	7	0	0	6	6	6	7	6	69% (C)
Redford Wood	6	8	6	6	6	7	6	8	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	9	10	0	8	0	0	7	6	6	6	5	70% (B)
Redhall Park	7	6	6	6	8	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	7	7	10	0	8	0	7	4	6	6	6	6	67% (C)
Saughton Park	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	6	7	8	8	8	7	9	9	5	7	0	7	9	8	9	9	9	7	7	76% (B)
Sighthill Park	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	6	6	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	6	6	6	6	6	5	65% (C)
Spylaw Park	8	8	8	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	8	0	7	6	6	8	7	7	72% (B)
Stenhouse Pl East	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	5	6	6	5	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	3	6	6	5	6	63% (C)
Whinhill Park	6	7	7	7	5	7	8	6	6	5	7	7	6	8	7	7	10	0	7	0	0	3	6	6	6	3	64% (C)
White Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	5	8	6	7	7	8	6	7	7	10	0	6	0	0	3	6	6	6	6	68% (C)

## 7.5 Natural Heritage Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Burdiehouse Burn	6	6	6	6	7	5	5	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	8	6	10	0	8	7	0	10	7	10	6	6	69% (C)
Cammo Estate	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	6	7	10	8	6	10	0	9	10	5	10	9	9	7	7	77% (B)
Colinton Dells	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	8	7	7	9	8	9	10	0	8	9	8	10	8	10	7	7	79% (B)
Corstorphine Hill	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	7	5	6	9	8	9	10	0	8	9	8	10	9	10	9	7	74% (B)
Craigmillar Castle	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	6	10	0	8	8	0	9	8	8	7	7	72% (B)
Cramond Foreshore	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	9	10	0	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	8	77% (B)
Easter Craiglockhart	9	8	8	7	9	6	8	9	9	9	9	7	8	9	8	9	10	0	9	9	0	10	10	10	9	9	87% (A)
Hermitage of Braid	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	9	8	9	10	0	9	9	7	7	8	9	8	9	79% (B)
Little France Park	6	7	6	6	5	8	7	4	6	6	8	8	6	8	8	9	10	0	8	7	0	1	7	5	6	4	65% (C)
Meadows Yard	7	5	7	3	6	5	5	8	7	7	7	6	6	9	8	9	10	0	9	7	0	6	6	8	6	7	68% (C)
Pentland Hills	9	7	9	8	9	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	10	9	9	10	0	10	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	87% (A)
Ravelston Woods	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	9	10	0	8	9	8	7	8	8	7	7	74% (B)
River Almond	8	7	8	6	9	5	8	7	7	6	7	6	7	9	8	9	10	0	9	9	7	9	9	9	7	8	78% (B)

## 7.6 Botanical Services Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Lauriston Castle	8	8	7	5	5	8	7	3	8	6	6	5	7	7	8	9	7	0	9	9	7	7	7	8	7	7	70% (B)
Princes Street Gardens	7	8	6	6	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	0	7	9	8	2	9	7	7	6	71% (B)

## 8 Desktop Criteria Scoring

As mentioned in the introduction to this document, some of the Green Flag Award field assessment criteria cannot be accurately assessed during a site visit and therefore we ask site managers to self assess those criteria to obtain a fuller picture of parks quality and to ensure that we retain options for benchmarking against other parks using the same scheme.

The guidance for scoring these criteria are reviewed whenever there is a need to ensure that current thinking and strategies are reflected in how parks are managed/maintained or when changes to the criteria are implemented by the administrators of the Green Flag Award scheme as has happened recently.

### Managing Environmental Impact

**It is likely that the guidance for scoring this criterion will be updated for 2020 to reflect the changes recently introduced by Keep Britain Tidy.**

Here is the reasoning for the current citywide score of 6 out of 10; however, site managers can adjust this score if sustainable practices have been implemented on site.

Un-metered electricity usage (which will include street lighting and Christmas lights in park) is monitored and is included within the scope of the Council's Carbon Management Plan.

The city has a number of Air Quality Management Areas and these will cover city centre parks. However, we are actively seeking to redress our air quality problems through our Air Quality Action Plan.

We have a Green Fleet Policy which applies to all Council vehicles active in park management and a number of specific initiatives e.g. electric scooters for environmental wardens have been brought forward in recent years;

In terms of water, an extensive programme of water repairs and metering in parks was taken forward a few years ago as part of a Council-wide Water management Project

Some parks may occasionally suffer from or be the source of noise pollution. However, an extensive programme of citywide noise mapping has been completed and a Noise Action Plan has been prepared by the Council and its partners.

### Waste Minimisation

The scoring of this criterion was reviewed in 2019 in an attempt to provide more accurate and fair scoring between areas when in theory the same practices will be universally applied throughout Edinburgh. However, managers will be making further decisions on a park by park basis and therefore some flexibility should be afforded in the guidance and scoring.

Score	Guidance
10	Specific strategy to minimise waste and where waste is generated, it is recycled as much as possible. Further monitoring with a view to ensuring that all materials used on site are recyclable.
9	Specific strategy to minimise waste and where waste is generated, it is recycled as much as possible. Further monitoring with a view to ensuring that materials used on site are recyclable as much as possible.
8	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Specific strategic planting to minimise green waste. Where green waste is generated, it is re-used or composted on site.
7	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Planting to minimise green waste. Where green waste is generated, most/all is re-used on site but some may be removed for recycling elsewhere.
6	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Specific attempts are made to minimise green waste. Where green waste is generated, some is re-used on site but most is removed for recycling elsewhere.
5	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Where green waste is generated, some is re-used on site but most is removed for recycling elsewhere.
4	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Where green waste is generated, all is removed for recycling elsewhere.
3	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Where green waste is generated, most is removed for recycling elsewhere but some goes to landfill.
2	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Where green waste is generated, some is removed for recycling elsewhere but most goes to landfill.
1	Council's litter recycling policy is adhered to. Where green waste is generated, it all goes to landfill.

## Pesticides/Herbicide

The scoring of this criterion is based on the decision to use chemical in parks and what actions site managers are taking in trying to reduce the amount used. The guidance was updated in 2019 in an attempt to provide more accurate and fair scoring between areas when in theory all parks should be adhering to the same decision that chemicals should only be used in Edinburgh's parks when necessary.

The following scoring guidance should be used:

Score	Guidance
10	Decision made not to use chemical under any circumstances
9	Decision made to not use pesticide/herbicide on site unless to control NNIS.
8	Alternative methods of weed control are used on site (mulching, hand weeding etc) which can be evidenced. Where chemical is used, it is used minimally, and a decision has been made to monitor and reduce the amount of pesticide/herbicide used with a view to total eradication over an advertised set period.
7	Alternative methods of weed control are used on site (mulching, hand weeding etc) which can be evidenced. Where chemical is used, it is used minimally, and a decision has been made to monitor and reduce the amount of pesticide/herbicide used with a view to ensure that chemicals are only used when absolutely necessary
6	Some methods of cultural weed control are used on site and efforts are made to monitor and reduce pesticide/herbicide use. i.e. spot treatment of weeds only.
5	Pesticide/Herbicide is used on site i.e. along edges, in channels to control weed growth and/or in bed preparation but is monitored.
4	Pesticide/Herbicide is used on site i.e. along edges, in channels to control weed growth and/or in bed preparation but is not monitored.
3	Pesticide/Herbicide is used liberally on site but is monitored.
2	Pesticide/Herbicide is used liberally on site and is not monitored.
1	Pesticide/Herbicide is used excessively on site

## Peat Use

The only use of peat by the Parks and Greenspace Service is in the production of bedding plants at the Council's Inch Nursery. A number of alternatives to peat have been incorporated into the growing mixes for plant production at the nursery, including; compost derived from the Council green waste collections, the nurseries own compost, worm cast, fine bark, vermiculite and sand. It was agreed that a score of 7 should apply where bedding is used in a site and 10 where no peat is used.

## Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

This criterion wasn't included in the assessments this year due to lack of timing but will form part of the assessments in future years. The Green Flag Forum look at appropriate strategies and develop some scoring guidance based on those findings.

## Conservation of Landscape

It was agreed following last year's assessment and at the Green flag forum that the guidance for this criterion should be reviewed to ensure that only parks that have an area of natural or historic interest, designation, Green flag Park or park within a historic area should be subject to a score otherwise n/a should be applied. The result of applying these changes to a number of parks have led to some strange increases/decreases which could have been averted by retrospectively amending previous data but would have in quite a few parks also have impacted on the overall score. It was therefore agreed to only apply the changes to this years results.

Score	Guidance
10	Site has a specific conservation plan that is being adhered to and is also designated an area of natural or historical interest.
9	Site has a specific conservation plan that is being adhered to.
8	Site is designated an area of natural or historic interest and has a management plan that provides details on how the site is being conserved and is being adhered to.
7	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections and is being managed to ensure that these features are being conserved to a good standard.
6	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections and most of these features are being conserved to a satisfactory standard.
5	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but <b>some</b> of these features need improved conservation management.
4	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but <b>most</b> of these features need improved conservation management.

3	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections, but <b>all</b> of these features need improved conservation management.
2	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but are in danger of being lost unless immediate action is taken.
1	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but have been lost due to poor conservation management.

### **Community Involvement**

The following guidance was used to judge the involvement of each site:

9-10	Very active in managing, maintaining and marketing the park. Holds lots of events, fundraising etc. Meets regularly.
8	Active in maintaining and marketing the park. Involved in management decisions regarding the park. Holds events, fundraising etc. Meets regularly.
6-7	Good involvement in maintaining and marketing the park. Holds some events etc. Meets regularly. School or sports club regular involvement.
5-6	Periodic involvement in maintaining and marketing the park. Periodic events. Meets Periodically. School or sports club occasional involvement.
3-4	Group exists with occasional involvement in maintenance or marketing. Meets occasionally.
2	Historical involvement but no longer active in maintenance or marketing. No meetings.
1	No group exists and no community involvement.

### **Community Provision**

A score of 6 out of 10 was awarded to every site based on the support from the Council in the form of providing facilities for community use, funding and support from Council Officers. Site managers can propose a new score if accompanied with evidence that additional community facilities/support are provided.

### **Marketing**

The following scale was used to judge Marketing and Promotion of each site unless site managers proposed a new score accompanied with evidence.

Score	Guidance
7-10	Site with community group or site manager producing regular newsletters, frequent updates of relevant and topical information in notice boards, frequent updates on websites.
7	Natural Heritage Site, Green Flag Award site
6-7	Notice boards and websites (Council, Edinburgh Outdoors, myParkScotland) frequently updated.
4-5	Notice board on site updated occasionally. Council and Edinburgh Outdoors listing only.
3-4	Notice board not or infrequently updated. Council and Edinburgh Outdoors listing only
1-2	Council and Edinburgh Outdoors listing only.