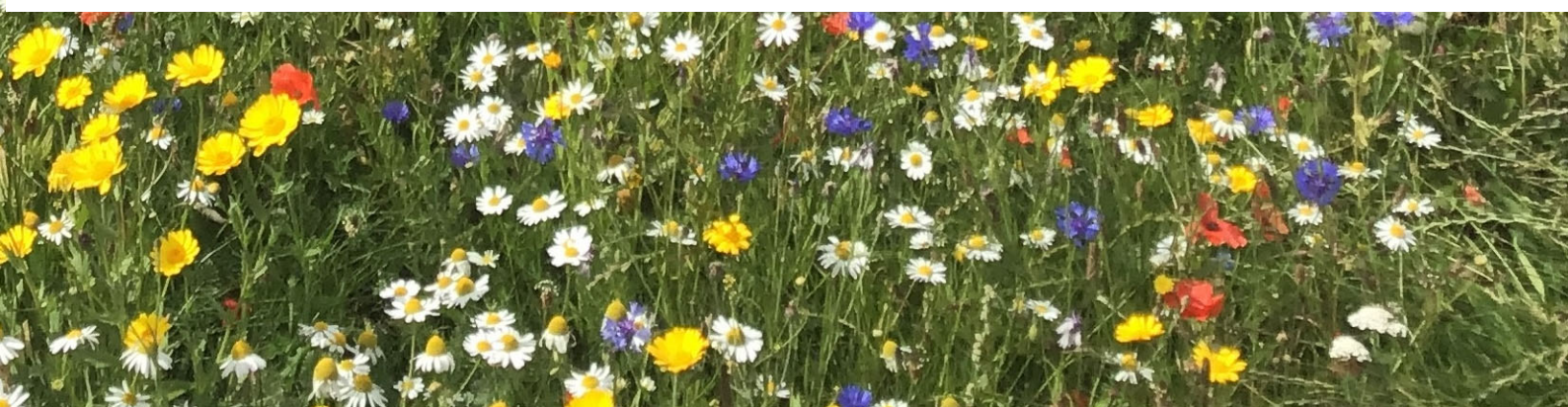




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2021



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1 Introduction

1.1 Covid Update

Due to the Covid pandemic, it should be noted that there were some enforced changes to the Park Quality Assessment program including the cancellation of the 2020 assessments, delaying the start of and extending the deadline of 2021 assessments, reduced availability of judges, recommending lone assessments and trying to keep them local. In addition, there was significant disruption to services resulting in only essential maintenance works being carried out initially but as things improved, more maintenance operations and other services resumed but all continue to play catch up whilst still dealing with issues including reduced staffing levels and revised working arrangements.

This document normally just reports data and statistics collated from the current and previous Park Quality Assessments results along with Green Flag Award information but with the cancellation of the 2020 assessments and some initially looking strange results it has been deemed helpful to provide some context both in terms of year on year analysis but also other potential factors that might not be evident if simply looking at the headline figures. Please see section 3.1 on page 7 for more information.

1.2 Parks, Greenspace & Cemeteries Service Vision

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".

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 future assessments.

Listed below are the categories and criteria. The criteria in red were not used in 2021.

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*)

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 2022*)

Some criteria names may be 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 assessment, along with a list of improvements carried out since the last assessment.

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 due to the subjective aspect of the assessments 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 easier to understand. 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%	60%	59% - 50%	49% - 0%

2.7 Sites

With no changes to the list, **141 park** and **16 Cemeteries** were identified to be assessed in 2021 with each site being assessed once.

A list of parks in each Locality and the list of cemeteries can be found in Section 5 – Area Results starting on page 18.

2.8 Localities

Natural Heritage and Botanical Sites continue to be included within Locality performance results due to the geographical aspects of the sites along with the continued support these sites obtain from the Locality, however Cemetery sites are not. For information purposes, separate supplementary information is made available for the Natural Heritage Service and Cemetery sites due to them being managed by separate service areas.

2.9 Assessors

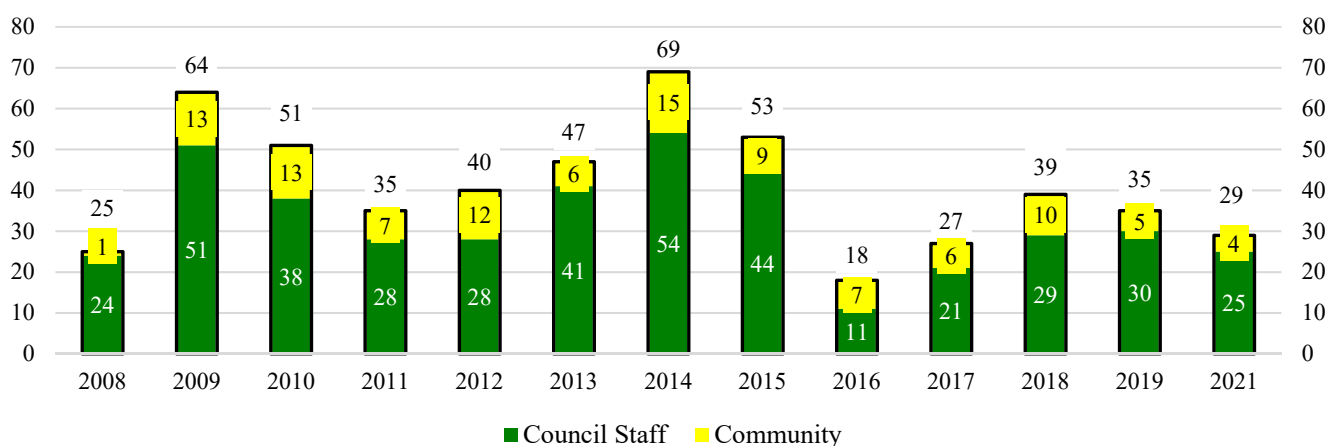
Whereby assessments would normally have been undertaken by teams comprising of an experienced lead officer (in most cases a formal Green Flag judge) with up to four assistant assessors, Covid significantly restricted both the availability of assessors and also the practical elements such as meeting up with others and car sharing etc. With these restrictions in mind, a decision was taken to restrict assessments to lone judging initially and when restrictions eased, assistants got involved by following social distancing protocols and undertaking separate transport arrangements.

Lead Assessors were all Council Officers who were either Green Flag judges and or experienced greenspace officers with assistants made up from Council officers and members of the community.

In total **29** Assessors were used to carry out this year's assessments and since 2008, over 140 different assessors have taken part with many being involved for two or more years.

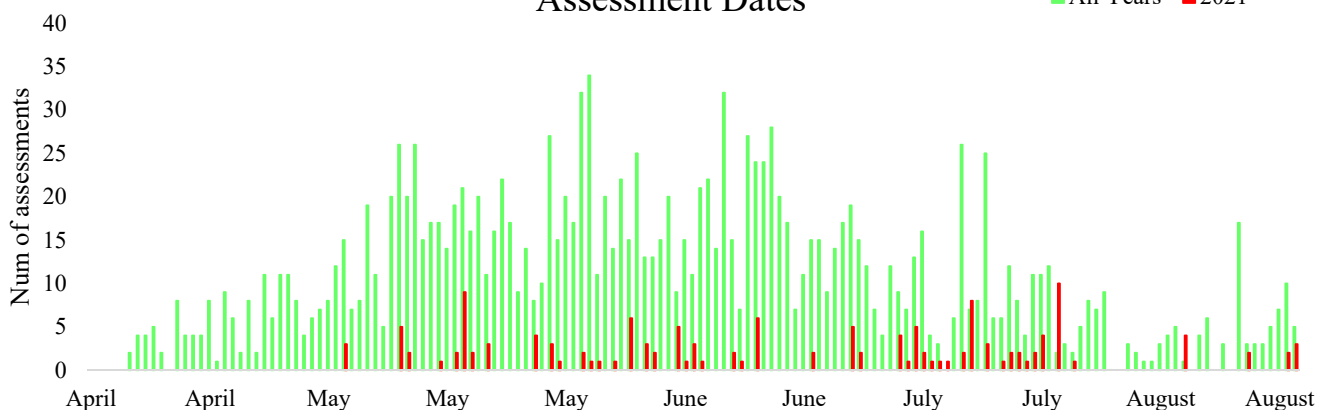
The charts below show the number of assessors taking part each year since 2008, when the assessments took place in 2021 and when they have taken place over the years.

Assessor Totals



Assessment Dates

All Years (green) 2021 (red)



3 Performance Results

3.1 Results context (Covid disruption)

Whilst this document normally just reports PQA results data it is felt a little context may be helpful in understanding how the disruption caused by Covid has impacted on the Park Quality Assessment program and how some of the results this year may appear to be at odds with what was perhaps expected following significant disruption to parks maintenance operations.

Like any other set of results, the headline figures are what most people will notice, and without any context, the results may be simply viewed as evidence of parks improving in quality over the past ‘year’ even though there were some major issues with Council services.

Pre-assessment information

Site managers had provided an update to park improvements and desktop scores/evidence just prior to lockdown in early 2020 in preparation for the 2020 assessments but which were ultimately cancelled. In March 2021, the consensus was that very few ‘improvements’ or changes to strategic thinking had taken place in parks over the previous twelve months due to the many pressing issues encountered during lockdown and the update provided by site managers in 2020 was still valid.

Pre Covid improvements and maintenance operations

At this point, it should be recognised that there would still have been normal levels of strategic improvements, site improvements and maintenance works carried out after the 2019 assessments right up until lockdown started in Spring 2020 and these would have been included in the 2020 managers update.

If Covid hadn’t occurred and the 2020 assessments had gone ahead as normal, they would have captured these improvements and we would have probably witnessed the same levels of increase as we saw this year.

Year on year comparisons

Looking back over previous results, we can see some scoring patterns emerging and the increases witnessed in 2021 fit in with the patterns of movement we would expect to see from a previous year. The previous year is the key term we feel as we are of course comparing this year’s results against the results from two years ago.

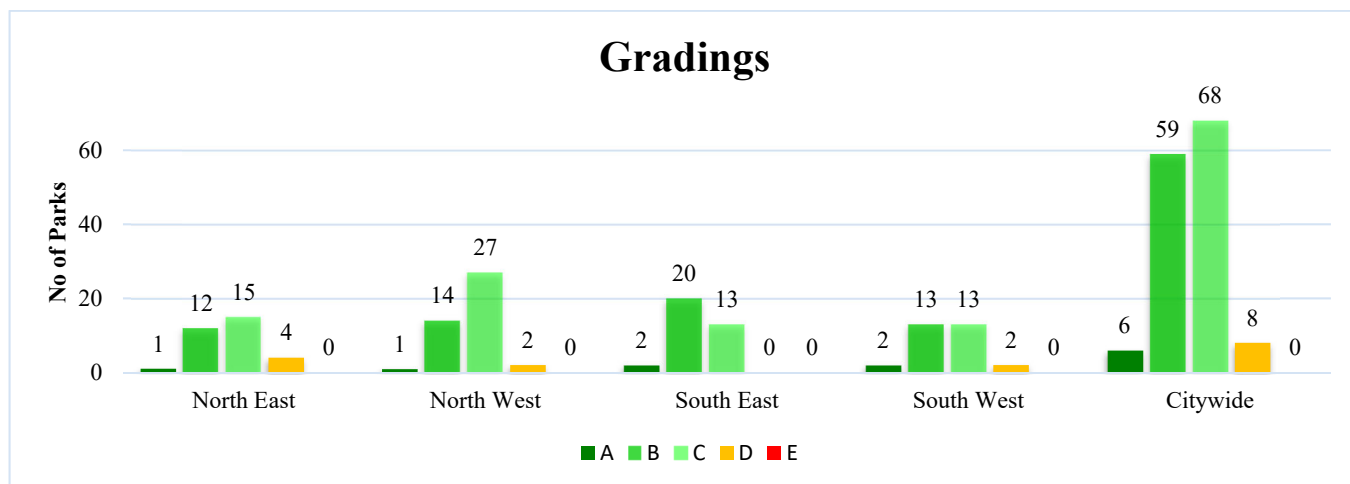
If we look any average Park Quality Score and compare it with the score two years previously, we can see a three-point rise. In ‘normal’ times, if we applied this pattern to the 2021 results, we would expect to see a three-point rise from 2019 but instead we only see a one-point rise. However, if we consider that in 2020, very little park improvements were carried out and the levels of disruption to maintenance operations were unprecedented and in effect 2020 could be viewed as a lull in terms of park quality then this rise is consistent.

Maintenance Operations

Whilst acknowledging the levels of disruption Covid had on park improvements and maintenance in 2020, it should also be noted that when the 2021 assessments were taking place, Council services were beginning to return including parks maintenance functions albeit whilst operating under revised working conditions and playing catch up. The opinion is that it was a case of hit or miss with some parks appearing to have returned to almost ‘normal’ whilst others were clearly still having issues.

3.2 Grading Summary

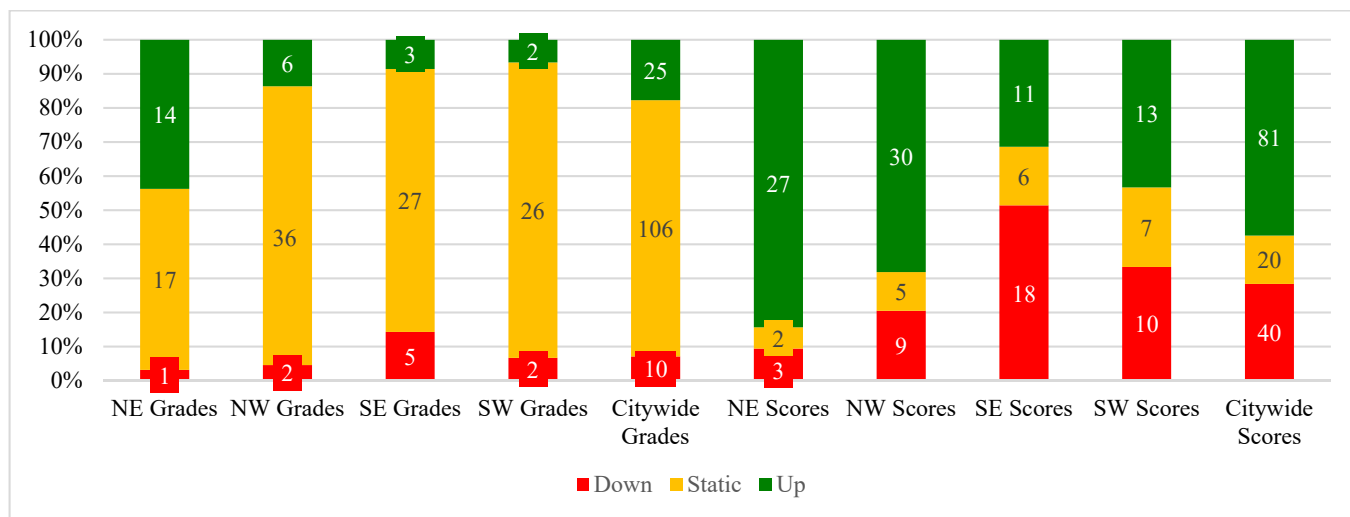
The chart and table below show a summary of the park gradings for 2021.



Locality	No of Parks	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
North East Edinburgh	32	1 3%	12 38%	15 47%	4 13%	0 0%
North West Edinburgh	44	1 2%	14 32%	27 61%	2 5%	0 0%
South East Edinburgh	35	2 6%	20 57%	13 37%	0 0%	0 0%
South West Edinburgh	30	2 7%	13 43%	13 43%	2 7%	0 0%
Citywide	141	6 4%	59 42%	68 48%	8 6%	0 0%

3.3 Grading & PQS Movements

The chart and table below show the number (and percentage) of grades & score movements.



Locality	No of Parks	Grade Movements			Score Movements		
		Up	Down	Static	Up	Down	Static
North East	32	14 44%	1 3%	17 53%	27 84%	3 9%	2 6%
North West	44	6 14%	2 5%	36 82%	30 68%	9 20%	5 11%
South East	35	3 9%	5 14%	27 77%	11 31%	18 51%	6 17%
South West	30	2 7%	2 7%	26 87%	13 43%	10 33%	7 23%
Citywide	141	25 18%	10 7%	106 75%	81 57%	40 28%	20 14%

3.4 Park Quality Score and Criteria Averages

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

Locality	No of Parks	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend
North East Edinburgh	32	61%	64%	64%	64%	68%	↑
North West Edinburgh	44	62%	63%	65%	66%	67%	↑
South East Edinburgh	35	67%	70%	71%	71%	71%	←
South West Edinburgh	30	62%	65%	66%	70%	70%	←
Citywide	141	63%	65%	66%	68%	69%	↑

The table below shows the criteria average scores for each Locality and citywide. The trend arrow next to each score indicates that scores movement compared to the previous assessment.

Criteria	North East	North West	South East	South West	Citywide
Welcoming Category					
Welcoming	6.3 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.7 ↑
Good & Safe Access	7.0 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.9 ↓	6.9 ←
Signage	6.0 ←	6.6 ←	7.3 ←	6.8 ←	6.7 ←
Equal Access	6.5 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.5 ↑
Healthy, Safe & Secure					
Levels of Quality Facilities	6.9 ←	7.2 ↑	7.4 ↓	7.2 ↑	7.2 ←
Safe Equipment and Facilities	6.7 ←	6.8 ↑	7.2 ←	6.8 ←	6.9 ↑
Personal Security	7.1 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.5 ↓	7.1 ↓	7.3 ←
Control of Dogs / Fouling	7.2 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.9 ↑	7.7 ↑	7.6 ↑
Well Maintained & Clean					
Litter and Waste Management	6.6 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.1 ↓	7.1 ↑
Horticultural Maintenance	5.9 ↑	6.2 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.4 ↑	6.3 ↑
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.0 ↑	7.2 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.2 ↑
Building & Infrastructure Maint.	6.4 ↑	6.4 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.6 ↑
Equipment Maintenance	6.4 ↑	6.7 ↓	7.1 ←	6.9 ←	6.8 ←
Environmental Management					
Managing Environmental Impact	7.3 ↑	6.9 ↑	6.7 ←	7.7 ↑	7.1 ↑
Waste Minimisation	6.2 ↑	6.5 ↑	7.1 ←	7.2 ←	7.4 ↑
Chemical Use	8.9 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.7 ↑	7.9 ←	9.6 ←
Peat Use	10 ←	9.9 ↑	9.0 ←	9.5 ←	6.7 ↑
Climate Change Adaptation	6.9 ←	6.3 ←	6.1 ←	6.1 ←	6.3 ←
Conservation Category					
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.7 ↑	6.9 ↓	7.4 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.1 ↑
Conservation of Landscape	7.6 ←	8.2 ↑	6.9 ←	8.8 ↓	7.5 ↓
Conservation of Buildings	6.8 ↓	6.7 ↓	7.0 ↓	7.0 ←	6.9 ↓
Community Category					
Community Involvement	6.2 ↑	5.4 ↑	6.3 ↑	6.5 ←	6.0 ↑
Appropriate Provision	6.4 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 ←	6.5 ←	6.5 ←
Marketing & Promotion					
Marketing & Promotion	6.9 ↑	6.0 ↑	6.8 ←	6.8 ←	6.6 ↑
Information Provision	5.6 ↑	6.1 ↑	7.2 ←	6.7 ↑	6.4 ↑
Education & Interpretation Info	5.0 ↑	5.5 ↑	7.1 ←	6.1 ↑	5.9 ↑

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.

It should be noted that the Edinburgh Minimum Standard was changed to a Parks Quality Score of 60% in 2018 which resulted in a significant drop in performance score when compared against the old standard.

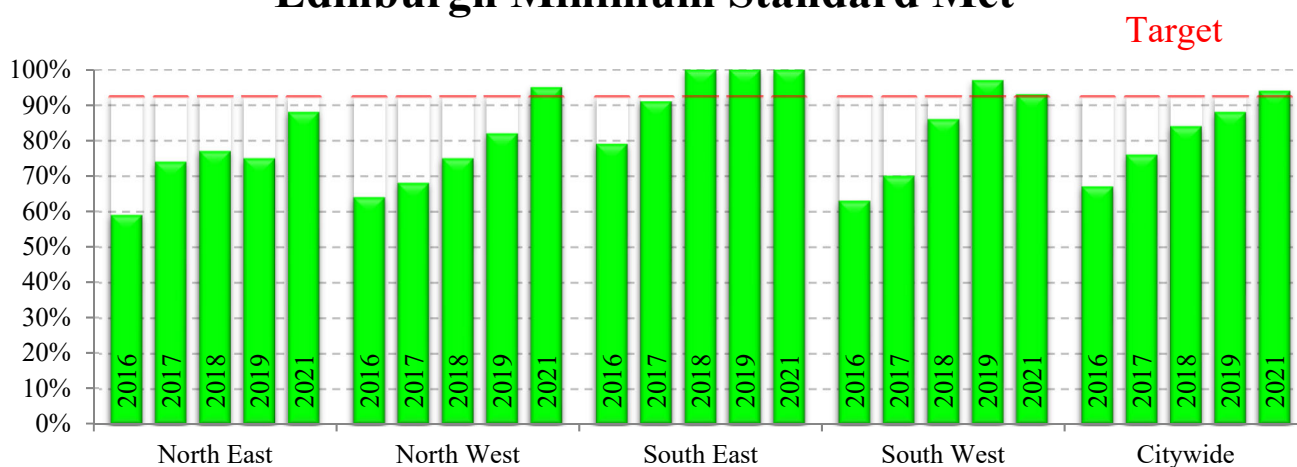
The targets and performance since 2008 are listed below including the old and new EMS which has been retrospectively amended to show year on year comparison.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Target	55%	65%	70%	75%	80%	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%
Perf Old EMS	56%	61%	68%	82%	82%	92%	91%	94%	96%	97%			
Perf New EMS	17%	17%	28%	36%	43%	50%	53%	60%	67%	76%	84%	88%	94%

The tables and chart below show the percentage of sites meeting the Edinburgh Minimum Standard in each Locality and citywide over the last five assessments. 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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Target Met
North East Edinburgh	19/32 59%	23/31 74%	24/31 77%	24/32 75%	28/32 88%	↑	No
North West Edinburgh	29/45 64%	30/44 68%	33/44 75%	36/44 82%	42/44 95%	↑	Yes
South East Edinburgh	27/34 79%	31/34 91%	34/34 100%	35/35 100%	35/35 100%	←	Yes
South West Edinburgh	19/30 63%	21/30 70%	25/29 86%	29/30 97%	28/30 93%	↓	Yes
Citywide	94/141 67%	105/139 76%	116/138 84%	124/141 88%	133/141 94%	↑	Yes









Edinburgh Minimum Standard Met




4 Citywide Results

4.1 Listed below are all parks in quality order. Parks listed by Locality can be found from page 18.

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2019	2021	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
1	Starbank Park 	Community	North West	88%	89%	+1%	0
2	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	South West	87%	86%	-1%	0
3	Pentland Hills Regional Park 	Regional	South West	87%	85%	-2%	-1
4	Seven Acre Park 	Community	South East	84%	82%	-2%	0
5	Figgate Burn Park 	Community	North East	78%	81%	+3%	+3
6	Hermitage of Braid / B'ford 	LNR	South East	79%	80%	+1%	-1
7=	Cammo Estate	LNR	North West	77%	78%	+1%	+5
7=	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	North West	74%	78%	+4%	+19
7=	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	North East	72%	78%	+6%	+29
7=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	North West	77%	78%	+1%	+5
7=	Ferniehill Community Park 	Community	South East	78%	78%	0%	+1
7=	Inverleith Park 	Premier	North West	77%	78%	+1%	+5
7=	Prestonfield Park 	Community	South East	79%	78%	-1%	-2
14=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden	North East	78%	77%	-1%	-6
14=	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	North West	74%	77%	+3%	+12
14=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	North West	78%	77%	-1%	-6
14=	Saughton Park 	Premier	South West	76%	77%	+1%	+3
18=	Braidburn Valley Park 	Community	South East	76%	76%	0%	-1
18=	Morningside Park 	Community	South East	77%	76%	-1%	-6
18=	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	South East	71%	76%	+5%	+26
18=	Victoria Park 	Garden	North West	74%	76%	+2%	+8
22=	Bloomiehall Park 	Community	South West	77%	75%	-2%	-10
22=	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	South West	79%	75%	-4%	-17
22=	Harrison Park 	Community	South West	75%	75%	0%	+1
22=	Muir Wood Park 	Community	South West	76%	75%	-1%	-5
22=	Murieston Park	Community	South West	76%	75%	-1%	-5
22=	St Katharine's Park 	Community	South East	76%	75%	-1%	-5
28=	Drum Park	Community	South East	71%	74%	+3%	+16
28=	The Meadows and B'field	Premier	South East	76%	74%	-2%	-11
30=	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	North West	72%	73%	+1%	+6
30=	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	South West	70%	73%	+3%	+20
30=	Fairmilehead Park 	Community	South West	73%	73%	0%	+2
30=	Hailes Quarry Park 	Community	South West	72%	73%	+1%	+6
30=	Inch Park	Garden	South East	72%	73%	+1%	+6
30=	Liberton Park	Community	South East	70%	73%	+3%	+20
30=	Little France Park	Natural	North East	65%	73%	+8%	+57
30=	Lochend Park 	Community	North East	74%	73%	-1%	-4
30=	London Road Gardens 	Garden	South East	75%	73%	-2%	-7
30=	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	75%	73%	-2%	-7
40=	Campbell Park	Community	South West	65%	72%	+7%	+47
40=	Davidsons Mains Park	Garden	North West	72%	72%	0%	-4
40=	Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	South East	72%	72%	0%	-4
40=	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	South East	73%	72%	-1%	-8
40=	Gracemount Community Park	Community	South East	69%	72%	+3%	+24
40=	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	71%	72%	+1%	+4
40=	KGV Park (Eyre Place) 	Garden	North West	74%	72%	-2%	-14
40=	Rocheid Path	Natural	North West	70%	72%	+2%	+10
40=	Station Road Park 	Community	North West	73%	72%	-1%	-8
49=	Brighton Park	Community	North East	67%	71%	+4%	+27
49=	Calton Hill	Premier	South East	71%	71%	0%	-5

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2019	2021	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
49=	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	68%	71%	+3%	+20
49=	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	North West	70%	71%	+1%	+1
49=	Meadows Yard	LNR	North East	68%	71%	+3%	+20
49=	Montgomery Street Park	Community	North East	69%	71%	+2%	+15
49=	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	70%	71%	+1%	+1
49=	Spylaw Park 	Community	South West	72%	71%	-1%	-13
49=	St Margarets Park 	Community	North West	71%	71%	0%	-5
58=	Abercorn Park	Community	North East	67%	70%	+3%	+18
58=	Bauks View	Natural	South East	74%	70%	-4%	-32
58=	Braid Hills	Natural	South East	70%	70%	0%	-8
58=	Brunstane Mill	Natural	North East	68%	70%	+2%	+11
58=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	South East	69%	70%	+1%	+6
58=	Regent Road Park	Community	South East	70%	70%	0%	-8
58=	Rosefield Park 	Community	North East	70%	70%	0%	-8
58=	Taylor Gardens	Garden	North East	63%	70%	+7%	+43
66=	Atholl Crescent	Garden	South East	72%	69%	-3%	-30
66=	Deaconess	Garden	South East	71%	69%	-2%	-22
66=	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	South West	69%	69%	0%	-2
66=	Pilrig Park	Community	North East	66%	69%	+3%	+14
66=	Ratho Park	Community	South West	69%	69%	0%	-2
66=	Roseburn Park	Garden	North West	63%	69%	+6%	+35
72=	Baronscourt Park	Community	North East	65%	68%	+3%	+15
72=	Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	73%	68%	-5%	-40
72=	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	North West	68%	68%	0%	-3
72=	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	North East	65%	68%	+3%	+15
72=	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	North East	64%	68%	+4%	+22
72=	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	59%	68%	+9%	+53
72=	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	South West	65%	68%	+3%	+15
72=	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	North West	70%	68%	-2%	-22
72=	Meadowfield Park	Community	North East	62%	68%	+6%	+37
72=	Newcraighall Park	Community	North East	68%	68%	0%	-3
72=	Pentland View Park	Community	South West	67%	68%	+1%	+4
72=	Portobello Community Gdn 	Community	North East	70%	68%	-2%	-22
72=	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	South East	70%	68%	-2%	-22
72=	White Park	Community	South West	68%	68%	0%	-3
86=	Blinkbonny Park	Community	South West	66%	67%	+1%	-6
86=	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	North West	65%	67%	+2%	+1
86=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	North West	61%	67%	+6%	+27
86=	Meadowspot Park	Community	South West	66%	67%	+1%	-6
86=	Ravelston Park 	Community	North West	70%	67%	-3%	-36
86=	St Patricks Square	Garden	South East	64%	67%	+3%	+8
86=	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	63%	67%	+4%	+15
93=	Gyle Park	Garden	North West	68%	66%	-2%	-24
93=	Marchbank Park	Community	South West	66%	66%	0%	-13
93=	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	South East	70%	66%	-4%	-43
93=	Redbraes Park	Community	North East	61%	66%	+5%	+20
93=	Redhall Park	Community	South West	67%	66%	-1%	-17

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2019	2021	+ / -%	+ / -Rk
98=	Barony Community Garden	Community	South East	64%	65%	+1%	-4
98=	Bingham Park	Community	North East	61%	65%	+4%	+15
98=	Clermiston Park	Community	North West	60%	65%	+5%	+20
98=	East Pilton Park	Community	North West	63%	65%	+2%	+3
98=	Fauldburn Park	Community	North West	63%	65%	+2%	+3
98=	King George V Park (S.Q)	Community	North West	62%	65%	+3%	+11
98=	Magdalene Glen	Community	North East	58%	65%	+7%	+29
98=	Sighthill Park	Community	South West	65%	65%	0%	-11
98=	St Marks Park	Community	North West	58%	65%	+7%	+29
98=	Whinhill Park	Community	South West	64%	65%	+1%	-4
108=	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	South East	66%	64%	-2%	-28
108=	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	South East	60%	64%	+4%	+10
110=	Granton Crescent Park	Community	North West	62%	63%	+1%	-1
110=	Jewel Park	Community	North East	57%	63%	+6%	+21
110=	Moredun Park	Community	South East	62%	63%	+1%	-1
110=	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	66%	63%	-3%	-30
110=	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	North West	61%	63%	+2%	+3
110=	Union Park	Garden	North West	60%	63%	+3%	+8
110=	West Pilton Park	Community	North West	63%	63%	0%	-9
117=	Allison Park	Community	North West	63%	62%	-1%	-16
117=	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	70%	62%	-8%	-67
117=	Gayfield Square	Garden	South East	64%	62%	-2%	-23
117=	Glendevon Park	Community	North West	60%	62%	+2%	+1
117=	Grannys Green	Garden	South East	66%	62%	-4%	-37
117=	Haugh Park	Community	North West	60%	62%	+2%	+1
117=	Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Community	North West	64%	62%	-2%	-23
117=	Leith Links	Premier	North East	60%	62%	+2%	+1
117=	Orchard (Brae) Park	Community	North West	60%	62%	+2%	+1
117=	Pikes Pool	Natural	North West	56%	62%	+6%	+16
117=	Ratho Station Park	Community	North West	64%	62%	-2%	-23
117=	Straiton Place Park	Community	North East	61%	62%	+1%	-4
129=	Balgreen Park	Community	North West	59%	61%	+2%	-4
129=	Drumbrae Park	Community	North West	58%	61%	+3%	-2
131=	Cairntows Park	Community	North East	52%	60%	+8%	+6
131=	Riverside Park	Community	North West	57%	60%	+3%	0
131=	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	North West	58%	60%	+2%	-4
134=	Gorgie Dalry Community Park	Community	South West	63%	59%	-4%	-33
134=	Keddie Park	Community	North East	55%	59%	+4%	0
136	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	46%	58%	+12%	+5
137=	Curriemuirend Park	Community	South West	54%	57%	+3%	-2
137=	Muirhouse Millennium Park	Community	North West	52%	57%	+5%	0
139	Hays Park	Community	North East	48%	55%	+7%	+1
140	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	North East	51%	54%	+3%	-1
141	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	North West	53%	53%	0%	-5

 = Green Flag Park

Cemeteries are not included in the above list but an indication of where they would rank citywide can be found on page 43.

4.2 Listed below are sites that have improved and deteriorated the most based on the difference in PQS between 2019 and 2021.

Most Improved

Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2019	PQS 2021	+ / - %	+ / - Rank
Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	46%	58%	+12%	+5
Joppa Quarry Park	Rec ground	North East	59%	68%	+9%	+53

Most Deteriorated

Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2019	PQS 2021	+ / - %	+ / - Rank
Dovecot Park	Community	South West	70%	62%	-8%	-67
Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	73%	68%	-5%	-40

↑ Henderson Gardens Park



Henderson Gardens Park (North East) was the most improved park in the city this year and saw 15 criteria scores increase with none falling. The overall PQS rose 12 points to 58% and the park is now classed as Grade D.

The judge commented on the park being well used but let down by encroaching vegetation and weeds along with litter. It was suggested that a notice board might help promote more community involvement and then hopefully less anti-social behaviour.

↑ Joppa Quarry Park



Joppa Quarry Park (North East) saw 12 criteria scores increase with none falling and the overall PQS rose nine points to 68% and the park now well exceeds the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

The judge commented on the park being pleasant and well used. The play areas are adequate for the location, but it has a few problems with graffiti, weed growth and there is damage to the gates. With a few additions to the park and some maintenance issues sorted, the score would most likely improve again.

Dovecot Park (South West) dropped in score the most this year and saw 10 criteria scores drop with no increases recorded. The overall PQS dropped eight points to 62%.

The judge commented on the park being having fairly limited options for significant improvement due to the park being predominantly used for sport. Access around the park continues to be an issue with no internal path network.



Coates Crescent Gardens (South East) saw eight criteria scores drop and the overall PQS dropped five points to 68% and also slipped from a Grade B to C park.

The judge commented on the park being very busy due to its location and had an interesting shrub bed with varied species, however the garden was let down by litter/weeds and graffiti on bins.



4.3 Results Summary

All summaries below are based on data from the results.

Gradings

Of the 141 parks that were assessed in 2021, only eight parks were judged as 'Grade D', leaving 133 (94%) as 'Grade C' or better. Six parks achieved 'Grade A' status (Starbank Park, Easter Craiglockhart Hill, Pentland Hills Regional Park, Seven Acre Park, Figgate Park and Hermitage of Braid/Blackford Hill) with another seven only two points away. At the other end of the scale, of the eight parks that have been graded as 'D', three are only one or two points off reaching a 'C' grade and the lowest park (Ratho Station Flyover Park) is seven points away.

The results also showed that 25 parks (18%) moved up a grade whilst 106 parks (75%) stayed the same and ten parks (7%) dropped a grade from 2019.

All parks in the South East Locality were judged as 'Grade C' or better whilst the North East Locality had the most parks (14) improving a grade. Unfortunately, all localities saw at least one park drop a grade but the South East saw the most parks (5) dropping down.

Park Quality Scores

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

Eighty one (57%) parks improved their score from the last assessment but unfortunately, 40 (28%) of Edinburgh's parks also fell in quality. The North West Locality had the most number of parks (30) increasing their scores and the South East had the most (18) falling.

The citywide average PQS continues to increase with the average Park Quality Score of an Edinburgh park now standing at 69%. North East Edinburgh increased two points to 68% and North West Edinburgh increased by one point to 67% whilst the South East and South West remained static on 71% and 70%. South East Edinburgh continues to have the highest average at 71%.

Starbank Park was judged to be the highest scoring park in Edinburgh again with a one point improvement to 89% and pushing the highest score ever recorded for an Edinburgh Park up further. Easter Craiglockhart Hill was second on 86% and Pentland Hills Regional Park was third with 85% but both dropped scores this year.

At the other end of the table, Ratho Station flyover Park (North West) remains on 53% and takes on the label of Edinburgh's worst scoring park from Henderson Gardens (North East) which increased its score 12 points to 58% and was also the most improved park, climbing five places in the rankings. It was pleasing to see that of the bottom 14 parks all but two increased their score this year. Dovecot Park (South West) dropped 8 points to 62% making it the most deteriorated park.

Edinburgh Minimum Standard

In 2021, 133 (94%) of the 141 parks assessed met the standard rising six points from the previous year's total of 124 (88%).

The South East Locality maintained its 100% performance and there were good increases in the North East and North West Localities bringing their totals to 88% and 95% respectively. Unfortunately, the South West Locality saw its percentage drop four points to 93%.

It is also worth noting that two parks currently sit just under the mark at 59% which are obviously within striking distance of the 60% Edinburgh Minimum Standard but it is also worth noting that there are three parks that scored 60% and two on 61% which could be in danger of falling under the mark. However, the good news is that these five parks all improved their score from the last assessment.

4.4 Criteria Average Score Summary

The table below shows the criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the current trend and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Citywide, 16 out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst two fell (Conservation of Landscape and Conservation of Buildings & Structures). In total, there were 720 instances where criteria scores improved, 2359 stayed the same and 401 dropped. Between the judge's comments, criteria scoring and the highlighted issues & recommendations in section 4.6, managers will should be able to identify areas where attention is needed most.

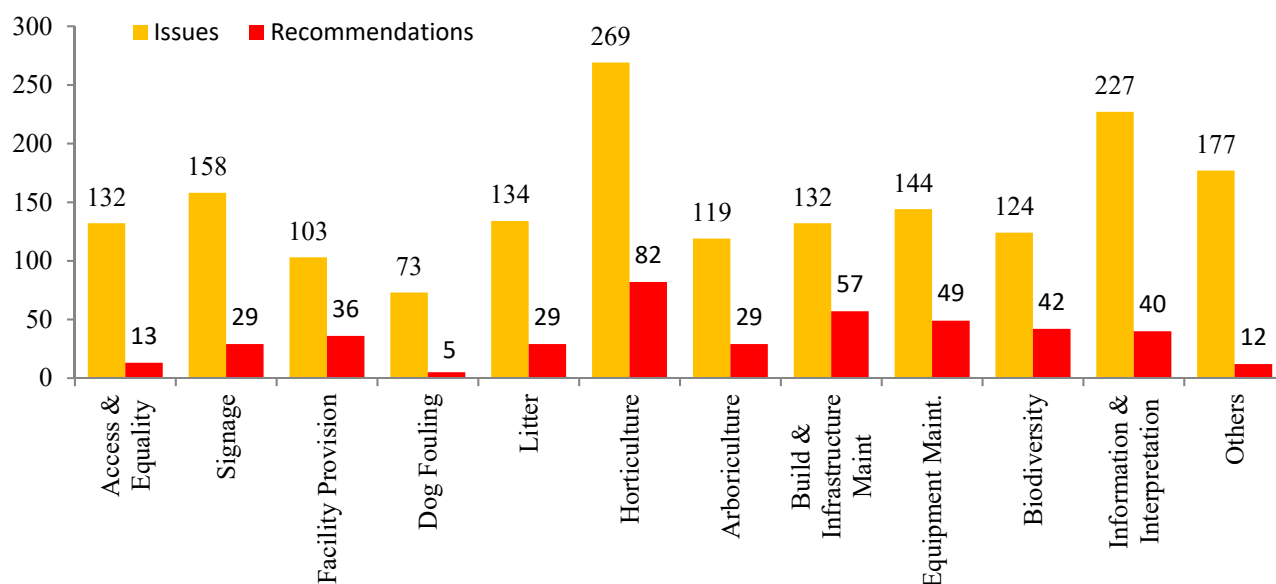
Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
Welcoming Category									
Welcoming	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7	↑	41	76	24
Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	←	20	104	17
Signage	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.7	←	33	78	30
Equal Access	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.5	↑	28	93	20
Healthy Safe & Secure Category									
Quality Facilities	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2	←	23	90	28
Safe Facilities	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.9	↑	34	80	27
Personal Security	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.3	←	26	97	18
Dogs Fouling / Control	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.6	↑	43	72	26
Well Maintained & Clean Category									
Litter Management	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.1	↑	46	67	28
Horticultural Maint.	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	↑	50	57	34
Arboricultural Maint.	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	↑	33	90	16
Infrastructure Maint.	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	↑	33	85	22
Equipment Maint.	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	←	36	72	33
Environmental Management Category									
Managing Env Impact	6.2	6.3	6.5	7.0	7.1	↑	19	120	2
Waste Minimisation	3.9	5.3	6.0	6.5	7.4	↑	53	88	0
Chemical Use	5.3	6.3	6.4	9.6	9.6	←	1	140	0
Peat Use	9.5	9.6	9.6	6.4	6.7	↑	47	94	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.3	←	0	141	0
Conservation & Heritage Category									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.1	↑	32	88	21
Cons. Landscape	6.0	6.2	6.4	7.6	7.5	↓	2	47	1
Cons. Buildings	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.9	↓	12	30	7
Community Involvement Category									
Community Inv.	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	↑	12	127	2
Appropriate Prov.	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	←	6	134	1
Marketing & Promotion Category									
Marketing	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.6	↑	16	119	6
Information	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.4	↑	35	82	24
Interpretation	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.9	↑	39	88	14

4.5 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 and by doing so provide a driver for improvement across all parks.

In total, 1792 issues were identified from judges' comments and arising from those issues, 423 recommendations were put forward for managers to implement before the next assessment.

The chart below shows the number of issues and recommendations for each of the categories across all parks.



4.6 Park Improvement & Management Plans

Park Quality Assessments provide the site manager with information that can be used to identify areas for improvement, promotion or the sharing of good practice as well as using the results to evidence recent improvements/strategies are having the desired effect.

It is intended that managers use all the available information including the recommendations from judges to create or update park improvement/action plans. This is particularly important where the site is a current Green Flag Award park and the action plan forms part of the management plan which needs to be updated regularly.

4.7 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;

- Actions to improve the eight parks that failed to meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.
- Discuss the EMS mark of 60% and the number of sites reaching the mark.
- Discuss the impact Covid has had on parks quality.
- Identify citywide/area improvement actions from the results/recommendations.
- Identifying new parks suitable for Green Flag Award submission and confirming continued participation of existing GFA parks.
- Agree desktop assessment guidance and 2022 assessment process.

5 Area Results

5.1 North East Edinburgh

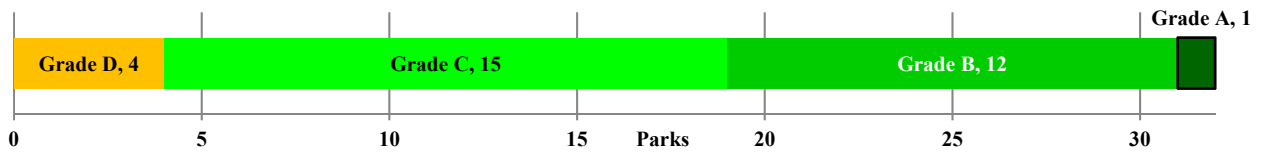
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS short term trend indicator and whether or not the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Abercorn Park	C (70%)	B (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Baronscourt Park	D (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Bingham Park	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Brighton Park	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	B (71%)	←	✓
Brunstane Mill	C (70%)	C (72%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Cairntows Park	E (48%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	D (52%)	C (60%)	↑	✓
Craigmillar Castle Park 	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (78%)	↑	✓
Dalmeny Street Park	D (56%)	C (56%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Figgate Burn Park 	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	A (81%)	↑	✓
Hays Park	E (48%)	E (49%)	D (51%)	E (48%)	D (55%)	↑	✗
Henderson Gardens Park	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (46%)	D (58%)	↑	✗
Hillside Crescent Gardens	C (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	↑	✓
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	↓	✓
Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	C (62%)	C (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Jewel Park	D (57%)	D (58%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Joppa Quarry Park	D (60%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Keddie Park	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	↑	✗
Leith Links	C (63%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Little France Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	C (65%)	B (73%)	↑	✓
Lochend Park 	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	↓	✓
Magdalene Glen	D (54%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Meadowfield Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	↑	✓
Meadows Yard	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	↑	✓
Montgomery Street Park	C (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	↑	✓
Newcraighall Park	C (69%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	←	✓
Pilrig Park	D (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Portobello Community Garden 	B (70%)	B (63%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Redbraes Park	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (66%)	↑	✓
Rosefield Park 	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	←	✓
Seafield Recreation Ground	D (51%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	D (51%)	D (54%)	↑	✗
Straiton Place Park	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Taylor Gardens	C (57%)	C (59%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	B (70%)	↑	✓

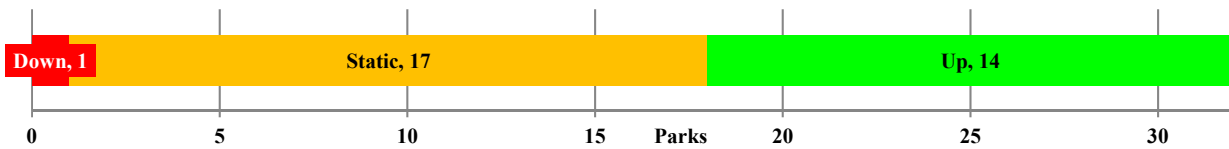
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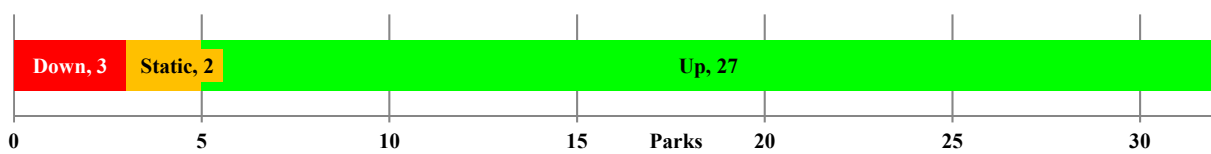
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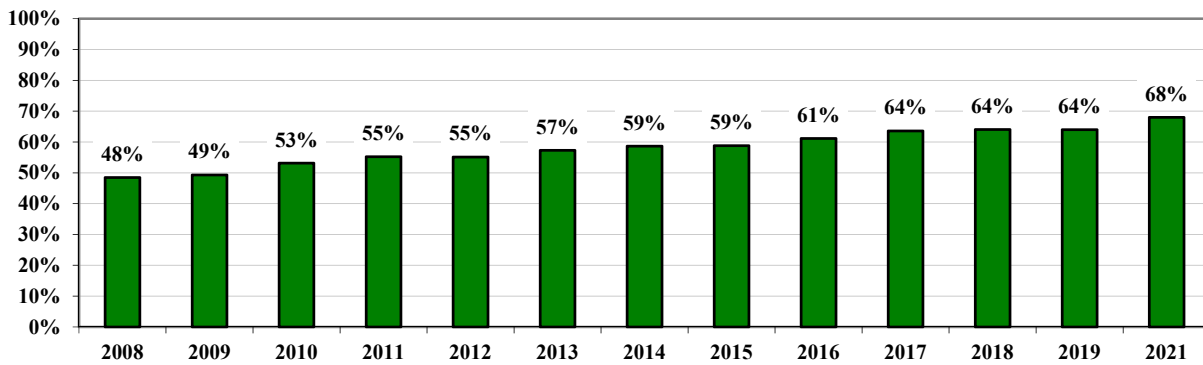
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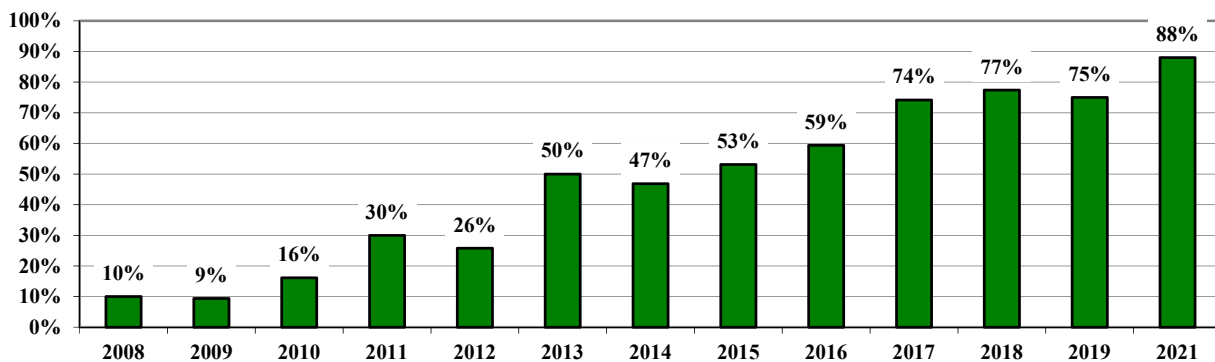
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Park Quality Score Averages



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard





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Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

North East Edinburgh Locality – 32 Parks

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	↑	10	14	8
Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	7.0	↑	6	23	3
Signage	5.9	6.1	5.8	6.0	6.0	↔	7	19	6
Equal Access	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5	↑	8	19	5
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.9	↔	3	23	6
Safe Facilities	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	↔	6	19	7
Personal Security	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.1	↑	6	22	4
Dogs Fouling / Control	7.1	6.5	6.9	7.0	7.2	↑	8	19	5
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	6.3	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.6	↑	14	16	2
Horticultural Maint.	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.9	↑	17	9	6
Arboricultural Maint.	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	7.0	↑	9	17	4
Infrastructure Maint.	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.4	↑	8	20	4
Equipment Maint.	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.4	↑	10	17	5
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.1	6.4	6.4	7.1	7.3	↑	5	27	0
Waste Minimisation	3.9	6.1	6.1	5.3	6.2	↑	29	3	0
Chemical Use	5.0	7.1	7.1	5.4	8.9	↑	28	4	0
Peat Use	9.9	10	10	10	10	↔	0	32	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.9	↔	0	32	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.7	↑	10	18	4
Cons. Landscape	5.9	6.0	6.0	7.6	7.6	↔	0	14	0
Cons. Buildings	6.4	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.8	↓	4	8	0
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.2	↑	5	27	0
Appropriate Prov.	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.4	↑	1	31	0
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.4	6.9	↑	13	13	6
Information	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.6	↑	10	16	6
Interpretation	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.6	5.0	↑	11	16	5

North East Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score with ranking movements

Locality Rank (+/- movement)	Citywide Rank (+/- movement)	Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - PQS
1 (0)	5 (+3)	Figgate Burn Park 	Community	78%	81%	+3%
2 (+2)	7= (+29)	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	72%	78%	+6%
3 (-2)	14= (-6)	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden	78%	77%	-1%
4= (+11)	30= (+57)	Little France Park	Natural	65%	73%	+8%
4 (-1)	30= (-4)	Lochend Park 	Community	74%	73%	-1%
6 (-1)	40= (+4)	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	71%	72%	+1%
7= (+5)	49= (+27)	Brighton Park	Community	67%	71%	+4%
7= (+2)	49= (+20)	Meadows Yard	LNR	68%	71%	+3%
7 (+1)	49= (+15)	Montgomery Street Park	Community	69%	71%	+2%
10= (+2)	58= (+18)	Abercorn Park	Community	67%	70%	+3%
10= (-1)	58= (+11)	Brunstane Mill	Natural	68%	70%	+2%
10= (-4)	58= (-8)	Rosefield Park 	Community	70%	70%	0%
10 (+9)	58= (+43)	Taylor Gardens	Garden	63%	70%	+7%
14 (0)	66= (+14)	Pilrig Park	Community	66%	69%	+3%
15= (0)	72= (+15)	Baronscourt Park	Community	65%	68%	+3%
15= (0)	72= (+15)	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	65%	68%	+3%
15= (+3)	72= (+22)	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	64%	68%	+4%
15= (+10)	72= (+53)	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	59%	68%	+9%
15= (+5)	72= (+37)	Meadowfield Park	Community	62%	68%	+6%
15= (-6)	72= (-3)	Newcraighall Park	Community	68%	68%	0%
15 (-9)	72= (-22)	Portobello Community Gdn 	Community	70%	68%	-2%
22 (-1)	93= (+20)	Redbraes Park	Community	61%	66%	+5%
23= (-2)	98= (+15)	Bingham Park	Community	61%	65%	+4%
23 (+3)	98= (+29)	Magdalene Glen	Community	58%	65%	+7%
25 (+2)	110= (+21)	Jewel Park	Community	57%	63%	+6%
26= (-2)	117= (+1)	Leith Links	Premier	60%	62%	+2%
26 (-5)	117= (-4)	Straiton Place Park	Community	61%	62%	+1%
28 (+1)	131= (+6)	Cairntows Park	Community	52%	60%	+8%
29 (-1)	134= (0)	Keddie Park	Community	55%	59%	+4%
30 (+2)	136 (+5)	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	46%	58%	+12%
31 (0)	139 (+1)	Hays Park	Community	48%	55%	+7%
32 (-2)	140 (-1)	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	51%	54%	+3%

 = Green Flag Park

Highest and lowest scoring North East Edinburgh parks

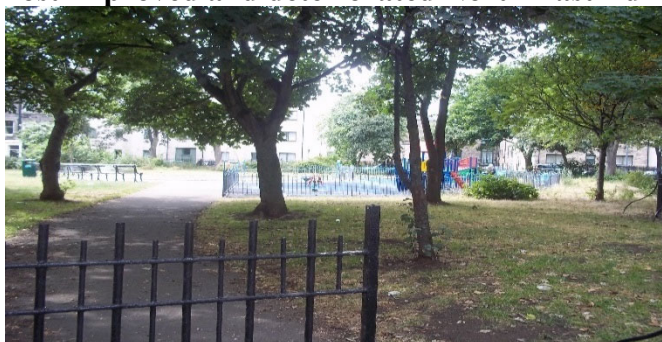


Figgate Park is the highest scoring park in the North East with a PQS of 81% and a rise of three points from 2019.



Seafield Recreation Ground is the lowest scoring park in the Locality but has improved by three points to 54%.

Most improved and deteriorated North East Edinburgh parks



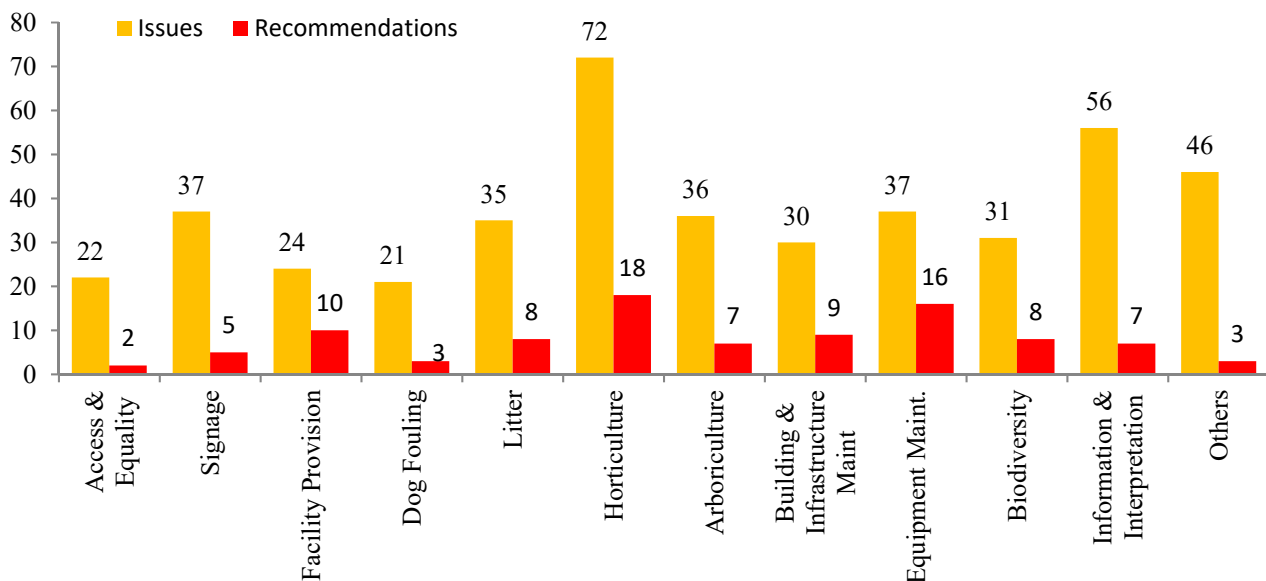
Henderson Gardens is the most improved park in North East Edinburgh with an increase of 12 points to 58%.



Portobello Community Garden has deteriorated in quality the most falling two points to 68%.











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 categories across all parks in the Locality.




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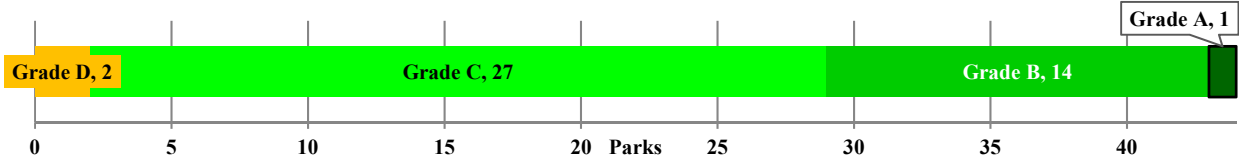
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS short term trend indicator and whether or not the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Allison Park	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Balgreen Park	C (60%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	C (61%)	↑	✓
Buttercup Farm Park	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	↑	✓
Cammo Estate	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (77%)	B (78%)	↑	✓
Clermiston Park	C (60%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Corstorphine Hill LNR 	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	↑	✓
Cramond Foreshore	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (77%)	B (78%)	↑	✓
Cramond Walled Garden	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	↔	✓
Davidsons Mains Park	C (66%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	↔	✓
Drumbrae Park	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	↑	✓
East Pilton Park	C (62%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Easter Drylaw Park	D (58%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	↑	✓
Fauldburn Park	C (60%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	C (60%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (61%)	C (67%)	↑	✓
Glendevon Park	D (56%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Granton Crescent Park	D (57%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Gyle Park	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	↓	✓
Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	C (65%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	↑	✓
Haugh Park	D (59%)	C (61%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Inverleith Park 	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (77%)	B (77%)	B (78%)	↑	✓
King George V Park (Eyre Pl.) 	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	↓	✓
King George V Park (S. Queensferry)	D (57%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Lauriston Castle 	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (57%)	↑	✗
Orchard Brae Park	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Parkside, Newbridge	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Pikes Pool	D (55%)			D (56%)	C (62%)	↑	✓
Ratho Station Flyover Park	E (46%)	D (53%)	E (48%)	D (53%)	D (53%)	↔	✗
Ratho Station Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Ravelston Park 	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	↓	✓
Ravelston Woods LNR 	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (77%)	↑	✓
River Almond Walkway	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	↓	✓
Riverside Park	D (54%)	D (50%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	↑	✓
Rocheid Path	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	↑	✓
Roseburn Park	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	↑	✓
Silverknowes Park	E (49%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	↑	✓
St Margarets Park 	B (71%)	C (68%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	B (71%)	↔	✓
St Marks Park	D (56%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Starbank Park 	B (78%)	A (83%)	A (86%)	A (88%)	A (89%)	↑	✓
Station Road Park 	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	↓	✓

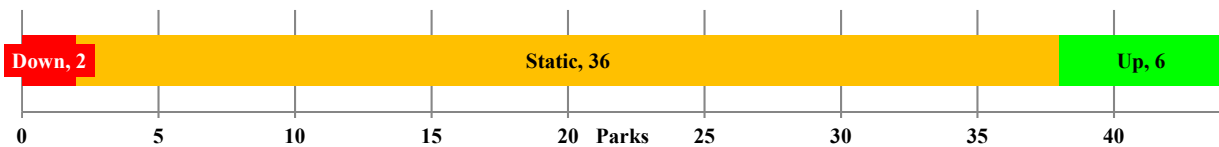
Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Union Park	D (54%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	↑	☑
Victoria Park 	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	↑	☑
West Pilton Park	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	↔	☑

 = Green Flag Award park

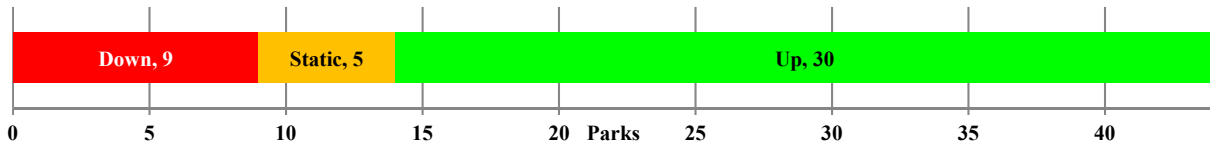
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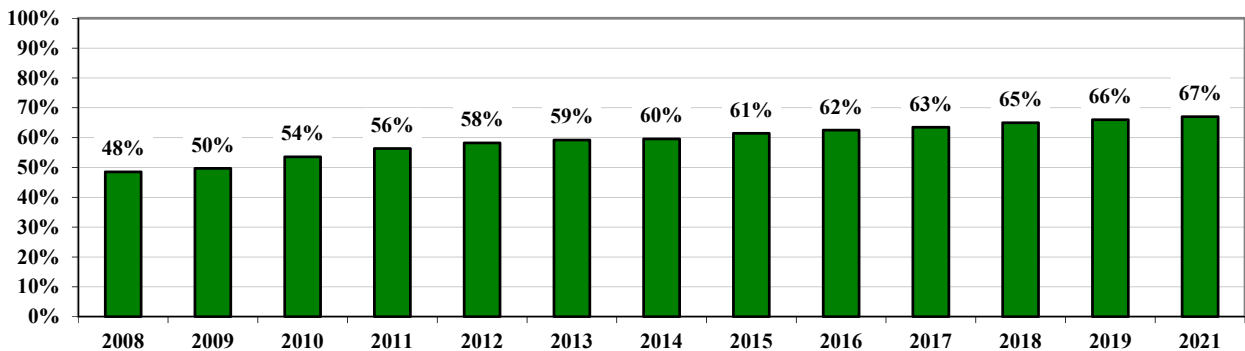
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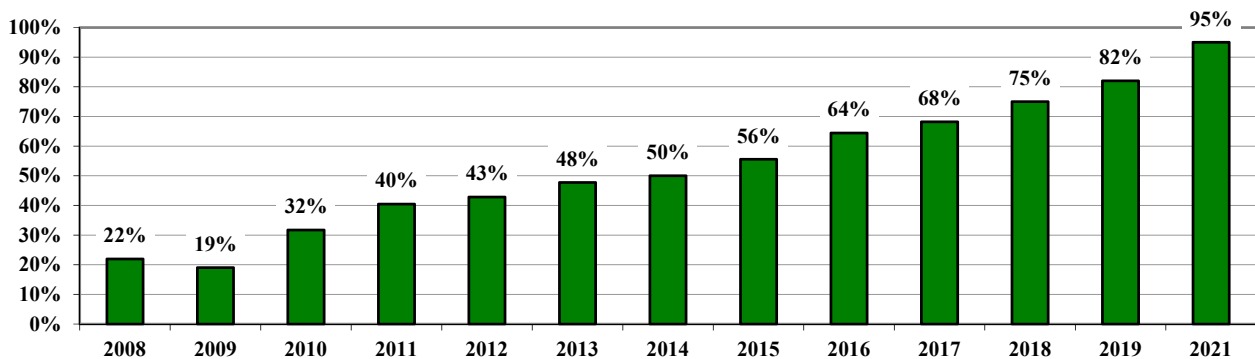
Score Movements



Park Quality Score Averages



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard














North West Edinburgh

Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

North West Edinburgh Locality – 44 Parks

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.7	↑	18	21	5
Good & Safe Access	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.8	↑	8	32	4
Signage	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	↔	10	25	9
Equal Access	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	↑	10	30	4
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.2	↑	9	27	8
Safe Facilities	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.8	↑	14	22	8
Personal Security	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	↑	11	30	3
Dogs Fouling / Control	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	↑	13	23	8
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.4	↑	17	19	8
Horticultural Maint.	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.2	↑	17	18	9
Arboricultural Maint.	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.2	↑	12	29	3
Infrastructure Maint.	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	↑	9	30	5
Equipment Maint.	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	↓	7	26	11
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.9	↑	11	31	2
Waste Minimisation	3.6	4.1	5.6	6.1	6.5	↑	18	26	0
Chemical Use	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.7	↑	23	21	0
Peat Use	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	↑	1	43	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.3	↔	0	44	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.9	↓	8	24	12
Cons. Landscape	5.9	6.2	6.7	8.0	8.2	↑	1	11	0
Cons. Buildings	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.7	↓	3	9	1
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	5.0	5.4	4.9	5.1	5.4	↑	6	36	2
Appropriate Prov.	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	↑	4	39	1
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0	↑	3	41	0
Information	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	↑	12	22	10
Interpretation	4.2	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.5	↑	11	29	4

North West Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score with ranking movements

Locality Rank (+/- movement)		Citywide Rank (+/- movement)		Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - PQS
1	(0)	1	(0)	Starbank Park 	Community	88%	89%	+1%
2=	(+1)	7=	(+5)	Cammo Estate	LNR	77%	78%	+1%
2=	(+4)	7=	(+19)	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	74%	78%	+4%
2=	(+1)	7=	(+5)	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	77%	78%	+1%
2	(+1)	7=	(+5)	Inverleith Park 	Premier	77%	78%	+1%
6=	(0)	14=	(+12)	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	74%	77%	+3%
6	(-4)	14=	(-6)	River Almond Walkway	Natural	78%	77%	-1%
8	(-2)	18=	(+8)	Victoria Park 	Garden	74%	76%	+2%
9	(+2)	30=	(+6)	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	72%	73%	+1%
10=	(+1)	40=	(-4)	Davidsons Mains Park	Garden	72%	72%	0%
10=	(-4)	40=	(-14)	KGV Park (Eyre Place) 	Garden	74%	72%	-2%
10=	(+4)	40=	(+10)	Rocheid Path	Natural	70%	72%	+2%
10	(0)	40=	(-8)	Station Road Park 	Community	73%	72%	-1%
14=	(0)	49=	(+1)	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	70%	71%	+1%
14	(-1)	49=	(-5)	St Margarets Park 	Community	71%	71%	0%
16	(+7)	66=	(+35)	Roseburn Park	Garden	63%	69%	+6%
17=	(+1)	72=	(-3)	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	68%	68%	0%
17	(-3)	72=	(-22)	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	70%	68%	-2%
19=	(+1)	86=	(+1)	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	65%	67%	+2%
19=	(+11)	86=	(+27)	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	61%	67%	+6%
19	(-5)	86=	(-36)	Ravelston Park 	Community	70%	67%	-3%
22	(-4)	93=	(-24)	Gyle Park	Garden	68%	66%	-2%
23=	(+9)	98=	(+20)	Clermiston Park	Community	60%	65%	+5%
23=	(0)	98=	(+3)	East Pilton Park	Community	63%	65%	+2%
23=	(0)	98=	(+3)	Fauldburn Park	Community	63%	65%	+2%
23=	(+5)	98=	(+11)	KGV Park (S.Queensferry)	Community	62%	65%	+3%
23	(+15)	98=	(+29)	St Marks Park	Community	58%	65%	+7%
28=	(0)	110=	(-1)	Granton Crescent Park	Community	62%	63%	+1%
28=	(+2)	110=	(+3)	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	61%	63%	+2%
28=	(+4)	110=	(+8)	Union Park	Garden	60%	63%	+3%
28	(-5)	110=	(-9)	West Pilton Park	Community	63%	63%	0%
32=	(-9)	117=	(-16)	Allison Park	Community	63%	62%	-1%
32=	(0)	117=	(+1)	Glendevon Park	Community	60%	62%	+2%
32=	(0)	117=	(+1)	Haugh Park	Community	60%	62%	+2%
32=	(-11)	117=	(-23)	Inchcolm Park	Community	64%	62%	-2%
32=	(0)	117=	(+1)	Orchard (Brae) Park	Community	60%	62%	+2%
32=	(+10)	117=	(+16)	Pikes Pool	Natural	56%	62%	+6%
32	(-11)	117=	(-23)	Ratho Station Park	Community	64%	62%	-2%
39=	(-2)	129=	(-4)	Balgreen Park	Community	59%	61%	+2%
39	(-1)	129=	(-2)	Drumrae Park	Community	58%	61%	+3%
41=	(0)	131=	(0)	Riverside Park	Community	57%	60%	+3%
41	(-3)	131=	(-4)	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	58%	60%	+2%
43	(+1)	137=	(0)	Muirhouse Millennium Park	Community	52%	57%	+5%
44	(-1)	141	(-5)	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	53%	53%	0%

Highest and lowest scoring North West Edinburgh Parks



Starbank Park was the highest scoring park in the North West and has also currently been judged as the best park in Edinburgh with a PQS of 89%.



Ratho Station Flyover Park was the lowest scoring park in the North West with a PQS of 53% and has also been judged as in the worst park in Edinburgh.

Most improved and deteriorated North West Edinburgh Parks



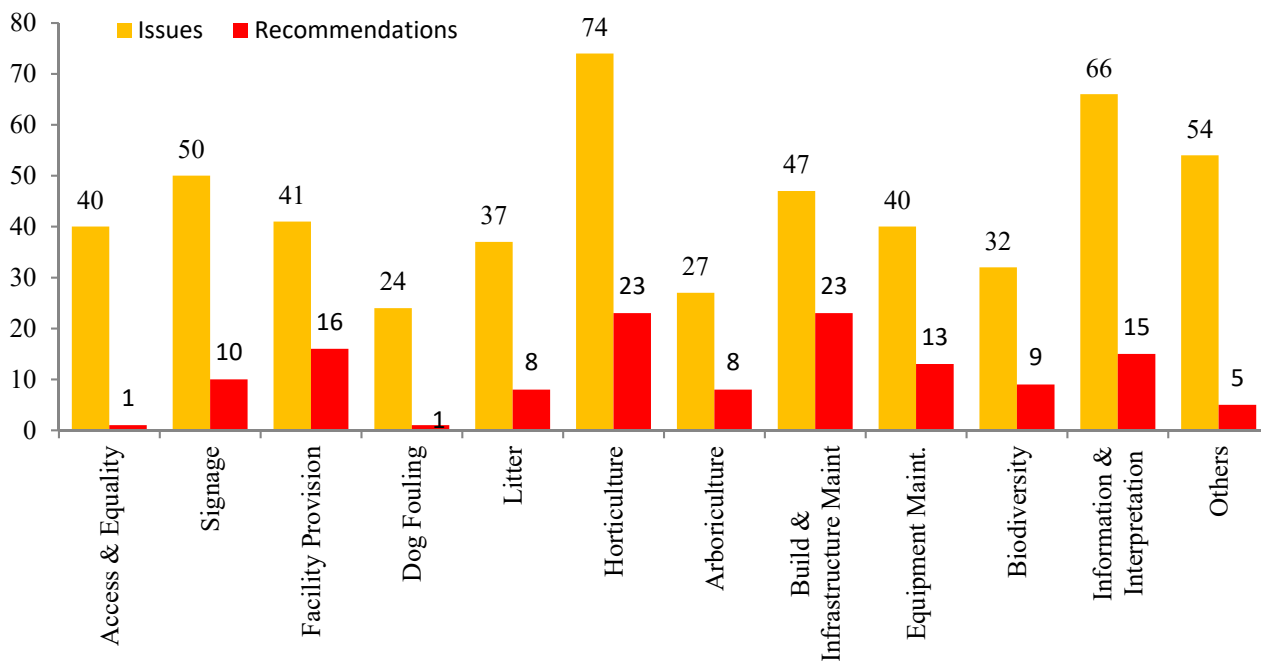
St Mark’s Park was the most improved park in North West Edinburgh with an increase of seven points to 65%.



Ravelston Park has deteriorated in quality the most falling three points to 67%.











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 categories across all parks in the Locality.



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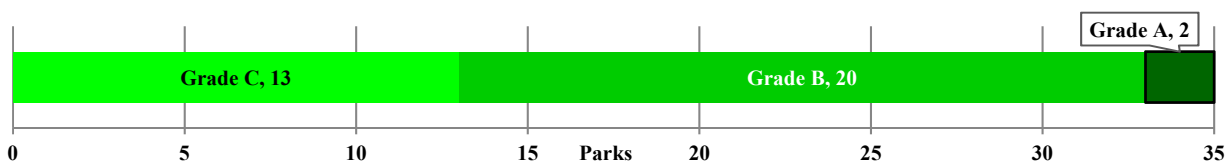
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Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Atholl Crescent	D (56%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	↓	✓
Barony Community Garden				C (64%)	C (65%)	↑	✓
Bauks View	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (74%)	B (70%)	↓	✓
Bellevue Crescent Gardens	E (42%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	C (64%)	↓	✓
Braid Hills	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	↔	✓
Braidburn Valley Park 	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (76%)	↔	✓
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	↑	✓
Calton Hill	D (58%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	B (71%)	B (71%)	↔	✓
Coates Crescent	D (53%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Deaconess	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	↓	✓
Drum Park	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (74%)	↑	✓
Dunbar's Close Garden	B (71%)	B (75%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	↔	✓
Ferniehill Community Park 	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	↔	✓
Fernieside Recreation Ground	C (62%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	↑	✓
Gardner's Crescent	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	↓	✓
Gayfield Square	D (52%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Gracemount Community Park	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	↑	✓
Granny's Green	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	↓	✓
Hermitage of Braid inc B'ford Hill 	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	B (79%)	A (80%)	↑	✓
Inch Park	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	↑	✓
Liberton Park	B (70%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	↑	✓
London Road Gardens 	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (73%)	↓	✓
Moredun Park	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	↑	✓
Morgan Playing Fields	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	C (66%)	↓	✓
Morningside Park 	B (75%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (76%)	↓	✓
Mortonhall Community Park	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (61%)	C (66%)	C (63%)	↓	✓
Nicolson Square	B (70%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	B (75%)	B (73%)	↓	✓
Prestonfield Park 	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	↓	✓
Prestonfield War Memorial	B (75%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	↓	✓
Princes Street Gardens 	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (76%)	↑	✓
Regent Road Park	C (62%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	↔	✓
Seven Acre Park 	A (83%)	A (85%)	A (84%)	A (84%)	A (82%)	↓	✓
St Katharine's Park 	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	↓	✓
St Patrick's Square	B (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (67%)	↑	✓
The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	↓	✓

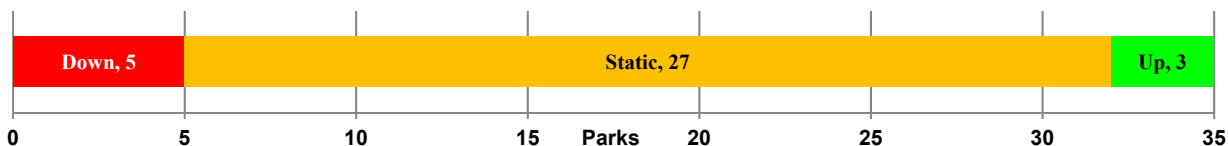
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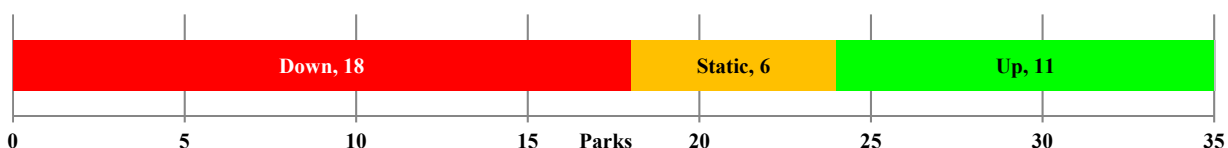
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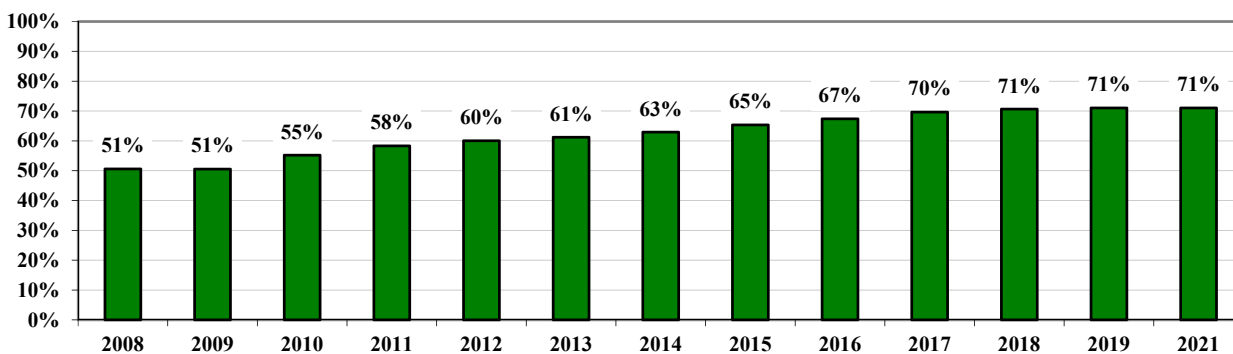
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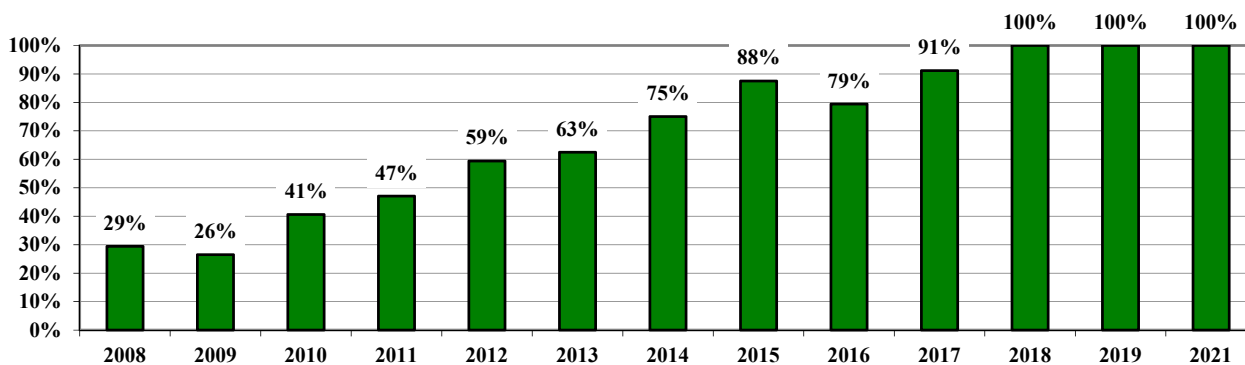
Score Movements



Park Quality Score Averages



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard













South East Edinburgh

Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

South East Edinburgh Locality – 35 Parks

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	6.8	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	↓	5	23	7
Good & Safe Access	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	↓	5	24	6
Signage	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.3	7.3	←	10	15	10
Equal Access	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	↑	7	20	8
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.4	↓	5	23	7
Safe Facilities	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	←	6	22	7
Personal Security	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.5	↓	7	21	7
Dogs Fouling / Control	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.9	↑	12	16	7
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.1	↓	8	17	10
Horticultural Maint.	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	↓	8	15	12
Arboricultural Maint.	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.2	7.3	↑	7	25	3
Infrastructure Maint.	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	↓	8	18	8
Equipment Maint.	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	←	10	14	11
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	←	0	35	0
Waste Minimisation	5.1	6.4	6.4	7.1	7.1	←	0	35	0
Chemical Use	5.9	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.7	↑	2	33	0
Peat Use	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	←	0	35	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0	6.1	←	0	35	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.5	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.4	↑	10	22	3
Cons. Landscape	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.9	←	1	19	0
Cons. Buildings	6.6	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.0	↓	3	7	5
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	↑	1	34	0
Appropriate Prov.	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	←	0	35	0
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	←	0	35	0
Information	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	←	6	22	7
Interpretation	6.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	←	7	23	5

South East Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score

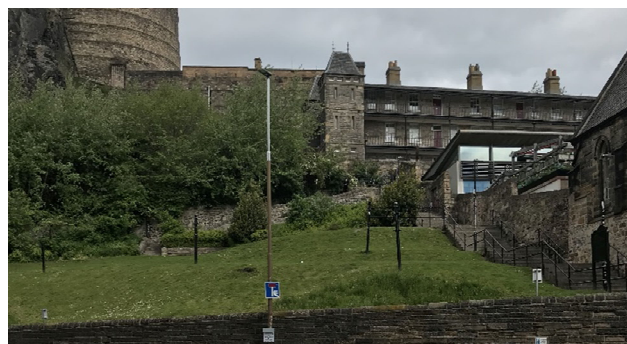
Locality Rank (+/- movement)	Citywide Rank (+/- movement)	Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - PQS
1 (0)	4 (0)	Seven Acre Park 	Community	84%	82%	-2%
2 (0)	6 (-1)	Hermitage of Braid / B'ford 	LNR	79%	80%	+1%
3= (+1)	7= (+1)	Ferniehill Community Park 	Community	78%	78%	0%
3 (-1)	7= (-2)	Prestonfield Park 	Community	79%	78%	-1%
5= (+1)	18= (-1)	Braidburn Valley Park 	Community	76%	76%	0%
5= (0)	18= (-6)	Morningside Park 	Community	77%	76%	-1%
5 (+12)	18= (+26)	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	71%	76%	+5%
8 (-2)	22= (-5)	St Katharines Park 	Community	76%	75%	-1%
9= (+8)	28= (+16)	Drum Park	Community	71%	74%	+3%
9 (-3)	28= (-11)	The Meadows and B'field Links	Premier	76%	74%	-2%
11= (+3)	30= (+6)	Inch Park	Garden	72%	73%	+1%
11= (+10)	30= (+20)	Liberton Park	Community	70%	73%	+3%
11= (-2)	30= (-7)	London Road Gardens 	Garden	75%	73%	-2%
11 (-2)	30= (-7)	Nicolson Square	Garden	75%	73%	-2%
15= (-1)	40= (-4)	Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	72%	72%	0%
15= (-3)	40= (-8)	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	73%	72%	-1%
15 (+11)	40= (+24)	Gracemount Community Park	Community	69%	72%	+3%
18 (-1)	49= (-5)	Calton Hill	Premier	71%	71%	0%
19= (-8)	58= (-32)	Bauks View	Natural	74%	70%	-4%
19= (+2)	58= (-8)	Braid Hills	Natural	70%	70%	0%
19= (+7)	58= (+6)	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	69%	70%	+1%
19 (+2)	58= (-8)	Regent Road Park	Community	70%	70%	0%
23= (-9)	66= (-30)	Atholl Crescent	Garden	72%	69%	-3%
23 (-6)	66= (-22)	Deaconess	Garden	71%	69%	-2%
25= (-13)	72= (-40)	Coates Crescent	Garden	73%	68%	-5%
25 (-4)	72= (-22)	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	70%	68%	-2%
27 (+4)	86= (+8)	St Patricks Square	Garden	64%	67%	+3%
28 (-7)	93= (-43)	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	70%	66%	-4%
29 (+2)	98= (-4)	Barony Community Garden	Community	64%	65%	+1%
30= (-2)	108= (-28)	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	66%	64%	-2%
30 (+5)	108= (+10)	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	60%	64%	+4%
32= (+2)	110= (-1)	Moredun Park	Community	62%	63%	+1%
32 (-4)	110= (-30)	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	66%	63%	-3%
34= (-3)	117= (-23)	Gayfield Square	Garden	64%	62%	-2%
34 (-6)	117= (-37)	Grannys Green	Garden	66%	62%	-4%

 = 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%.



Grannys Green was the lowest scoring park in the South East with a PQS of 60%.

Most improved and deteriorated South East Edinburgh Parks



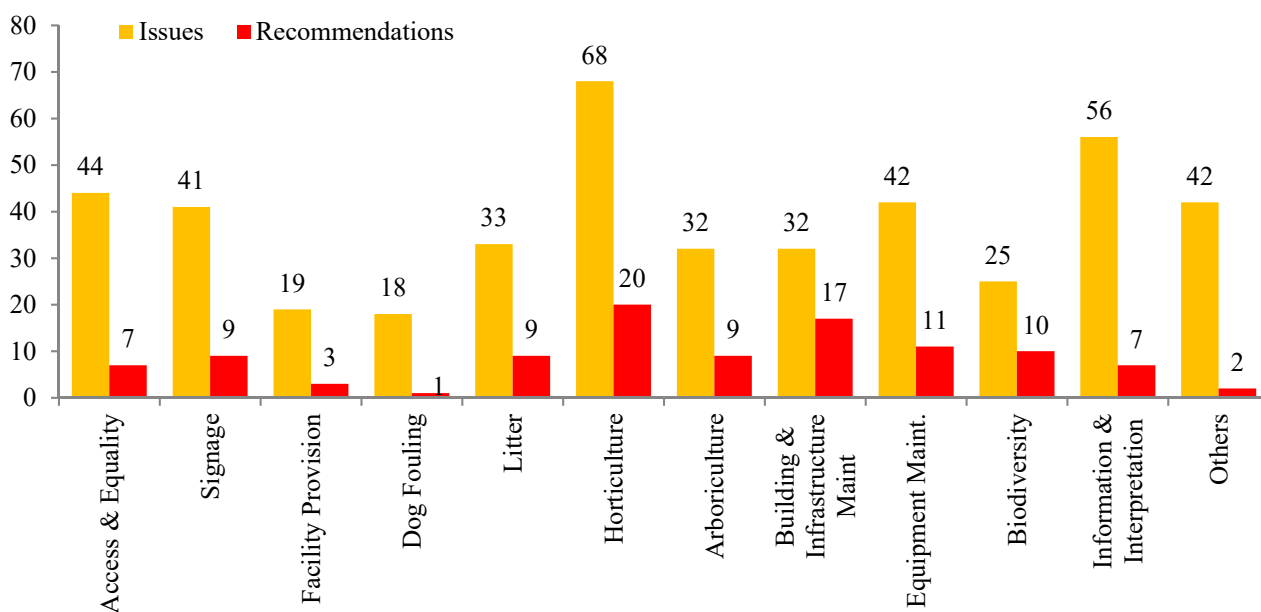
Princes Street Gardens was the most improved park in South East Edinburgh with an increase of six points to 75%.



Coates Crescent Gardens deteriorated in quality by five points to 68%.

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 categories across all parks in the Locality.



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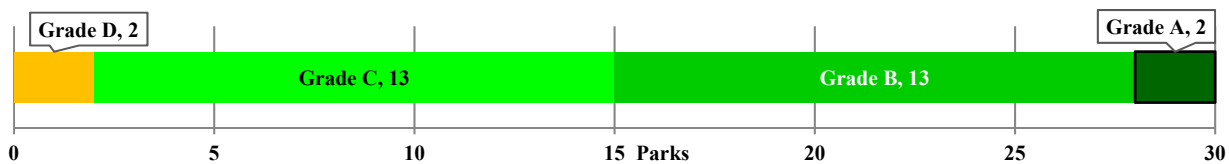
Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS short term trend indicator and whether or not the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Blinkbonny Park	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	C (67%)	↑	☑
Bloomiehall Park 	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (77%)	B (75%)	↓	☑
Campbell Park	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	B (72%)	↑	☑
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	B (75%)	↓	☑
Colinton Mains Park	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	↑	☑
Curriemuirend Park		E (44%)	E (46%)	D (54%)	D (57%)	↑	☒
Dovecot Park	D (52%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	B (70%)	C (62%)	↓	☑
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	A (87%)	A (86%)	↓	☑
Fairmilehead Park 	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	↑	☑
Fountainbridge Green	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	↑	☑
Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	E (48%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	C (63%)	D (59%)	↓	☒
Hailes Quarry Park 	B (70%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	↑	☑
Harrison Park 	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (75%)	↑	☑
King George V Park (Currie)	D (56%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	↓	☑
Marchbank Park	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	↑	☑
Meadowspot Park	E (44%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	C (67%)	↓	☑
Muir Wood Park 	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	↓	☑
Murieston Park	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	↓	☑
Paties Road Recreation Ground	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	↑	☑
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	A (87%)	A (85%)	↓	☑
Pentland View Park	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	↑	☑
Ratho Park	C (64%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	↑	☑
Redford Wood	C (62%)	C (68%)	C (64%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	↑	☑
Redhall Park	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	C (67%)	C (66%)	↓	☑
Saughton Park 	B (72%)	B (72%)	n/a	B (76%)	B (77%)	↑	☑
Sighthill Park	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (65%)	↔	☑
Spylaw Park 	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	↓	☑
Stenhouse Place East Park	D (55%)	D (53%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	C (67%)	↑	☑
Whinhill Park	D (59%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	↑	☑
White Park	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	↔	☑

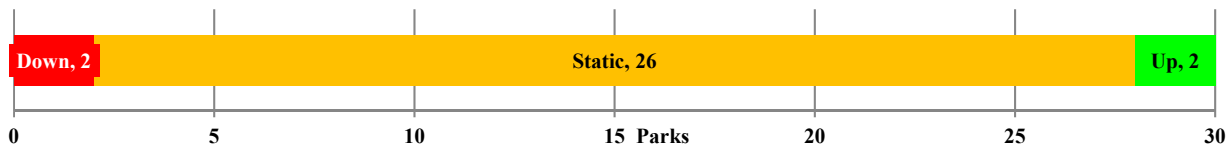
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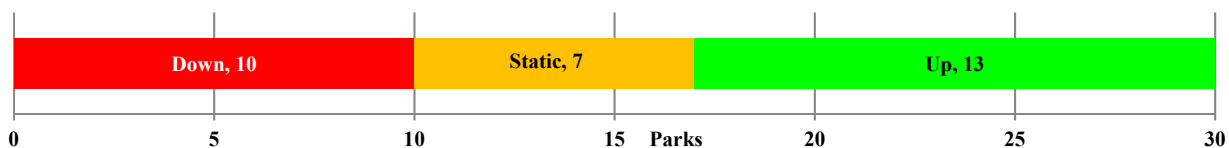
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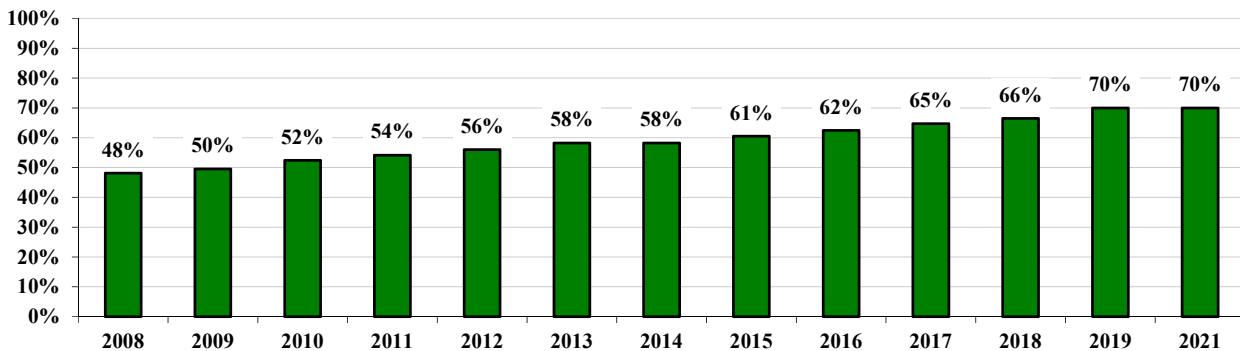
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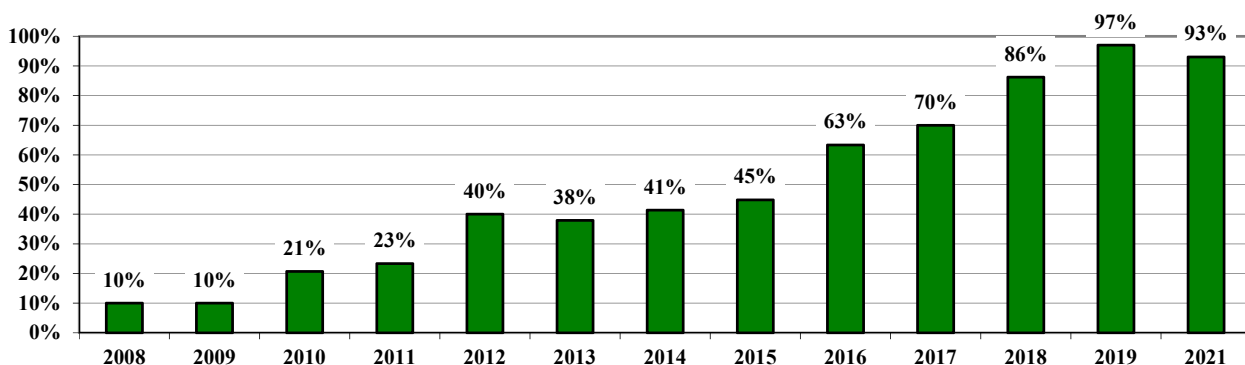
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Park Quality Score Averages



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard








South West Edinburgh


Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

South West Edinburgh Locality – 30 Parks

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	↑	8	18	4
Good & Safe Access	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.9	↓	1	25	4
Signage	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.8	←	6	19	5
Equal Access	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	↑	3	24	3
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	↑	6	17	7
Safe Facilities	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	←	8	17	5
Personal Security	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.1	↓	2	24	4
Dogs Fouling / Control	7.5	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.7	↑	10	14	6
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.1	↓	7	15	8
Horticultural Maint.	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	↑	8	15	7
Arboricultural Maint.	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.1	↓	5	19	6
Infrastructure Maint.	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8	↑	8	17	5
Equipment Maint.	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	←	9	15	6
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.1	6.2	6.6	7.5	7.7	↑	3	27	0
Waste Minimisation	3.1	4.9	5.9	7.2	7.2	←	0	30	0
Chemical Use	4.9	5.4	5.6	7.9	7.9	←	0	30	0
Peat Use	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	←	0	30	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.1	←	0	30	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.3	↑	4	24	2
Cons. Landscape	6.1	6.2	6.3	9.3	8.8	↓	0	3	1
Cons. Buildings	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.0	←	2	6	1
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	4.7	5.3	5.3	6.5	6.5	←	0	30	0
Appropriate Prov.	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5	←	1	29	0
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.8	6.8	←	0	30	0
Information	5.2	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.7	↑	7	22	1
Interpretation	4.2	4.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	↑	10	20	0

South West Edinburgh Parks ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank (+/- movement)	Citywide Rank (+/- movement)	Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - PQS
1 (0)	2 (0)	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	87%	86%	-1%
2 (-1)	3 (-1)	Pentland Hills Regional Pk 	Regional	87%	85%	-2%
3 (+2)	14= (+3)	Saughton Park 	Premier	76%	77%	+1%
4= (0)	22= (-10)	Bloomiehall Park 	Community	77%	75%	-2%
4= (-1)	22= (-17)	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	79%	75%	-4%
4= (+4)	22= (+1)	Harrison Park 	Community	75%	75%	0%
4= (+1)	22= (-5)	Muir Wood Park 	Community	76%	75%	-1%
4 (+1)	22= (-5)	Murieston Park	Community	76%	75%	-1%
9= (+3)	30= (+20)	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	70%	73%	+3%
9= (0)	30= (+2)	Fairmilehead Park 	Community	73%	73%	0%
9 (+1)	30= (+6)	Hailes Quarry Park 	Community	72%	73%	+1%
12 (+12)	40= (+47)	Campbell Park	Community	65%	72%	+7%
13= (+4)	49= (+20)	Fountainbridge Green	Community	68%	71%	+3%
13= (-1)	49= (+1)	Redford Wood	Natural	70%	71%	+1%
13 (-3)	49= (-13)	Spylaw Park 	Community	72%	71%	-1%
16= (-1)	66= (-2)	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	69%	69%	0%
16 (-1)	66= (-2)	Ratho Park	Community	69%	69%	0%
18= (+6)	72= (+15)	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	65%	68%	+3%
18= (+1)	72= (+4)	Pentland View Park	Community	67%	68%	+1%
18 (-1)	72= (-3)	White Park	Community	68%	68%	0%
21= (0)	86= (-6)	Blinkbonny Park	Community	66%	67%	+1%
21= (0)	86= (-6)	Meadowspot Park	Community	66%	67%	+1%
21 (+7)	86= (+15)	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	63%	67%	+4%
24= (-3)	93= (-13)	Marchbank Park	Community	66%	66%	0%
24 (-5)	93= (-17)	Redhall Park	Community	67%	66%	-1%
26= (-2)	98= (-11)	Sighthill Park	Community	65%	65%	0%
26 (+1)	98= (-4)	Whinhill Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
28 (-16)	117= (-67)	Dovecot Park	Community	70%	62%	-8%
29 (-1)	134= (-33)	Gorgie Dalry Community Park	Community	63%	59%	-4%
30 (0)	137= (-2)	Curriemuirend Park	Community	54%	57%	+3%

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Highest and lowest scoring South West Edinburgh Parks



Easter Craiglockhart Hill was the highest scoring parks in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 86%.



Curriemuirend Park was the lowest scoring park in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 57% but increased three points from 2019.

Most improved and deteriorated South West Edinburgh Parks



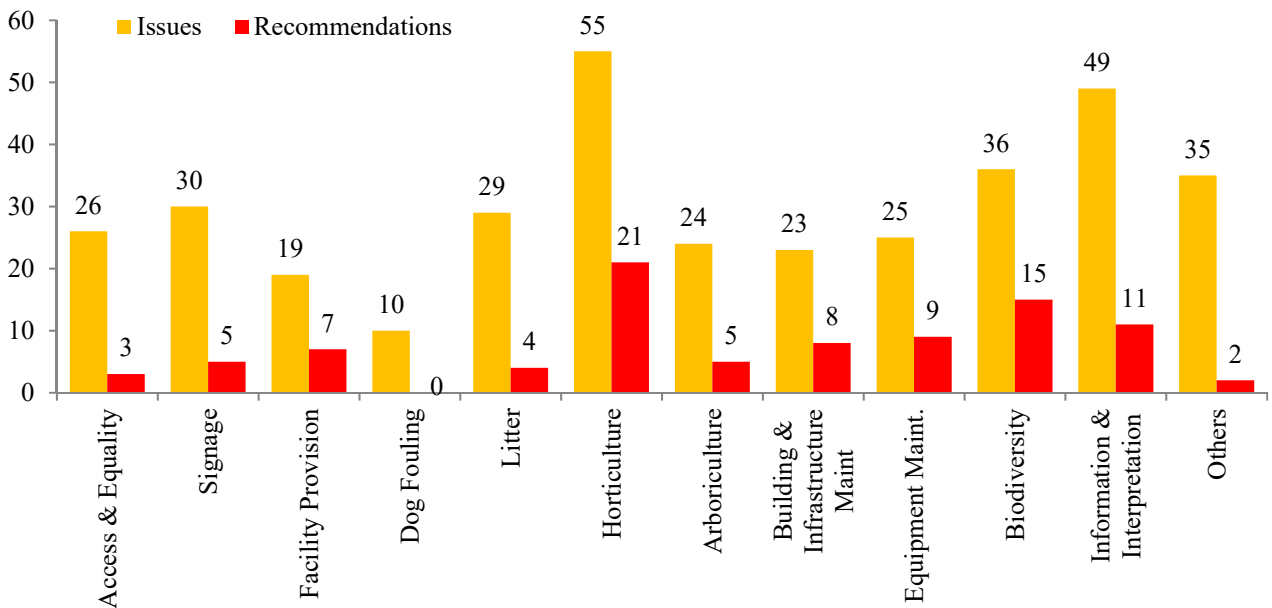
Campbell Park improved the most in South West Edinburgh increasing its score 12 points to 72%.



Dovecot Park has deteriorated the most both in South West Edinburgh and also across the city falling eight points to 62%.








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 categories across all parks in the Locality.



5.5 Natural Heritage Service

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS short term trend indicator and whether or not the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	↑	☑
Cammo Estate	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (77%)	B (78%)	↑	☑
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	B (75%)	↓	☑
Corstorphine Hill 	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	↑	☑
Craigmillar Castle Park 	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (78%)	↑	☑
Cramond Foreshore	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (77%)	B (78%)	↑	☑
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	A (87%)	A (86%)	↓	☑
Hermitage of Braid inc B'ford Hill 	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	B (79%)	A (80%)	↑	☑
Little France Park				C (65%)	B (73%)	↑	☑
Meadows Yard	B (70%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	↑	☑
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	A (87%)	A (85%)	↓	☑
Ravelston Woods 	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (77%)	↑	☑
River Almond Walkway	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	↓	☑

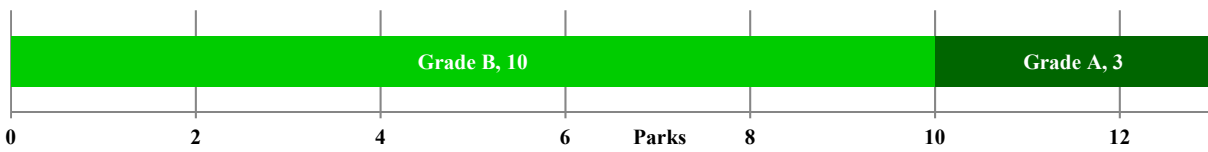
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Natural Heritage Service managed parks ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score

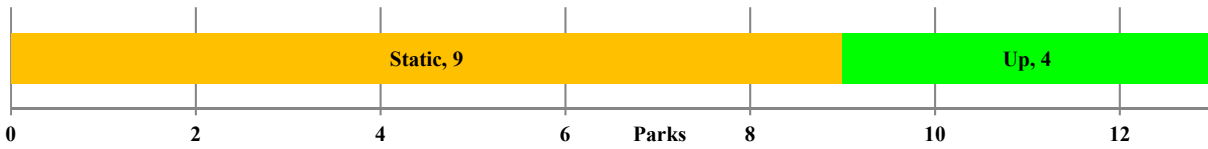
Locality Rank (+/- movement)	Citywide Rank (+/- movement)	Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - PQS
1 (0)	2 (0)	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	87%	86%	-1%
2 (-1)	3 (-1)	Pentland Hills Regional Pk 	Regional	87%	85%	-2%
3 (0)	6 (-1)	Hermitage of Braid / B'ford 	LNR	79%	80%	+1%
4= (+2)	7= (+5)	Cammo Estate	LNR	77%	78%	+1%
4= (+4)	7= (+19)	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	74%	78%	+4%
4= (+6)	7= (+29)	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	72%	78%	+6%
4 (+2)	7= (+5)	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	77%	78%	+1%
8= (0)	14= (+12)	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	74%	77%	+3%
8 (-3)	14= (-6)	River Almond Walkway	Natural	78%	77%	-1%
10 (-7)	22= (-17)	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	79%	75%	-4%
11 (+2)	30= (+57)	Little France Park	Natural	65%	73%	+8%
12 (0)	49= (+20)	Meadows Yard	LNR	68%	71%	+3%
13 (-2)	58= (+6)	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	69%	70%	+1%

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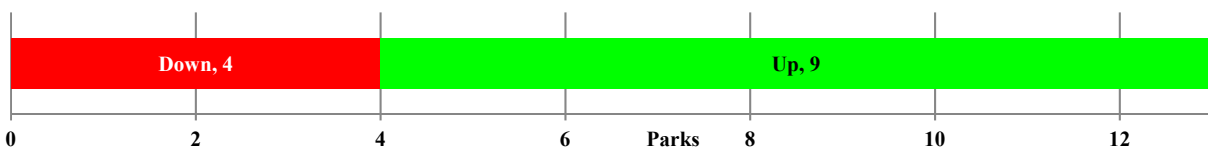
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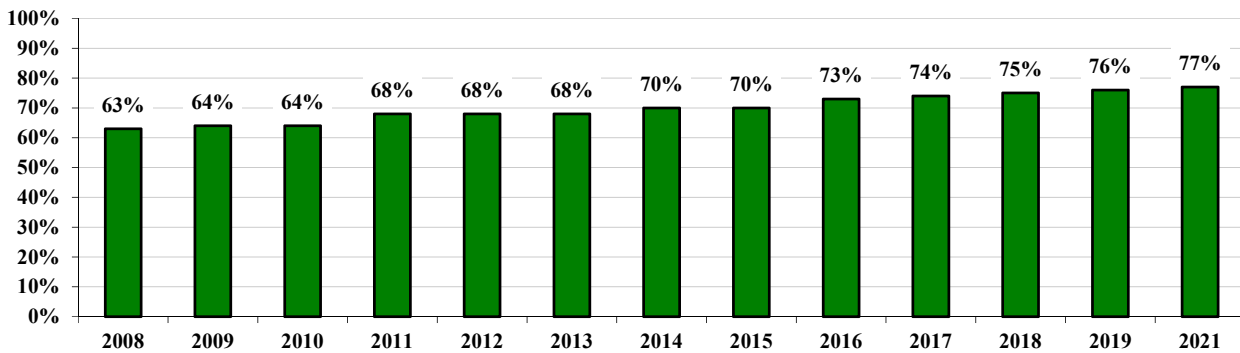
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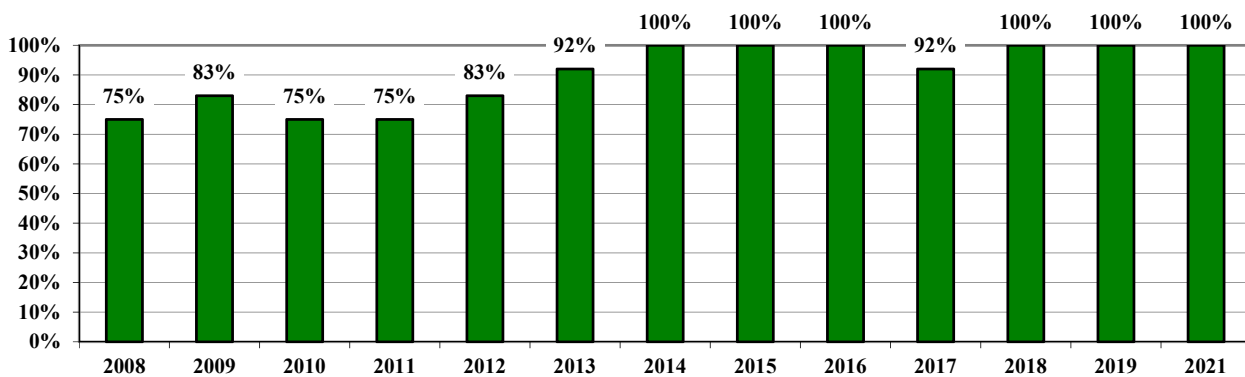
Score Movements



Park Quality Score Averages



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Natural Heritage Service

Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Natural Heritage Service – 13 Parks

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Parks		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.2	7.4	↑	3	9	1
Good & Safe Access	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	↑	3	7	3
Signage	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.6	↑	4	8	1
Equal Access	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.7	↑	3	10	0
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	↓	4	4	5
Safe Facilities	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.7	↑	4	8	1
Personal Security	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.1	↑	5	7	1
Dogs Fouling / Control	7.1	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.2	↑	4	7	2
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.5	↑	5	6	2
Horticultural Maint.	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.6	7.0	↑	5	6	2
Arboricultural Maint.	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	↓	1	10	2
Infrastructure Maint.	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	↑	5	6	2
Equipment Maint.	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	↓	3	6	4
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.8	7.2	7.8	8.6	8.8	↑	3	10	0
Waste Minimisation	7.8	7.8	8.4	8.1	8.1	←	0	13	0
Chemical Use	8.5	8.4	9.0	8.3	8.4	↑	1	12	0
Peat Use	10	10	10	10.0	10.0	←	0	13	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.5	←	0	13	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	←	0	13	0
Cons. Landscape	7.8	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.4	↓	0	12	1
Cons. Buildings	6.3	6.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	←	0	8	0
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.2	8.8	↑	2	11	0
Appropriate Prov.	7.1	7.3	7.6	8.2	8.4	↑	2	11	0
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.8	↑	1	12	0
Information	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.8	↑	5	8	0
Interpretation	7.0	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.8	↑	4	9	0

Highest and lowest scoring Natural Heritage Service managed parks



Easter Craiglockhart Hill was the highest scoring NHS managed parks with a PQS of 86%.



Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park was the lowest scoring park managed by the NHS with a PQS of 70% however both the score and grade improved from 2019.

Most improved and deteriorated Natural Heritage Service managed parks



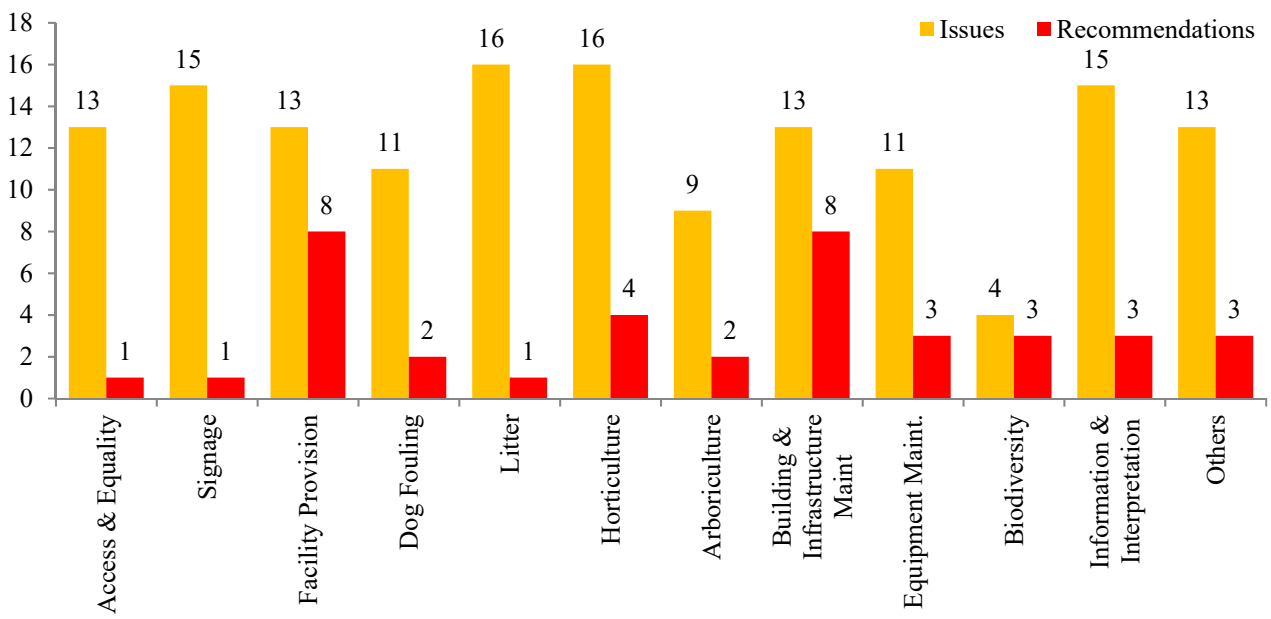
Little France Park was the most improved NHS managed site with an increase of eight points to 73%.



Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells fell by four points this year to 74%.

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 managed by the service.



5.6 Cemeteries

The following cemetery results are for information purposes only and do not contribute towards Locality and Citywide performance results.

Cemeteries are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS short term trend indicator and whether or not the site currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

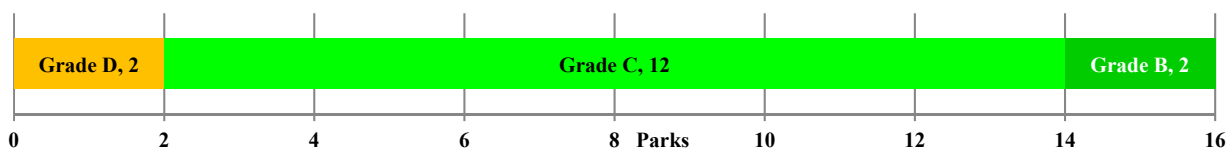
Park Name	2011	2012	2018	2019	2021	Trend	Met
Buccleuch Churchyard	E (44%)	E (29%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Canongate Kirkyard	E (48%)	D (51%)	n/a	D (53%)	C (64%)	↑	☑
Colinton Churchyard	D (59%)	C (61%)	n/a	B (77%)	B (72%)	↓	☑
Comely Bank Cemetery	E (49%)	E (49%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Corstorphine Churchyard	D (54%)	D (53%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	E (49%)	E (46%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	D (58%)	↔	☒
Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	↓	☑
Cramond Churchyard	D (55%)	C (61%)	n/a	C (68%)	C (68%)	↔	☑
Currie Churchyard	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	C (69%)	↑	☑
Dalmeny Churchyard	D (51%)	E (44%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Dalry Cemetery	E (42%)	E (44%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
East Preston Street Cemetery	D (52%)	E (41%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Gogar Churchyard	E (49%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Grange Cemetery	D (51%)	E (48%)	n/a	C (66%)	C (67%)	↑	☑
Greyfriars Churchyard	C (63%)	C (61%)	n/a	C (62%)	C (67%)	↑	☑
Kirkliston Cemetery	D (54%)	E (46%)	n/a	D (50%)	D (55%)	↑	☒
Liberton Cemetery	D (52%)	D (55%)	n/a	C (63%)	C (68%)	↑	☑
Morningside Cemetery	D (53%)	E (47%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	C (64%)	↑	☑
Mortonhall Cemetery	C (60%)	C (60%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	↓	☑
New Calton Burial Ground	E (38%)	E (38%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Newington Cemetery	E (39%)	E (40%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
North Leith Churchyard	E (43%)	D (50%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
North Merchiston Cemetery	E (38%)	E (37%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Old Calton Burial Ground	E (43%)	E (45%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Portobello Cemetery	D (58%)	D (59%)	C (62%)	D (59%)	C (61%)	↑	☑
Ratho Cemetery	D (50%)	D (57%)	n/a	C (61%)	C (64%)	↑	☑
Restalrig Cemetery	E (48%)	E (40%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Rosebank Cemetery	D (55%)	D (57%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Saughton Cemetery	D (52%)	E (47%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
South Leith Churchyard	D (57%)	C (61%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
South Queensferry Cemetery	D (57%)	D (59%)	n/a	C (64%)	C (67%)	↑	☑
St Cuthberts Cemetery	D (55%)	D (55%)	n/a	D (58%)	C (61%)	↑	☑
Warriston Cemetery	E (48%)	E (45%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		

Cemeteries ranked in order of 2021 Park Quality Score and an indication of where each would rank out of 157 sites if included in the citywide ranking table.

Area Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2019	2021	+ / - %
1	30=	Mortonhall Cemetery	Cemetery	74%	73%	-1%
2	41=	Colinton Churchyard	Cemetery	77%	72%	-5%
3	68=	Currie Churchyard	Cemetery	68%	69%	+1%
4=	75=	Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	Cemetery	70%	68%	-2%
4=	75=	Cramond Churchyard	Cemetery	68%	68%	0%
4	75=	Liberton Cemetery	Cemetery	63%	68%	+5%
7=	91=	Grange Cemetery	Cemetery	66%	67%	+1%
7=	91=	Greyfriars Churchyard	Cemetery	62%	67%	+5%
7	91=	South Queensferry Cemetery	Cemetery	64%	67%	+3%
10=	116=	Canongate Kirkyard	Cemetery	53%	64%	+11%
10=	116=	Morningside Cemetery	Cemetery	58%	64%	+6%
10	116	Ratho Cemetery	Cemetery	61%	64%	+3%
13=	140=	Portobello Cemetery	Cemetery	59%	61%	+2%
13	140	St Cuthberts Cemetery	Cemetery	58%	61%	+3%
15	149=	Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	Cemetery	58%	58%	0%
16	153	Kirkliston Cemetery	Cemetery	50%	55%	+5%

Cemeteries

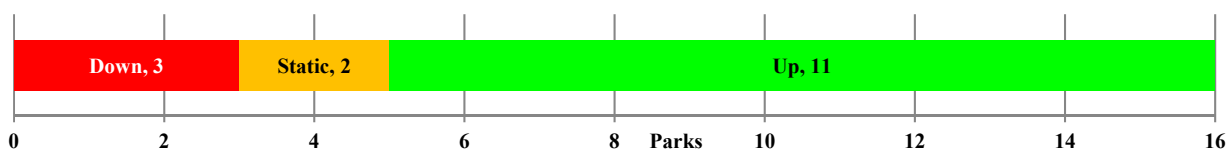
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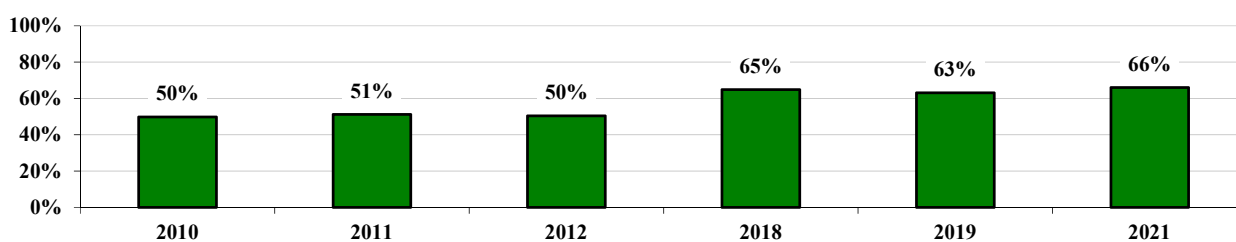
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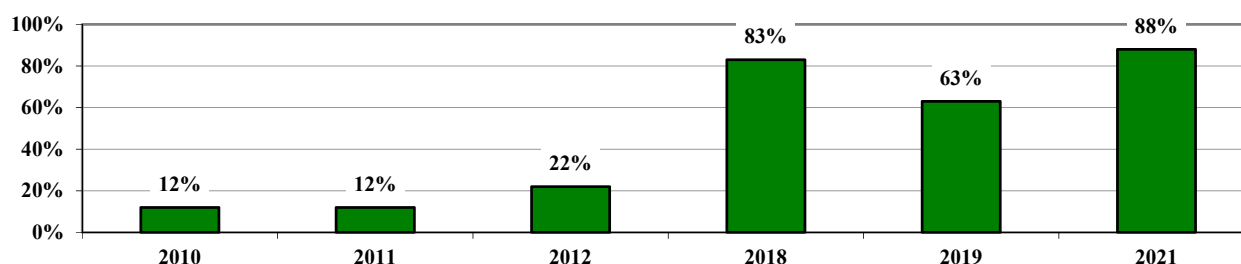
Score Movements



Park Quality Score Averages (Cemeteries)



% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Cemeteries Service – 16 Sites

Criteria	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	Trend	No of Sites		
							↑	↔	↓
<u>Welcoming Category</u>									
Welcoming	6.6	6.0	6.5	6.9	7.2	↑	6	9	1
Good & Safe Access	6.3	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.8	↑	5	10	1
Signage	6.1	5.1	6.8	6.2	6.8	↑	7	8	1
Equal Access	5.5	5.1	5.8	6.4	6.3	↓	3	8	5
<u>Healthy Safe & Secure Category</u>									
Quality Facilities	3.9	4.6	6.7	6.3	6.3	←	6	6	4
Safe Facilities	6.0	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.6	↑	6	8	2
Personal Security	5.9	5.4	7.3	6.9	7.1	↑	5	10	1
Dogs Fouling / Control	8.0	5.0	8.5	8.0	8.3	↑	2	14	0
<u>Well Maintained & Clean Category</u>									
Litter Management	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.5	↑	8	8	0
Horticultural Maint.	7.0	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.8	↑	6	8	2
Arboricultural Maint.	6.3	5.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	↑	6	8	2
Infrastructure Maint.	5.4	5.5	6.8	6.6	6.4	↓	5	6	5
Equipment Maint.	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.6	↓	4	7	5
<u>Environmental Management Category</u>									
Managing Env Impact	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.0	←	0	16	0
Waste Minimisation	5.1	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.9	←	0	16	0
Chemical Use	5.9	6.9	7	6.4	6.4	←	1	12	3
Peat Use	9	9	9	9.6	9.6	←	0	16	0
Climate Change Adapt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.0	←	0	16	0
<u>Conservation & Heritage Category</u>									
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	5.0	4.9	5.8	5.4	6.2	↑	8	8	0
Cons. Landscape	n/a	n/a	5.6	6.4	6.4	←	0	5	0
Cons. Buildings	4.5	5.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	↑	4	7	3
<u>Community Involvement Category</u>									
Community Inv.	n/a	n/a	5.0	6.0	6.0	←	0	16	0
Appropriate Prov.	n/a	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	←	0	16	0
<u>Marketing & Promotion Category</u>									
Marketing	2.0	2.0	5.2	3.0	3.3	↑	1	15	0
Information	4.3	4.3	6.7	5.5	6.5	↑	9	6	1
Interpretation	1.9	2.4	3.6	3.8	4.4	↑	8	5	3

Highest and lowest scoring Cemeteries



Mortonhall Cemetery was the highest scoring Cemetery with a PQS of 73%.



Kirkliston Cemetery was the lowest scoring cemetery with a PQS of 55% but has improved since 2019 with a five point rise.

Most improved and deteriorated Cemeteries



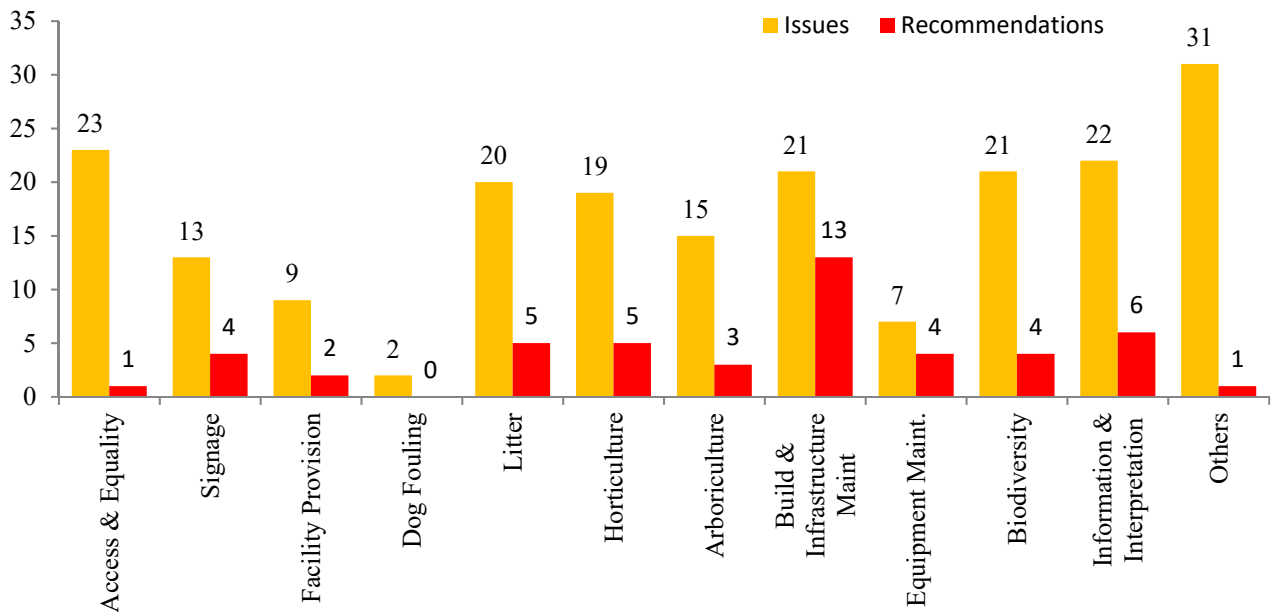
Canongate Kirkyard was the most improved cemetery with an increase of 11 points to 64%.



Colinton Churchyard fell by five points this year to 72% but remains the second highest scoring cemetery.

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 categories across all cemetery sites assessed in 2021.



6 Green Flag Awards



Green Flag Awards are a way of recognising quality parks and greenspaces. 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.

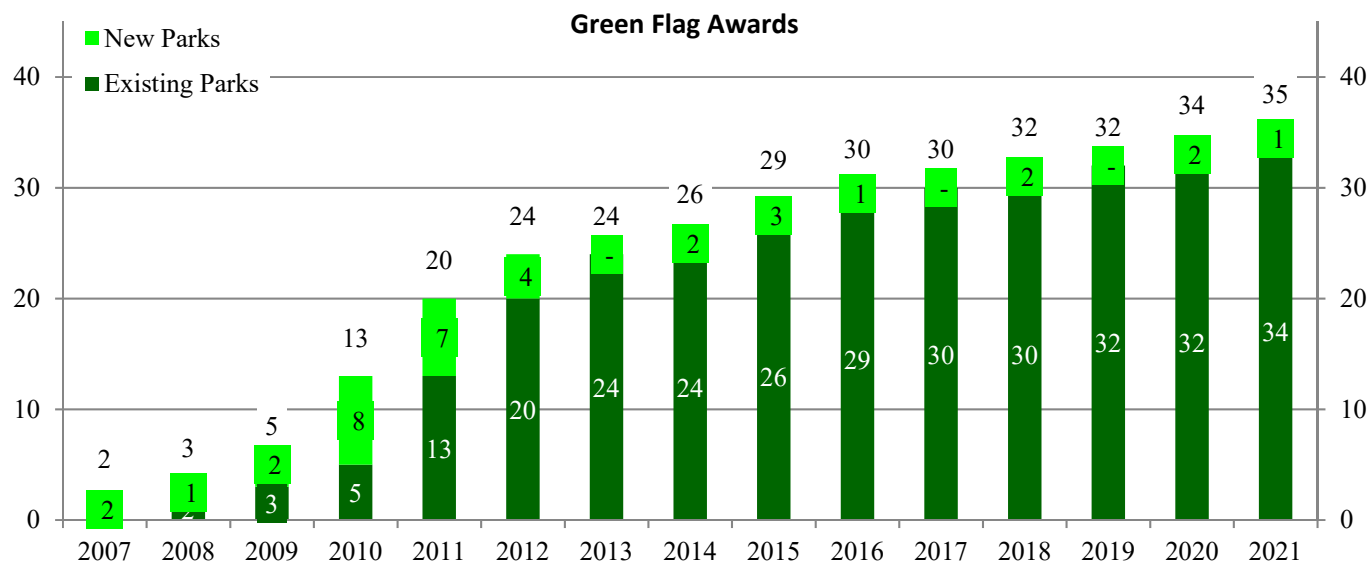
Green Flag Awards continued through the 2020 lockdown and Edinburgh was successful in achieving two further Green Flag Awards that year at Saughton Park and St Katharine's Park, as well as retaining the award for its existing 32 parks. In 2021, Bloomiehall Park achieved the award for the first time and all existing parks retained the award following mystery shops and full assessments bringing the total number of Green Flag Award parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council to 35 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.

With regards to the numbers of GFA sites (excluding GF Community and Green Heritage Award), Edinburgh ranks 1st in Scotland with 35 out the 68 Green Flags awarded and 3rd in the UK with only London Borough of Hillingdon (62) and Nottingham City Council (41) having more flags.

6.1 Green Flag Group Award

Since 2011, Edinburgh has participated in 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 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 last assessment in 2018 returned a successful 'Low Risk' result. The 2020 peer review was postponed because of Covid but Edinburgh is due to be assessed in late 2021 and the result will be included in future reports.

New sites identified for the award will continue to be assessed using the normal judging method of two judges assessing the management plan and undertaking a formal site visit and if successful the site will be included in future group award assessments.



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. *Ravelston Park and Ravelston Woods are listed separately but are combined for GFA.

Year	Park Name	Park Type	Management	Locality
2007	Braidburn Valley Park	Community	South East	South East
2007	Harrison Park	Community	South West	South West
2008	Pentland Hills Regional Park	Natural	NHS	South West
2009	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Natural	NHS	South West
2009	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	North East
2010	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Natural	NHS	South East
2010	Corstorphine Hill	Natural	NHS	North West
2010	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	NHS	North East
2010	Figgate Burn Park	Community	North East	North East
2010	Inverleith Park	Premier	North West	North West
2010	London Road Gardens	City	South East	South East
2010	Portobello Community Garden	Garden	North East	North East
2010	Station Road Park	Natural	North West	North West
2011	Hailes Quarry Park	Community	South West	South West
2011	Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford	Community	NHS	South East
2011	Morningside Park	Community	South East	South East
2011	Muir Wood Park	Community	South West	South West
2011	Princes Street Gardens	City	Botanical	South East
2011	St Margarets Park	Community	North West	North West
2011	Victoria Park	City	North West	North West
2012	Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Natural	North West	North West
2012	Lochend Park	Community	North East	North East
2012	Prestonfield Park	Community	South East	South East
2012	Ravelston Park *	Community	North West	North West
2012	Ravelston Woods *	Community	NHS	North West
2014	King George V Park (Eyre Place)	Community	North West	North West
2014	Spylaw Park	Community	South West	South West
2015	Ferniehill Community Park	Community	South East	South East
2015	Rosefield Park	Community	North East	North East
2015	Starbank Park	Community	North West	North West
2016	Seven Acre Park	Community	South East	South East
2018	Fairmilehead Park	Community	South West	South West
2018	Lauriston Castle	Garden	Botanical	North West
2020	Saughton Park	Premier	Botanical	South West
2020	St Katharine's Park	Community	South East	South East
2021	Bloomiehall Park	Community	South West	South West
Green Flag Community Award				
2009	Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden	Community Garden	Friends of Corst. Hill	North West

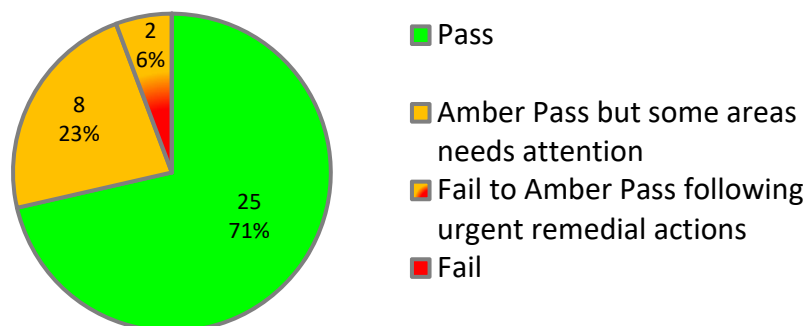


Bloomiehall Park was successful at the first time of asking this year with a very high bandwidth score of 80+.

Judges listed community involvement, simple and straightforward management approaches and information & heritage information as particular strengths, whilst suggesting that discussions take place with the neighbouring golf course regarding the boundary wall, sorting out a drainage issue at the bottom of the park and improving maintenance of waste bins.

6.3 Green Flag Award 2021 Assessment Results.

Summary



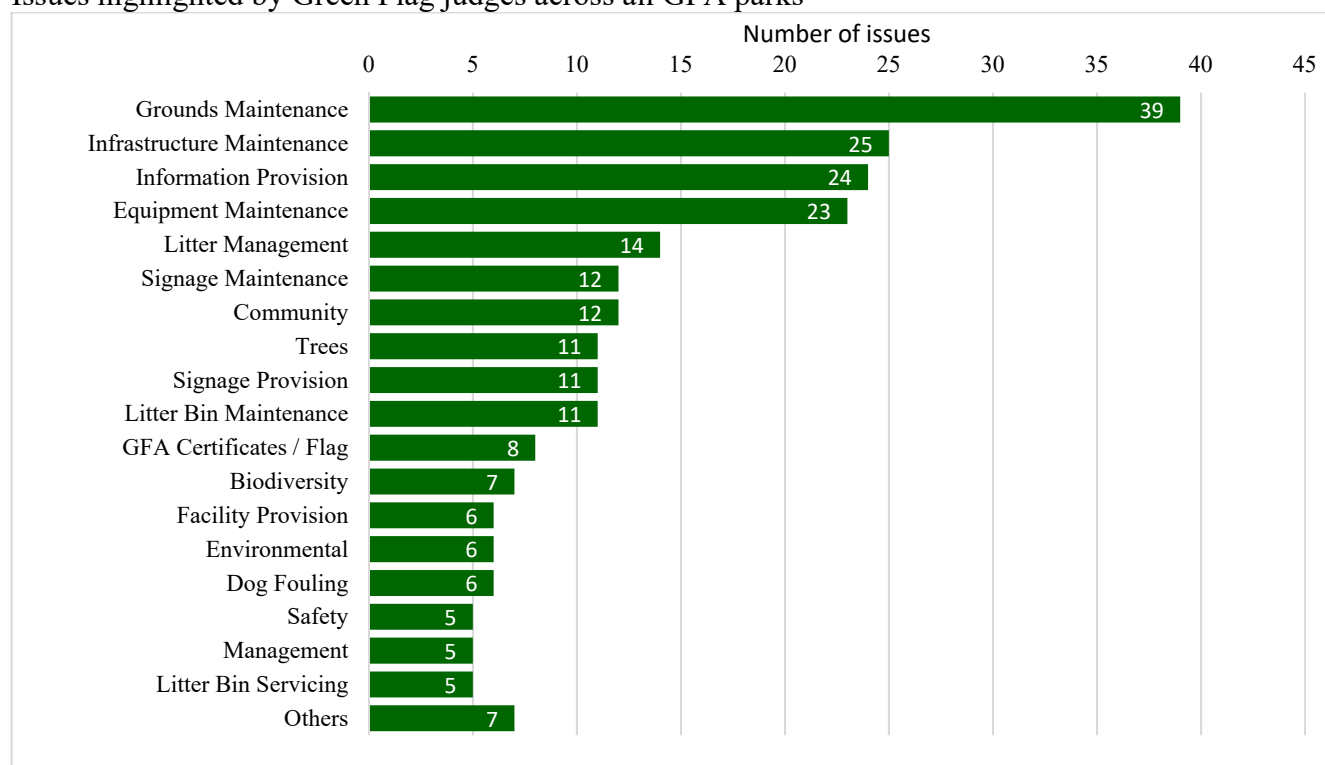
Two parks initially failed mystery shop assessments where judges highlighted concerns regarding play equipment, signage and maintenance in Prestonfield Park and play equipment and general maintenance in Rosefield Park. The parks were awarded Amber Pass status following satisfactory urgent remedial actions

Park Name	Assessment Type	2021 GFA Band Score / Grade	2021 PQA Grade & PQS
Bloomiehall Park	New Assessment	80 +	B (75%)
Braidburn Valley Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (76%)
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	B (70%)
Corstorphine Hill	Mystery Shop	Green	B (78%)
Craigmillar Castle Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (78%)
Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Full Assessment	66 - 69	A (86%)
Fairmilehead Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	B (73%)
Ferniehill Community Park	Full Assessment	70 - 74	B (78%)
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Mystery Shop	Green	C (67%)
Figgate Burn Park	Full Assessment	75 - 79	A (81%)
Hailes Quarry Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	B (73%)
Harrison Park	Full Assessment	80 +	B (75%)
Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford	Mystery Shop	Green	A (80%)
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Mystery Shop	Green	B (77%)
Inverleith Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	B (78%)
King George V Park (Eyre Place)	Mystery Shop	Green	B (72%)
Lauriston Castle	Mystery Shop	Amber	C (68%)
Lochend Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	B (73%)
London Road Gardens	Mystery Shop	Green	B (73%)
Morningside Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (76%)
Muir Wood Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (75%)
Pentland Hills Regional Park	Mystery Shop	Green	A (85%)
Portobello Community Garden	Mystery Shop	Green	C (68%)
Prestonfield Park	Mystery Shop	Red to Amber *	B (78%)
Princes Street Gardens	Mystery Shop	Green	B (76%)
Ravelston Park & Woods	Mystery Shop	Green	C (67%)
Rosefield Park	Mystery Shop	Red to Amber *	B (77%)
Saughton Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (70%)
Seven Acre Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (77%)
Spylaw Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	A (82%)
St Katharine's Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (71%)
St Margaret's Park	Full Assessment	66 - 69	B (75%)
Starbank Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (71%)
Station Road Park	Mystery Shop	Amber	A (89%)
Victoria Park	Mystery Shop	Green	B (72%)

* Green Flag awarded following satisfactory remedial action plan.

Band scoring shows the combined desk and field assessment score and requires a minimum of 66 to be awarded a pass.

Issues highlighted by Green Flag judges across all GFA parks

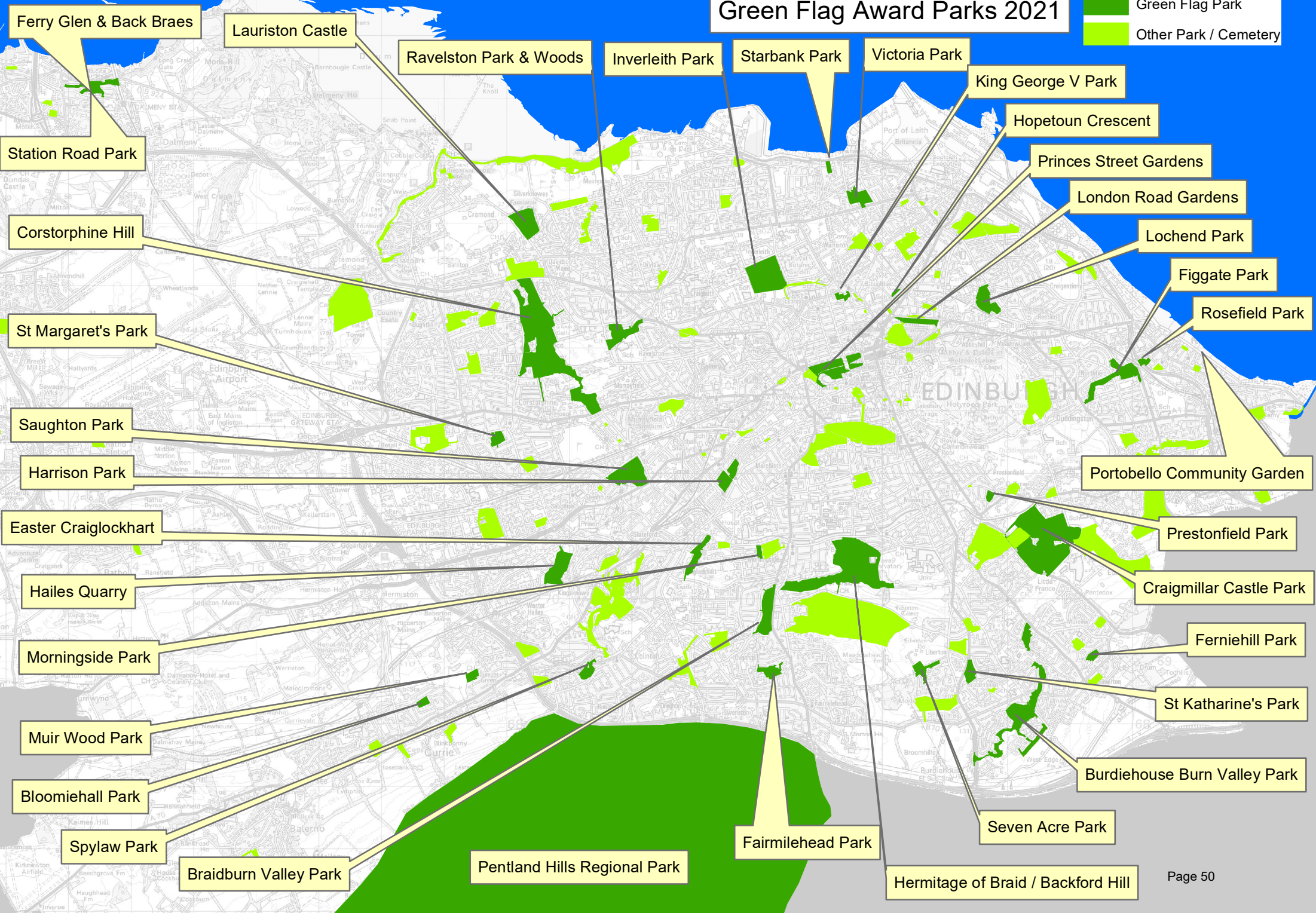


The following list provides information of the issues identified by judges in the red and amber graded GFA parks and which need to be addressed before the next assessment. The schemes administrators will also likely demand that some of these parks should undergo a full assessment next year.

Park Name	Result	Issues identified
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park:	Amber	Additional signage; ASB; Broken glass; Litter issues; Locked gate; Path sweeping
Fairmilehead Park:	Amber	Bin maintenance / renewal; Community involvement; No GFA certificate; No event promotion; Overflowing bins; Presence signage; Waterlogged path; Website information limited
Hailes Quarry Park:	Amber	Damaged signage; Graffiti; Lack of horticulture interest; Litter issues; Overgrowing vegetation; Notice board layout; Welcoming appearance
Inverleith Park:	Amber	Bin maintenance / renewal; Graffiti; Ground repairs; Information content; Community involvement; More relaxed areas / meadows; No directional signage; Signage maintenance; Tree damage; Trim trail maintenance; Weeds on path
Lauriston Castle:	Amber	Bin maintenance / renewal; Bird / Bat boxes; Inspect tree; Glasshouse condition; Poor GM standards; Notice board layout; Old GFA certificate & no flag; Path drainage; No recycling; Signage maintenance; Unofficial planting; Weed issues
Lochend Park:	Amber	Cable ties on railings; Graffiti; Litter issues; Minor dog fouling problem; No attention to detail; Not all paths accessible; Path drainage; Temporary barriers / missing fences; Weed issues
Prestonfield Park:	Red	Bin maintenance / renewal; Fence line maintenance; Hedge maintenance; Litter issues; Meadow maintenance; Minor dog fouling problem; Old information; Planter maintenance; Play equipment maintenance; Safety surface maintenance; Signage maintenance; Tree maintenance
Rosefield Park:	Red	Building Maintenance; Community involvement; Environmental management; Grass cutting standards; Heritage information; Invasive species; Litter issues; Play equipment maintenance; Threshold sign required; Tree maintenance; Weed issues
Spylaw Park:	Amber	Bin maintenance / renewal; Community involvement; Debris at entrance; Grass cutting standards; Handrail provision; Meadow maintenance; More information required; Overgrowing vegetation; Signage maintenance; Step maintenance
Station Road Park:	Amber	Algae on flagpole; Bed Maintenance; Graffiti; Grass cutting standards; Old GFA certificate; Previous action not resolved; Remove self seeders; Step maintenance; Tree maintenance; Weed issues

Green Flag Award Parks 2021

Green Flag Park
Other Park / Cemetery



Ferry Glen & Back Braes

Lauriston Castle

Ravelston Park & Woods

Inverleith Park

Starbank Park

Victoria Park

King George V Park

Hopetoun Crescent

Princes Street Gardens

London Road Gardens

Lochend Park

Figgate Park

Rosefield Park

Station Road Park

Corstorphine Hill

St Margaret's Park

Saughton Park

Harrison Park

Easter Craiglockhart

Hailes Quarry

Morningside Park

Muir Wood Park

Bloomiehall Park

Spylaw Park

Braidburn Valley Park

Pentland Hills Regional Park

Fairmilehead Park

Hermitage of Braid / Backford Hill

Portobello Community Garden

Prestonfield Park

Craigmillar Castle Park

Ferniehill Park

St Katharine's Park

Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park

Seven Acre Park

7 PQA Site Criteria Scores – Grouped by Management Area

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	6	7	6	7	7	7	8	9	10	6	8	8	8	6	5	4	7	5	3	70% (B)
Baronscourt Park	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	7	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	7	n/a	n/a	5	8	7	6	6	68% (C)
Bingham Park	7	7	5	6	6	7	6	8	7	6	8	7	7	6	9	10	6	7	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	4	1	65% (C)
Brighton Park	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	9	10	6	7	7	7	7	8	6	7	3	1	71% (B)
Brunstane Mill	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	8	7	70% (B)
Cairntows Park	6	6	3	4	5	5	6	8	8	6	7	5	6	8	9	10	6	7	6	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	2	1	60% (C)
Dalmeny Street Park	6	6	5	7	8	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	8	7	9	10	6	6	6	n/a	6	7	6	7	5	5	68% (C)
Figgate Burn Park	7	8	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	8	9	10	6	9	9	7	n/a	9	9	8	7	8	81% (A)
Hays Park	5	6	5	6	5	5	6	8	2	4	6	4	4	6	9	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	4	3	55% (D)
Henderson Gardens	5	6	5	6	7	6	5	6	5	3	7	6	6	7	9	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	3	3	58% (D)
Hillside Crescent	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	9	8	7	8	9	10	6	6	6	8	n/a	7	6	8	6	6	72% (B)
Hopetoun Crescent	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	8	9	6	8	8	8	77% (B)
Hunters Hall Park	7	6	5	6	7	6	7	7	4	8	8	7	6	7	9	10	6	8	8	8	n/a	8	6	7	5	4	68% (C)
Jewel Park	6	6	5	6	7	7	7	8	6	6	7	5	7	7	9	10	6	7	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	4	4	2	63% (C)
Joppa Quarry Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	7	9	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	7	6	6	68% (C)
Keddie Park	6	6	5	7	7	5	6	7	6	4	4	4	6	7	9	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	3	6	7	5	5	59% (D)
Leith Links	5	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	4	5	4	5	7	9	10	6	6	6	7	5	8	6	7	6	5	62% (C)
Lochend Park	7	7	7	8	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	8	9	10	6	8	8	7	8	8	6	8	8	8	73% (B)
Magdalene Glen	5	7	5	6	8	7	6	8	6	6	7	5	7	8	9	10	6	7	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	4	4	65% (C)
Meadowfield Park	7	7	5	8	7	6	7	7	8	7	8	7	6	6	9	10	6	8	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	5	68% (C)
Montgomery Street	6	8	5	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	9	10	6	6	8	n/a	8	8	7	7	6	6	71% (B)
Newcraighall Park	6	7	7	6	7	7	8	7	9	7	7	6	6	6	9	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	7	7	5	6	68% (C)
Pilrig Park	5	8	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	4	7	7	6	8	9	10	6	8	7	n/a	6	8	7	7	7	7	69% (C)
Portobello Community	5	7	5	8	7	8	9	7	8	4	n/a	7	8	6	9	10	6	7	5	8	8	6	6	7	5	5	68% (C)
Redbraes Park	7	8	7	5	8	7	8	8	6	6	7	5	4	7	9	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	5	5	66% (C)

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Rosefield Park	6	7	6	7	8	7	7	6	7	3	6	7	6	8	9	10	6	8	8	8	8	6	8	7	7	7	70% (B)
Seafield Rec Ground	5	6	4	3	5	5	7	7	4	5	7	5	6	6	9	10	6	6	6	n/a	5	3	6	4	3	1	54% (D)
Straiton Place Park	5	7	5	7	7	7	8	7	7	4	n/a	7	6	7	9	10	6	6	3	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	4	1	62% (C)
Taylor Gardens	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	6	9	10	6	6	3	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	8	7	70% (B)

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Allison Park	5	7	6	7	6	6	7	8	6	6	7	6	7	7	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	6	6	62% (C)
Balgreen Park	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	5	4	61% (C)
Buttercup Farm Park	7	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	7	7	10	6	7	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	7	73% (B)
Clermiston Park	7	7	6	6	7	5	8	8	8	7	7	6	6	7	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	5	3	65% (C)
Cramond Walled Gdn	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	5	7	6	8	8	9	10	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	5	68% (C)
Davidsons Mains Park	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	6	8	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	7	7	7	72% (B)
Drumbrae Park	6	6	7	6	5	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	6	6	61% (C)
East Pilton Park	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	5	6	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	5	5	65% (C)
Easter Drylaw Park	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	7	7	4	7	6	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	6	67% (C)
Fauldburn Park	7	5	7	5	7	5	8	8	8	4	7	7	5	7	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	7	5	8	6	65% (C)
Ferry Glen	6	6	5	5	5	6	8	7	8	4	7	6	6	7	9	10	7	6	9	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	5	7	67% (C)
Glendevon Park	7	7	7	5	6	7	8	9	8	6	7	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	3	6	2	5	3	62% (C)
Granton Crescent Park	7	6	6	4	7	6	7	8	6	5	7	7	7	7	6	10	6	6	8	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	6	7	63% (C)
Gyle Park	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	7	8	6	6	6	7	6	6	10	5	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	5	7	3	66% (C)
Gypsy Brae Rec	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	6	9	71% (B)
Haugh Park	7	7	7	6	8	6	7	7	9	6	7	7	8	6	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	3	2	62% (C)
Inchcolm Park	6	6	6	6	8	7	8	9	8	4	7	6	6	6	6	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	5	3	62% (C)
Inverleith Park	8	9	8	9	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	6	7	8	6	7	7	6	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	78% (B)
KGV Park (Eyre Pl)	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	10	7	6	8	8	6	8	7	8	8	8	72% (B)
KGV Park (S.Q)	7	6	6	6	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	5	4	65% (C)
Muirhouse Park	5	6	6	8	8	7	7	8	5	4	7	5	5	6	6	10	6	6	4	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	4	2	57% (D)
Orchard (Brae) Park	6	5	6	5	6	7	7	6	8	4	8	7	6	6	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	6	4	62% (C)
Parkside, Newbridge	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	3	2	63% (C)
Pikes Pool	7	5	6	4	5	5	6	8	6	5	6	6	5	8	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	62% (C)
Ratho St. Flyover Park	4	4	4	4	4	6	7	9	6	4	7	4	7	6	6	10	6	6	3	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	53% (D)
Ratho Station Park	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	8	6	4	8	6	8	6	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	5	4	62% (C)
Ravelston Park	7	8	5	8	8	7	9	8	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	10	7	6	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	5	5	67% (C)

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Riverside Park	7	5	7	4	8	8	8	8	8	5	7	7	7	6	6	10	6	6	5	n/a	n/a	1	6	3	3	2	60% (C)
Rocheid Path	6	6	6	5	6	6	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	9	9	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	9	6	8	8	8	72% (B)
Roseburn Park	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	5	8	7	7	6	7	6	6	10	6	8	7	n/a	6	7	6	5	6	5	69% (C)
Silverknowes Park	7	6	5	4	6	5	6	7	6	7	7	5	5	7	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	5	3	60% (C)
St Margarets Park	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	6	7	6	7	8	6	10	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	71% (B)
St Marks Park	6	7	5	6	7	6	6	6	8	8	7	6	6	8	6	10	6	6	8	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	7	65% (C)
Starbank Park	9	8	9	9	9	8	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	9	10	7	6	9	9	9	10	9	10	9	9	89% (A)
Station Road Park	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	9	9	7	8	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	7	6	72% (B)
Union Park	7	6	6	6	7	6	7	7	5	7	7	5	7	6	6	10	6	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	7	5	7	5	63% (C)
Victoria Park	7	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	7	8	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	7	5	7	8	6	8	7	8	76% (B)
West Pilton Park	5	6	5	7	6	6	7	5	4	7	6	6	6	7	6	10	6	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	8	7	5	5	63% (C)

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Atholl Crescent	6	8	7	8	7	8	8	9	7	7	8	7	7	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	n/a	5	6	6	7	7	69% (C)
Barony Com Garden	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	9	8	5	5	7	7	6	5	7	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	5	2	65% (C)
Bauks View	6	7	9	6	8	7	7	4	5	7	8	6	6	8	6	10	8	6	8	n/a	n/a	9	6	6	7	8	70% (B)
Bellevue Crescent	6	5	7	4	6	7	5	8	6	5	8	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	8	6	n/a	3	6	6	7	8	64% (C)
Braid Hills	8	5	7	4	6	6	8	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	6	10	7	6	8	9	n/a	7	6	6	6	7	70% (B)
Braidburn Valley Park	8	8	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	5	7	8	6	10	7	6	8	7	5	9	6	9	8	8	76% (B)
Calton Hill	6	6	6	6	8	7	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	8	6	10	7	6	7	9	7	7	6	8	7	7	71% (B)
Coates Crescent	6	6	6	8	7	8	8	8	6	6	8	8	7	6	6	7	7	6	8	7	8	5	6	6	7	7	68% (C)
Deaconess	7	7	8	7	8	7	9	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	8	8	69% (C)
Drum Park	7	8	8	7	8	8	9	9	7	8	9	8	8	6	6	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	8	8	74% (B)
Dunbars Close Garden	8	7	6	6	8	8	6	9	8	9	8	8	7	6	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	6	8	6	6	72% (B)
Ferniehill Com Park	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	7	6	7	7	6	8	6	n/a	6	8	8	8	9	78% (B)
Fernieside Recreation	5	6	6	5	7	6	7	6	8	7	6	6	7	6	6	10	7	6	5	n/a	n/a	7	6	5	7	6	64% (C)
Gardners Crescent	7	8	6	7	8	7	8	9	8	5	8	8	7	6	6	10	5	6	7	9	9	6	6	7	6	7	72% (B)
Gayfield Square	6	5	7	6	5	6	7	8	5	5	5	8	7	6	6	10	7	6	6	4	n/a	6	6	8	6	5	62% (C)
Gracemount Com Pk	7	7	9	8	8	7	6	9	6	7	7	7	8	6	6	10	7	6	9	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	8	72% (B)
Grannys Green	5	5	5	4	7	6	7	8	4	6	6	6	5	6	6	10	7	6	7	6	n/a	7	6	6	7	6	62% (C)
Inch Park	7	7	9	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	10	7	6	8	6	8	6	6	6	8	8	73% (B)
Liberton Park	8	7	8	6	8	8	8	9	9	7	8	7	8	7	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	7	7	73% (B)
London Road Gardens	8	7	8	8	6	7	5	8	8	7	8	6	8	7	6	10	7	6	9	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	73% (B)
More dun Park	7	6	7	4	6	6	8	8	5	6	6	7	6	6	6	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	7	6	63% (C)
Morgan Playing Fields	7	7	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	8	6	6	10	7	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	6	5	66% (C)
Morningside Park	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	5	8	9	7	8	76% (B)
Mortonhall Com Park	6	5	6	4	4	7	6	8	9	5	7	n/a	6	6	9	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	5	7	7	63% (C)
Nicolson Square	8	8	8	8	6	7	7	7	8	9	9	6	7	6	6	10	7	6	9	6	7	6	6	6	8	8	73% (B)
Prestonfield Park	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	9	6	7	7	9	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	n/a	8	8	8	8	8	78% (B)
P'field War Memorial	5	7	8	5	7	7	9	7	5	4	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	n/a	7	8	6	6	8	7	68% (C)

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Regent Road Park	5	8	6	7	8	8	8	9	6	7	7	6	7	6	7	10	7	6	8	n/a	7	4	6	7	8	8	70% (B)
Seven Acre Park	9	8	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	10	8	6	9	n/a	n/a	9	8	8	9	9	82% (A)
St Katharine's Park	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	9	10	8	6	8	n/a	6	8	8	8	7	7	75% (B)
St Patricks Square	7	6	8	7	6	6	7	8	6	7	7	6	8	6	6	7	7	6	7	5	7	5	7	6	8	7	67% (C)
The Meadows	8	8	5	8	9	7	7	8	9	7	8	5	6	7	8	7	7	6	8	7	5	9	8	9	8	8	74% (B)

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Blinkbonny Park	5	6	4	6	8	7	5	9	8	7	7	8	8	8	9	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	5	2	67% (C)
Bloomiehall Park	8	8	8	8	8	5	8	8	7	5	8	8	8	8	7	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	8	8	75% (B)
Campbell Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	9	10	7	6	8	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	6	72% (B)
Colinton Mains Park	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	8	5	6	7	9	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	6	7	7	73% (B)
Curriemuirend Park	5	4	5	4	5	2	4	7	4	5	6	6	5	8	9	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	4	57% (D)
Dovecot Park	7	6	7	3	6	5	4	8	6	5	6	6	5	7	9	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	6	6	6	62% (C)
Fairmilehead Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	9	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	7	7	7	73% (B)
Fountainbridge Green	6	8	6	8	8	9	8	9	8	5	6	7	8	6	9	7	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	8	7	6	6	6	71% (B)
Gorgie/Dalry Park	4	5	4	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	7	6	6	8	9	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	6	5	3	59% (D)
Hailes Quarry Park	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	7	7	73% (B)
Harrison Park	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	9	7	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	8	8	75% (B)
KGV Park (Currie)	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	6	5	6	6	7	5	68% (C)
Marchbank Park	6	7	6	6	6	7	8	9	8	6	6	7	7	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	6	5	3	66% (C)
Meadowspot Park	7	8	7	6	6	7	7	8	8	6	7	6	7	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	4	7	5	67% (C)
Muir Wood Park	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	8	8	75% (B)
Murieston Park	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	7	7	7	75% (B)
Paties Road Rec	6	6	6	5	7	7	8	8	8	6	8	6	7	6	9	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	8	69% (C)
Pentland View Park	6	7	7	6	7	8	9	8	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	10	7	6	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	4	68% (C)
Ratho Park	6	6	6	5	7	6	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	9	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	7	69% (C)
Redford Wood	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	7	6	8	9	10	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	71% (B)
Redhall Park	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	8	7	10	7	6	8	n/a	6	4	6	6	6	6	66% (C)
Saughton Park	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	9	5	7	9	6	8	9	8	9	9	9	7	7	77% (B)
Sighthill Park	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	4	6	7	5	7	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	6	6	6	6	7	5	65% (C)
Spylaw Park	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	9	7	5	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	7	6	6	8	7	7	71% (B)
Stenhouse Pl East	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	5	6	6	6	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	7	3	6	6	6	6	67% (C)
Whinhill Park	7	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	6	5	7	7	6	8	7	10	7	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	6	3	65% (C)
White Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	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	6	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	8	7	10	8	8	8	7	n/a	10	7	10	6	6	70% (B)
Cammo Estate	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	8	6	7	10	6	10	8	8	9	10	5	10	9	9	7	7	78% (B)
Colinton Dells	8	6	7	7	6	6	7	8	6	5	8	6	6	9	9	10	8	8	8	7	8	10	9	10	7	7	75% (B)
Corstorphine Hill	7	8	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	9	9	10	8	8	8	9	8	10	9	10	9	7	78% (B)
Craigmillar Castle	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	7	8	8	8	9	6	10	8	7	8	8	n/a	9	8	8	8	8	78% (B)
Cramond Foreshore	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	9	10	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	7	7	8	78% (B)
Easter Craiglockhart	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	8	6	9	9	n/a	10	10	10	9	9	86% (A)
Hermitage of Braid	7	7	8	7	9	7	8	7	9	7	8	7	7	9	9	10	8	8	9	9	7	7	8	9	9	9	80% (A)
Little France Park	6	7	7	7	5	8	7	4	6	7	7	8	7	9	9	10	8	8	8	7	n/a	8	8	7	7	8	73% (B)
Meadows Yard	7	6	7	3	6	5	5	9	8	7	7	6	6	9	9	10	8	8	9	7	n/a	6	6	8	8	8	71% (B)
Pentland Hills	9	7	9	8	8	7	7	6	8	8	8	8	7	10	9	10	9	7	10	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	85% (A)
Ravelston Woods	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	6	7	9	10	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	77% (B)
River Almond	8	7	8	6	9	5	8	8	8	6	7	5	6	9	9	10	8	7	9	9	7	9	9	9	7	8	77% (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	6	8	7	6	8	7	7	5	8	5	7	4	7	7	9	7	8	6	8	9	3	7	7	8	6	6	68% (C)
Princes Street Gardens	6	7	7	5	8	8	9	9	8	9	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	9	8	6	9	7	7	7	76% (B)
Saughton Park	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	9	5	7	9	6	8	9	8	9	9	9	7	7	77% (B)

7.7 Cemeteries Service 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
Canongate Kirkyard	6	7	7	5	6	7	6	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	10	7	6	5	n/a	5	6	6	7	7	4	64% (C)
Colinton Churchyard	8	7	8	7	7	8	8	9	9	6	8	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	8	n/a	8	6	6	3	9	7	72% (B)
Corstorphine Hill Cem.	7	5	7	5	4	4	7	8	7	7	6	5	6	6	7	10	7	6	6	6	5	6	6	3	5	1	58% (D)
C'gmillar Castle Pk Cem.	8	8	8	7	6	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	6	7	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	3	7	1	68% (C)
Cramond Churchyard	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	6	n/a	8	6	6	3	6	5	68% (C)
Currie Churchyard	8	7	7	5	8	7	8	10	9	8	7	8	7	6	6	10	7	6	7	6	8	6	6	3	6	3	69% (C)
Grange Cemetery	7	7	7	7	7	5	8	9	8	7	8	4	7	6	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	6	6	6	3	7	7	67% (C)
Greyfriars Churchyard	7	7	5	7	7	8	7	9	7	7	7	7	8	6	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	7	6	6	3	6	5	67% (C)
Kirkliston Cemetery	6	4	5	5	4	4	6	8	7	4	7	5	5	6	6	10	7	6	3	n/a	7	6	6	3	5	2	55% (D)
Liberton Cemetery	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	10	7	6	7	n/a	6	6	6	3	6	6	68% (C)
Morningside Cemetery	7	6	6	6	5	4	6	8	7	6	7	6	5	6	10	10	7	6	6	7	6	6	6	3	7	7	64% (C)
Mortonhall Cemetery	9	8	9	8	8	7	8	9	9	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	8	6	6	3	8	7	73% (B)
Portobello Cemetery	4	7	5	5	6	6	8	8	6	7	7	7	5	6	6	10	7	6	7	6	7	6	6	3	7	1	61% (C)
Ratho Cemetery	8	7	6	7	6	8	8	9	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	n/a	6	6	6	3	6	2	64% (C)
South Queensferry Cem.	7	6	7	6	6	8	8	9	8	8	7	6	8	6	6	10	7	6	6	n/a	6	6	6	3	6	6	67% (C)
St Cuthberts Cemetery	7	7	6	6	5	6	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	10	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	3	6	6	61% (C)

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 periodically reviewed 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.

Managing Environmental Impact

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 absolutely 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

A citywide score of 6 out of 10 has been applied based on the action plan in the Edinburgh Adapts Strategy, however, site managers can increase this score if additional actions have been implemented on site.

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.

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 some of these features need improved conservation management.
4	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but most of these features need improved conservation management.
3	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections, but all 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.