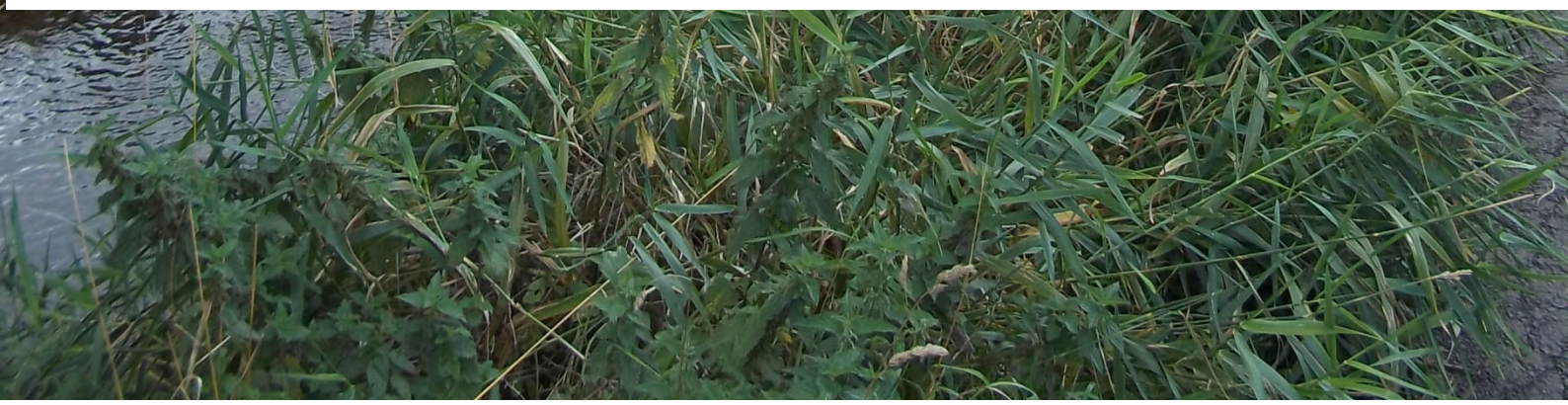




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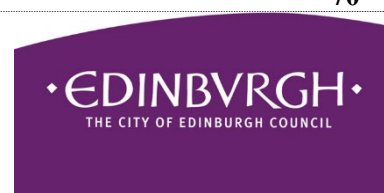


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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Parks & Greenspaces 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 & Greenspaces 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 & Greenspaces 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 & Greenspaces 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"**.



Figgate Park

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Green Flag Forum

The Green Flag Forum consists of parks management, site managers, key officers and a representative from the greenspace forum that oversees the Park Quality Assessment (PQA) and Edinburgh's Green Flag Award (GFA) programmes.

The forum meets in November each year to discuss the recent PQA and GFA results with a view to identifying local and citywide park improvements. It also agrees on the methodology to be used in the next round of assessments, making changes where necessary but ensuring year on year analysis is retained, sets targets for the Edinburgh Minimum Standard and identifies and approves sites for Green Flag Award submission.

### 2.2 Green Flag Award

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.



The scheme is run under UK Government licence by Keep Britain Tidy who use regional operators to deliver the scheme in other countries. In Scotland the scheme is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

### 2.3 Criteria Used

Whilst the Green Flag Award contains both desk and field assessments, this PQA programme 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. This approach provides a fuller view of a park's quality.

Listed below are the formal categories and criteria as set out in the 'Raising the Standard' manual.

#### **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.

#### **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*)

### **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*)

### **Marketing**

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

### **Management**

- Implementation of the management plan (Not used in 2022)

*Criteria names may be abbreviated in this document where space is limited.*

## **2.4 Assessment Accuracy**

To maximise consistency and accurate scoring 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 previous scores and comments along with the site manager's response from the previous assessment and a list of improvements carried out since the last assessment.

A judging manual is available for new judges who can also access the Green Flag Award 'Raising the Standard' document from the GFA website which provide some information on the process and criteria used. However, new judges primarily received 'training' during the first assessment by the Lead Assessor who would explain the process and provide a more practical interpretation of the criteria.

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

## **2.5 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.

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

## **2.6 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.

## 2.7 Park Gradings

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 assessors deemed acceptable. It was agreed that each park should be described as either 'Excellent', 'Very Good', 'Good+', 'Good', 'Fair' or 'Poor' but that the bandwidth scores should be set differently for each park classification due to the perceived expectations of quality to be found in each type.

However, following feedback stating that they were too complicated, the bandwidths and gradings were reviewed in 2018, and a simplified grading system was agreed (see table below), making it easier to understand.

All previous data has been retrospectively amended to show the data in the new grading format to enable year on year analysis.

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

## 2.8 Edinburgh Minimum Standard

In 2009, it was also agreed that there should be a parks quality score that acted as the Edinburgh Minimum Standard (EMS) for parks. Similar to the park gradings at the time, it was also agreed to be set at a different level for each park type.

As part of the review of bandwidths and gradings in 2018, it was also agreed that with 97% of parks meeting the minimum score, it would be an opportune time to set a new EMS and as such the new mark was set at Grade C (60%+) for all park types.

## 2.9 Sites

With no changes to the list, **141 park** and **16 Cemeteries** were identified to be assessed in 2022 with each site being assessed once.

Whilst Cemeteries are selected for assessment, the Green Flag Forum agreed that their results **do not** contribute towards performance or Locality result.

A full list of these parks, sorted alphabetically by service area, can be found in the appendices.

## 2.10 Localities

Natural Heritage Service and Botanical Service managed sites continue to be included within Locality performance results due to the geographical aspects of the sites along with the continued support they obtain from the Locality, however as stated previously, cemetery sites do not.

For information purposes, separate sections showing the results of the Natural Heritage Service sites and Cemetery sites are included in this document.

## 2.11 Assessors

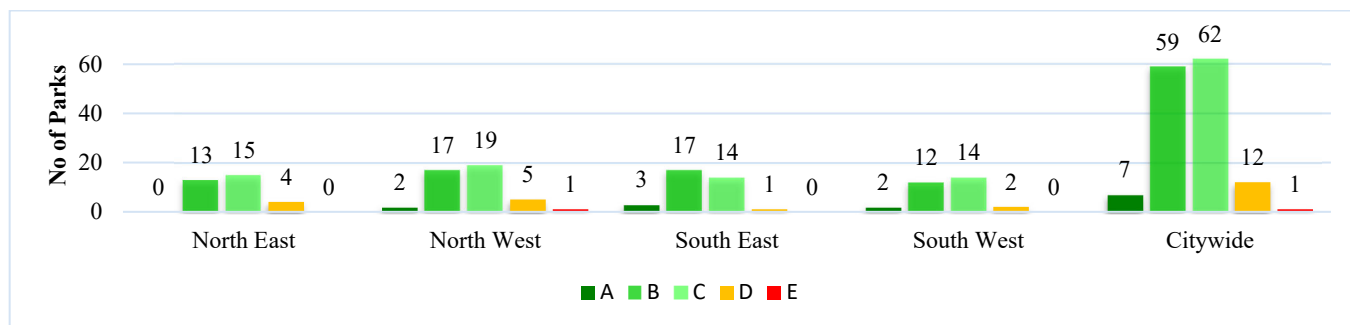
Assessments were undertaken by Lead Assessors (council officers who are either Green Flag Award judges and or experienced parks & greenspaces or cemeteries officers) who either assessed the park as a solo judge or with the help of up to three assistant assessors (mostly friends of parks group members).



### 3 Performance Results

#### 3.1 Grading Summary

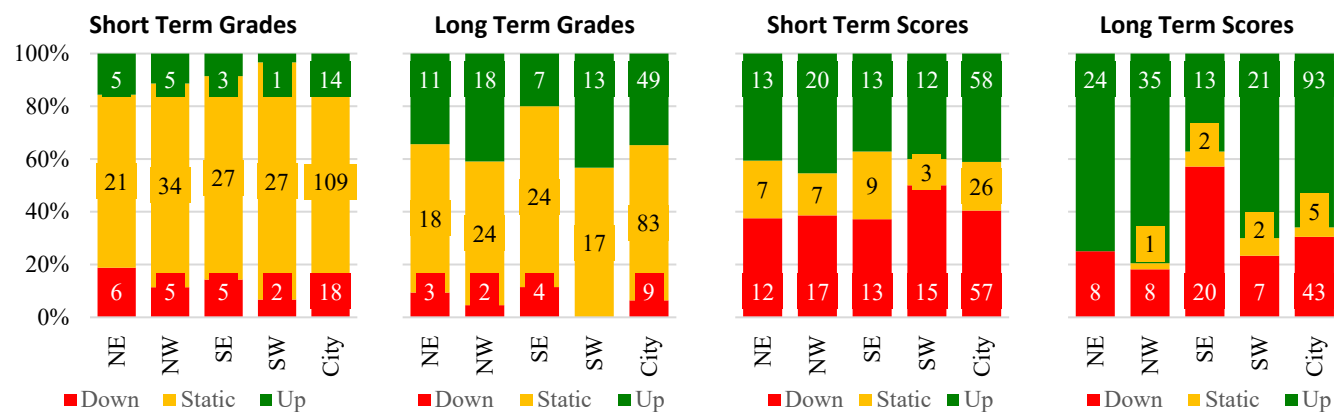
The chart and table below show the number (and percentage) of park gradings for 2022.



Locality	No of Parks	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
North East Edinburgh	32	0 0%	13 41%	15 47%	4 13%	0 0%
North West Edinburgh	44	2 5%	17 39%	19 43%	5 11%	1 2%
South East Edinburgh	35	3 9%	17 49%	14 40%	1 3%	0 0%
South West Edinburgh	30	2 7%	12 40%	14 47%	2 7%	0 0%
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>7 5%</b>	<b>59 42%</b>	<b>62 44%</b>	<b>12 9%</b>	<b>1 1%</b>

#### 3.2 Grading & PQS Movements

The charts and table below show the number (and percentage) of grade & score movements over the Short Term (year on year) and Long Term (current grade/score compared against the grade five years ago and the five-year average score)



Locality	Term	Grade Movements			Score Movements		
		Up	Static	Down	Up	Static	Down
North East (32 Parks)	Short Term	5 (16%)	21 (66%)	6 (19%)	13 (41%)	7 (22%)	12 (38%)
	Long Term	11 (34%)	18 (56%)	3 (9%)	24 (75%)	0 (0%)	8 (25%)
North West (44 Parks)	Short Term	3 (9%)	27 (77%)	5 (14%)	13 (37%)	9 (26%)	13 (37%)
	Long Term	18 (20%)	24 (69%)	2 (11%)	35 (80%)	1 (2%)	8 (18%)
South East (35 Parks)	Short Term	3 (9%)	27 (77%)	5 (14%)	13 (37%)	9 (26%)	13 (37%)
	Long Term	7 (20%)	24 (69%)	4 (11%)	13 (37%)	2 (6%)	20 (57%)
South West (30 Parks)	Short Term	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	27 (90%)	12 (40%)	3 (10%)	15 (50%)
	Long Term	13 (43%)	17 (57%)	0 (0%)	21 (70%)	2 (7%)	7 (23%)
Citywide (141 Parks)	Short Term	14 (10%)	18 (13%)	109 (77%)	58 (41%)	26 (18%)	57 (40%)
	Long Term	49 (35%)	83 (59%)	9 (6%)	93 (66%)	5 (4%)	43 (30%)



### 3.3 Park Quality Score and Criteria Averages

The table below shows the average Parks Quality Score for the last five assessments and short-term trend.

Locality	No of Parks	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	Trend
North East Edinburgh	32	64%	64%	64%	68%	67%	↓
North West Edinburgh	44	63%	65%	66%	67%	68%	↑
South East Edinburgh	35	70%	71%	71%	71%	70%	↓
South West Edinburgh	30	65%	66%	70%	70%	70%	→
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>→</b>

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		
	21	22	Tr	21	22	Tr	21	22	Tr	21	22	Tr	21	22	Tr
<b>Welcoming</b>															
Welcoming	6.3	6.2	↓	6.7	6.8	↑	6.9	6.7	↓	6.8	6.5	↓	6.7	6.6	↓
Good & Safe Access	7.0	7.0	→	6.8	7.0	↑	6.9	7.0	↑	6.9	6.9	→	6.9	7.0	↑
Signage	6.0	5.9	↓	6.6	6.6	→	7.3	7.1	↓	6.8	6.7	↓	6.7	6.6	↓
Equal Access	6.5	6.4	↓	6.5	6.5	→	6.6	6.7	↑	6.6	6.6	→	6.5	6.6	↑
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>															
Appropriate Facilities	6.9	6.8	↓	7.2	7.0	↓	7.4	7.3	↓	7.2	7.1	↓	7.2	7.1	↓
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.8	↑	6.8	6.9	↑	7.2	7.3	↑	6.8	7.1	↑	6.9	7.0	↑
Personal Security	7.1	7.0	↓	7.4	7.4	→	7.5	7.3	↓	7.1	7.2	↑	7.3	7.2	↓
Dog Control & Fouling	7.2	6.9	↓	7.4	7.3	↓	7.9	7.7	↓	7.7	7.5	↓	7.6	7.3	↓
<b>Clean/Well Maintained</b>															
Litter Management	6.6	6.7	↑	7.4	7.4	→	7.1	7.1	→	7.1	7.1	→	7.1	7.1	→
Horticultural Maintenance	5.9	6.2	↑	6.2	6.4	↑	6.9	6.5	↓	6.4	6.4	→	6.3	6.4	↑
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.0	7.1	↑	7.2	7.2	→	7.3	7.4	↑	7.1	7.1	→	7.2	7.2	→
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.4	6.8	↑	6.4	6.6	↑	6.9	6.9	→	6.8	6.6	↓	6.6	6.7	↑
Equipment Maintenance	6.4	6.5	↑	6.7	6.8	↑	7.1	6.8	↓	6.9	6.6	↓	6.8	6.7	↓
<b>Environmental Mgmt.</b>															
Managing Env. Impact	7.3	7.3	→	6.9	7.0	↑	6.7	6.7	→	7.7	7.7	→	7.1	7.1	→
Waste Minimisation	6.2	6.2	→	6.5	6.6	↑	7.1	7.1	→	7.2	7.2	→	6.7	6.7	→
Chemical Use	8.9	8.9	→	6.7	6.8	↑	6.7	6.8	↑	7.9	7.9	→	7.4	7.5	↑
Peat Use	10	10	→	9.9	9.9	→	9.0	9.0	→	9.5	9.5	→	9.6	9.6	→
Climate Change Adaptation	6.9	6.9	→	6.3	6.3	→	6.1	6.1	→	6.1	6.2	↑	6.3	6.4	↑
<b>Conservation</b>															
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.7	6.7	→	6.9	6.9	→	7.4	7.3	↓	7.3	7.2	↓	7.1	7.0	↓
Conservation Landscape	7.6	7.6	→	8.2	8.2	→	6.9	6.9	→	8.8	8.8	→	7.5	7.5	→
Conservation Buildings	6.8	6.9	↑	6.7	7.0	↑	7.0	7.0	→	7.0	7.2	↑	6.9	7.0	↑
<b>Community</b>															
Community Involvement	6.2	6.2	→	5.4	5.4	→	6.3	6.4	↑	6.5	6.5	→	6.0	6.1	↑
Community Provision	6.4	6.4	→	6.6	6.6	→	6.6	6.7	↑	6.5	6.5	→	6.5	6.6	↑
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>															
Marketing & Promotion	6.9	7.0	↑	6.0	6.0	→	6.8	6.8	→	6.8	6.8	→	6.6	6.6	→
Information Provision	5.6	5.3	↓	6.1	6.2	↑	7.2	7.0	↓	6.7	6.5	↓	6.4	6.3	↓
Educ. & Interp. Provision	5.0	4.7	↓	5.5	5.7	↑	7.1	7.1	→	6.1	5.8	↓	5.9	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.

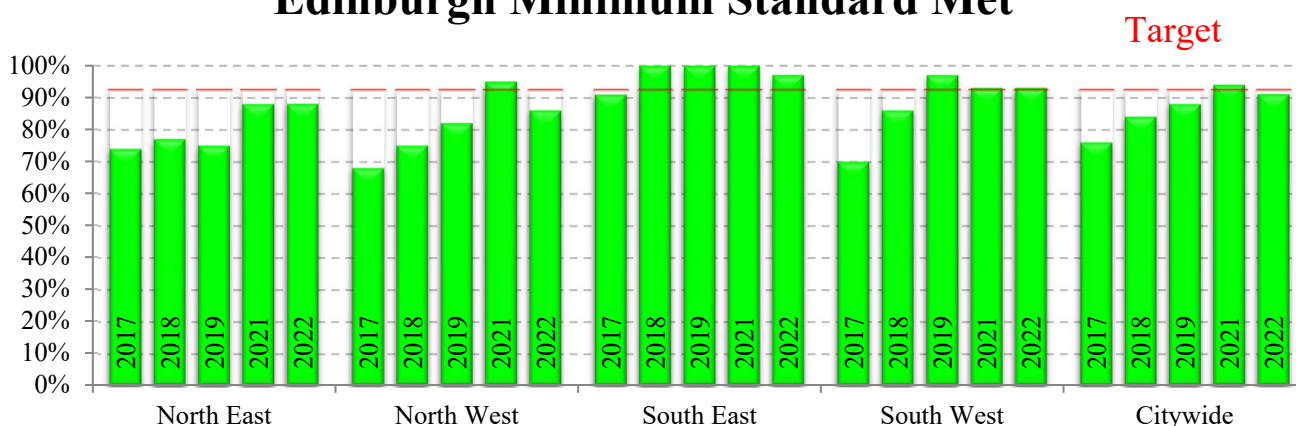
It should be noted that the Edinburgh Minimum Standard was changed to a Parks Quality Score of 60% in 2018 which resulted in a significant drop in performance score when compared against the old standard.

The targets and performance since 2008 are listed below including the old EMS (up until 2017) and the new EMS which has been retrospectively amended to show year on year comparison.

	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21	22
<b>Target</b>	55%	65%	70%	75%	80%	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%
<b>Perf Old EMS</b>	56%	61%	68%	82%	82%	92%	91%	94%	96%	97%				
<b>Perf New EMS</b>	17%	17%	28%	36%	43%	50%	53%	60%	67%	76%	84%	88%	94%	91%

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.

### Edinburgh Minimum Standard Met







Locality	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	Trend	Target Met
North East	23/31	24/31	24/32	28/32	<b>28/32</b>	→	✘
Edinburgh	74%	77%	75%	88%	<b>88%</b>		
North West	30/44	33/44	36/44	42/44	<b>38/44</b>	↓	✘
Edinburgh	68%	75%	82%	95%	<b>86%</b>		
South East	31/34	34/34	35/35	35/35	<b>34/35</b>	↓	✔
Edinburgh	91%	100%	100%	100%	<b>97%</b>		
South West	21/30	25/29	29/30	28/30	<b>28/30</b>	→	✔
Edinburgh	70%	86%	97%	93%	<b>93%</b>		
<b>Citywide</b>	105/139	116/138	124/141	133/141	<b>128/141</b>	↓	✘
	76%	84%	88%	94%	<b>91%</b>		

## 4 Citywide Results

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




Rank	Tr	Rk +/-	Park Name	GFA Park	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2021	PQS 2022	+ / - PQS
1	➔	0	Starbank Park		Community	North West	89% (A)	87% (A)	-2%
2	➔	0	Easter Craiglockhart Hill		LNR	South West	86% (A)	86% (A)	0
3	➔	0	Pentland Hills Regional Park		Regional	South West	85% (A)	83% (A)	-2%
4	⬆	+3	Corstorphine Hill		LNR	North West	78% (B)	81% (A)	+3%
5=	⬆	+13	Braidburn Valley Park		Community	South East	76% (B)	80% (A)	+4%
5=	⬆	+1	Hermitage of Braid inc B'ford		LNR	South East	80% (A)	80% (A)	0
5=	⬇	-1	Seven Acre Park		Community	South East	82% (A)	80% (A)	-2%
8=	⬇	-1	Cammo Estate		LNR	North West	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
8=	⬇	-1	Craigmillar Castle Park		Natural	North East	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
8=	⬇	-3	Figgate Burn Park		Community	North East	81% (A)	79% (B)	-2%
11=	⬇	-4	Cramond Foreshore		Natural	North West	78% (B)	78% (B)	0
11=	⬇	-4	Ferniehill Community Park		Community	South East	78% (B)	78% (B)	0
11=	⬆	+7	Princes Street Gardens		Premier	South East	76% (B)	78% (B)	+2%
14=	➔	0	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens		Garden	North East	77% (B)	77% (B)	0
14=	⬇	-7	Inverleith Park		Premier	North West	78% (B)	77% (B)	-1%
16=	⬆	+6	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells		Natural	South West	75% (B)	76% (B)	+1%
16=	⬇	-2	River Almond Walkway		Natural	North West	77% (B)	76% (B)	-1%
16=	⬆	+6	St Katharine's Park		Community	South East	75% (B)	76% (B)	+1%
19=	⬇	-12	Prestonfield Park		Community	South East	78% (B)	75% (B)	-3%
19=	⬇	-5	Saughton Park		Premier	South West	77% (B)	75% (B)	-2%
19=	⬆	+30	St Margaret's Park		Community	North West	71% (B)	75% (B)	+4%
19=	⬆	+21	Station Road Park		Community	North West	72% (B)	75% (B)	+3%
23=	⬆	+7	Fairmilehead Park		Community	South West	73% (B)	74% (B)	+1%
23=	⬇	-1	Harrison Park		Community	South West	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
23=	⬆	+17	King George V Park (Eyre Pl.)		Garden	North West	72% (B)	74% (B)	+2%
23=	⬆	+7	Little France Park		Natural	North East	73% (B)	74% (B)	+1%
23=	⬇	-1	Muir Wood Park		Community	South West	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
23=	⬇	-1	Murieston Park		Community	South West	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
23=	⬇	-9	Ravelston Woods		LNR	North West	77% (B)	74% (B)	-3%
30=	⬆	+28	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park		LNR	South East	70% (B)	73% (B)	+3%
30=	➔	0	Buttercup Farm Park		Community	North West	73% (B)	73% (B)	0
30=	⬆	+10	Campbell Park		Community	South West	72% (B)	73% (B)	+1%
30=	➔	0	Inch Park		Garden	South East	73% (B)	73% (B)	0
30=	➔	0	London Road Gardens		Garden	South East	73% (B)	73% (B)	0
30=	⬆	+19	Montgomery Street Park		Community	North East	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
30=	⬇	-12	Morningside Park		Community	South East	76% (B)	73% (B)	-3%
30=	⬆	+19	Spylaw Park		Community	South West	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
30=	⬇	-12	Victoria Park		Garden	North West	76% (B)	73% (B)	-3%
39=	⬆	+19	Abercorn Park		Community	North East	70% (B)	72% (B)	+2%
39=	⬇	-17	Bloomiehall Park		Community	South West	75% (B)	72% (B)	-3%
39=	⬆	+19	Braid Hills		Natural	South East	70% (B)	72% (B)	+2%
39=	⬆	+10	Calton Hill		Premier	South East	71% (B)	72% (B)	+1%
39=	⬇	-9	Colinton Mains Park		Garden	South West	73% (B)	72% (B)	-1%
39=	⬆	+1	Dunbar's Close Garden		Garden	South East	72% (B)	72% (B)	0
39=	⬇	-9	Hailes Quarry Park		Community	South West	73% (B)	72% (B)	-1%
39=	⬆	+33	Lauriston Castle		Garden	North West	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
39=	⬆	+33	Newcraighall Park		Community	North East	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
39=	⬆	+33	Portobello Community Garden		Community	North East	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
39=	⬆	+1	Rocheid Path		Natural	North West	72% (B)	72% (B)	0

Rank	Rk Tr	Rk +/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2021	PQS 2022	+ / - PQS
39=	↓	-11	The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	Premier	South East	74% (B)	72% (B)	-2%
51=	↑	+35	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	North West	67% (C)	71% (B)	+4%
51=	↑	+35	Ravelston Park 	Community	North West	67% (C)	71% (B)	+4%
51=	↑	+7	Regent Road Park	Community	South East	70% (B)	71% (B)	+1%
51=	↑	+15	Roseburn Park	Garden	North West	69% (C)	71% (B)	+2%
55=	↑	+11	Atholl Crescent	Garden	South East	69% (C)	70% (B)	+1%
55=	↑	+3	Bauks View	Natural	South East	70% (B)	70% (B)	0
55=	↑	+17	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
55=	↓	-15	Davidson's Mains Park	Garden	North West	72% (B)	70% (B)	-2%
55=	↓	-6	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	North West	71% (B)	70% (B)	-1%
55=	↓	-15	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	72% (B)	70% (B)	-2%
55=	↓	-25	Liberton Park	Community	South East	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
55=	↓	-25	Lochend Park 	Community	North East	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
55=	↑	+17	Meadowfield Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
55=	↑	+11	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	South West	69% (C)	70% (B)	+1%
55=	↑	+17	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	South East	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
55=	↑	+3	Rosefield Park 	Community	North East	70% (B)	70% (B)	0
67=	↑	+5	Baronscourt Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	69% (C)	+1%
67=	↑	+31	Fauldburn Park	Community	North West	65% (C)	69% (C)	+4%
67=	↓	-27	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	South East	72% (B)	69% (C)	-3%
67=	↓	-1	Pilrig Park	Community	North East	69% (C)	69% (C)	0
67=	↑	+19	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	67% (C)	69% (C)	+2%
72=	↓	-23	Brighton Park	Community	North East	71% (B)	68% (C)	-3%
72=	→	0	Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	68% (C)	68% (C)	0
72=	↓	-6	Deaconess	Garden	South East	69% (C)	68% (C)	-1%
72=	↓	-32	Gracemount Community Park	Community	South East	72% (B)	68% (C)	-4%
72=	↑	+21	Gyle Park	Garden	North West	66% (C)	68% (C)	+2%
72=	→	0	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	68% (C)	0
72=	↑	+21	Marchbank Park	Community	South West	66% (C)	68% (C)	+2%
72=	↑	+14	Meadowspot Park	Community	South West	67% (C)	68% (C)	+1%
72=	↑	+45	Pikes Pool	Natural	North West	62% (C)	68% (C)	+6%
72=	↓	-6	Ratho Park	Community	South West	69% (C)	68% (C)	-1%
72=	↑	+26	Whinhill Park	Community	South West	65% (C)	68% (C)	+3%
72=	→	0	White Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	68% (C)	0
84=	↑	+33	Allison Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
84=	↓	-26	Brunstane Mill	Natural	North East	70% (B)	67% (C)	-3%
84=	↑	+14	Clermiston Park	Community	North West	65% (C)	67% (C)	+2%
84=	↓	-12	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	North West	68% (C)	67% (C)	-1%
84=	↑	+33	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
84=	↓	-56	Drum Park	Community	South East	74% (B)	67% (C)	-7%
84=	↑	+2	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	North West	67% (C)	67% (C)	0
84=	↑	+24	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	South East	64% (C)	67% (C)	+3%
84=	↑	+9	Redhall Park	Community	South West	66% (C)	67% (C)	+1%
84=	↑	+2	St Patrick Square	Garden	South East	67% (C)	67% (C)	0
84=	↓	-26	Taylor Gardens	Garden	North East	70% (B)	67% (C)	-3%
95=	↑	+13	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	South East	64% (C)	66% (C)	+2%



Rank	Tr	Rk +/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2021	PQS 2022	+ / - PQS
95=	↑	+3	Bingham Park	Community	North East	65% (C)	66% (C)	+1%
95=	↑	+3	King George V Park (S.Queensferry)	Community	North West	65% (C)	66% (C)	+1%
95=	↓	-23	Pentland View Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	66% (C)	-2%
95=	↑	+15	Union Park	Garden	North West	63% (C)	66% (C)	+3%
100=	↓	-2	East Pilton Park	Community	North West	65% (C)	65% (C)	0
100=	↑	+34	Keddie Park	Community	North East	59% (D)	65% (C)	+6%
100=	↓	-28	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	South West	68% (C)	65% (C)	-3%
100=	↑	+17	Leith Links	Premier	North East	62% (C)	65% (C)	+3%
100=	↑	+10	Moredun Park	Community	South East	63% (C)	65% (C)	+2%
100=	↓	-2	Sighthill Park	Community	South West	65% (C)	65% (C)	0
106=	↓	-8	Barony Community Garden	Community	South East	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
106=	↓	-20	Blinkbonny Park	Community	South West	67% (C)	64% (C)	-3%
106=	↓	-57	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
106=	↑	+11	Gayfield Square	Garden	South East	62% (C)	64% (C)	+2%
106=	↓	-34	Hunter's Hall Park	Garden	North East	68% (C)	64% (C)	-4%
106=	↑	+11	Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Community	North West	62% (C)	64% (C)	+2%
106=	↓	-8	Magdalene Glen	Community	North East	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
106=	↓	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	North East	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
106=	↓	-13	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	South East	66% (C)	64% (C)	-2%
106=	↑	+4	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	North West	63% (C)	64% (C)	+1%
106=	↓	-13	Redbraes Park	Community	North East	66% (C)	64% (C)	-2%
106=	↓	-8	St Mark's Park	Community	North West	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
118=	↓	-8	Jewel Park	Community	North East	63% (C)	63% (C)	0
118=	↓	-88	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	73% (B)	63% (C)	-10%
118=	↓	-1	Ratho Station Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	63% (C)	+1%
118=	↓	-69	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	71% (B)	63% (C)	-8%
122=	↑	+9	Cairntows Park	Community	North East	60% (C)	62% (C)	+2%
122=	↓	-5	Granny's Green	Garden	South East	62% (C)	62% (C)	0
122=	↓	-5	Orchard (Brae) Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	62% (C)	0
122=	↑	+9	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	North West	60% (C)	62% (C)	+2%
122=	↓	-12	West Pilton Park	Community	North West	63% (C)	62% (C)	-1%
127	↓	-10	Haug Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	61% (C)	-1%
128	↓	-18	Granton Crescent Park	Community	North West	63% (C)	60% (C)	-3%
129=	→	0	Drumbrae Park	Community	North West	61% (C)	59% (D)	-2%
129=	↓	-12	Glendevon Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	59% (D)	-3%
129=	↓	-19	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	63% (C)	59% (D)	-4%
129=	↓	-12	Straiton Place Park	Community	North East	62% (C)	59% (D)	-3%
133=	↓	-4	Balgreen Park	Community	North West	61% (C)	58% (D)	-3%
133=	↑	+4	Curriemurend Park	Community	South West	57% (D)	58% (D)	+1%
133=	↑	+3	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	58% (D)	58% (D)	0
136=	↑	+1	Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	Community	North West	57% (D)	57% (D)	0
136=	↓	-5	Riverside Park	Community	North West	60% (C)	57% (D)	-3%
138	↓	-4	Gorgie Dalry Community Park	Community	South West	59% (D)	55% (D)	-4%
139	↑	+1	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	North East	54% (D)	54% (D)	0
140	↓	-1	Hays Park	Community	North East	55% (D)	53% (D)	-2%
141	→	0	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	North West	53% (D)	48% (E)	-5%

## 4.2 Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

**Short Term (Year on Year)** – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Rank	Tr	+/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQS 2021	PQS 2022	+ / - PQS
72=	↑	+45	Pikes Pool	Natural	North West	62% (C)	68% (C)	+6%
100=	↑	+34	Keddie Park	Community	North East	59% (D)	65% (C)	+6%
84=	↑	+33	Allison Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
84=	↑	+33	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
5=	↑	+13	Braidburn Valley Park 	Community	South East	76% (B)	80% (A)	+4%
19=	↑	+30	St Margaret's Park 	Community	North West	71% (B)	75% (B)	+4%
39=	↑	+33	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	North West	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
39=	↑	+33	Newcraighall Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
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106=	↓	-34	Hunter's Hall Park	Garden	North East	68% (C)	64% (C)	-4%
129=	↓	-19	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	63% (C)	59% (D)	-4%
141	→	0	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	North West	53% (D)	48% (E)	-5%
84=	↓	-56	Drum Park	Community	South East	74% (B)	67% (C)	-7%
106=	↓	-57	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
106=	↓	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	North East	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
118=	↓	-69	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	71% (B)	63% (C)	-8%
118=	↓	-88	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	73% (B)	63% (C)	-10%

**Long Term (Five Year Average)** – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	Loc	2017	2018	219	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Henderson Gardens Park	SE	40%	44% ↑	46% ↑	58% ↑	58% →	+18%	+9%
Keddie Park	NE	52%	54% ↑	55% ↑	59% ↑	65% ↑	+13%	+8%
Stenhouse Place East Park	SW	53%	58% ↑	63% ↑	67% ↑	69% ↑	+16%	+7%
Silverknowes Park	NW	49%	48% ↓	58% ↑	60% ↑	62% ↑	+13%	+7%
Clermiston Park	NW	54%	58% ↑	60% ↑	65% ↑	67% ↑	+13%	+6%
Fauldburn Park	NW	57%	60% ↑	63% ↑	65% ↑	69% ↑	+12%	+6%
Burdiehouse Burn 	SE	56%	66% ↑	69% ↑	70% ↑	73% ↑	+17%	+6%
Curriemurend Park	SW	44%	46% ↑	54% ↑	57% ↑	58% ↑	+14%	+6%
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Seven Acre Park 	SE	85%	84% ↓	84% →	82% ↓	80% ↓	-5%	-3%
Mortonhall Community Park	SE	61%	61% →	66% ↑	63% ↓	59% ↓	-2%	-3%
Ratho Station Flyover Park	NW	53%	48% ↓	53% ↑	53% →	48% ↓	-5%	-3%
Fountainbridge Green	SW	68%	65% ↓	68% ↑	71% ↑	64% ↓	-4%	-3%
Redford Wood	SW	68%	64% ↓	70% ↑	71% ↑	63% ↓	-5%	-4%
Morgan Playing Fields	SE	72%	70% ↓	70% →	66% ↓	64% ↓	-8%	-4%
Meadows Yard	NE	72%	69% ↓	68% ↓	71% ↑	64% ↓	-8%	-5%
Nicolson Square	SE	63%	69% ↑	75% ↑	73% ↓	63% ↓	0%	-6%

## 4.3 Results Summary

### Gradings

Of the 141 parks that were assessed in 2022, Seven parks achieved 'Grade A' (one more than last year) with another three parks only one point away. The number of 'Grade B' parks stayed the same as last year at 59 with five parks only one point away from the mark, but 12 of the 59 parks only just made it with a PQS of 70% and five of those showed a drop in PQS from the previous year. The number of parks achieving 'Grade C' and meeting the 'Edinburgh Minimum Standard' stands at 62 (six fewer than last year) but again five parks are hovering just one point away from improving a grade, however, **Granton Crescent Park** (North West) just made the mark dropping three points from last year.

At the other end of the scale, 12 parks were judged to be 'Grade D' (four more than last year) and the four parks only one point away from 'Grade C' all showed significant drops in PQS and a drop in grade leaving them all a bit of work to do to try and turn things around. Unfortunately, from having no 'Grade E' parks last year, **Ratho Station Flyover Park** (North West) dropped in grade leaving it as the only 'Grade E' park this year.

The results also showed that 14 parks (10%) (11 fewer than last year) moved up a grade whilst 109 parks (77%) stayed the same but 18 (13%), (eight more than last year) dropped a grade from 2021.

### Park Quality Scores

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

Fifty Eight (41%) parks improved their score from the last assessment (23 fewer than last year) but unfortunately, 57 (40%) of Edinburgh's parks also fell in quality (17 more than last year).

Looking longer term, the results show that whilst 93 parks have improved over five assessments, 43 have deteriorated and 32 of those are also showing drops this year.

The citywide average PQS stands at 69% (the same as last year) and which for the first time since assessments began, has failed to increase year on year.

**Starbank Park** (North West) was judged to be the highest scoring park in Edinburgh once again but dropped two points to 87%. **Easter Craiglockhart Hill** was second on 86% with the same score as last year and **Pentland Hills Regional Park** was third with 83% but unfortunately dropped two points for the second year running.

At the other end of the table, **Ratho Station Flyover Park** (North West), judged to be the worst park in 2021, retains the unwanted accolade by dropping a further five points to 48%.

**Pikes Pool** (North West) and **Keddie Park** (North East) were the most improved parks in 2022 by six points to 68% and 65% respectively whilst **Nicolson Square** (South East) and **Redford Woods** (South West) deteriorated most, dropping ten and eight points respectively, and both now sit on 63%.

### Edinburgh Minimum Standard

In 2022, 128 (91%) of the 141 parks assessed met the standard, compared to the 133 (94%) last year but missed the 92% target.

The target was also missed by North East Edinburgh which achieved the same 88% score as last year and North West Edinburgh which dropped nine points (four parks) to 86%. The target was met however by South West Edinburgh which remained on 93% and South East Edinburgh although it dropped three points (one park) to 97%.

Fourteen parks sit within two points either side of the 60% mark and whilst six returned scores that remained static or improved, eight dropped scores from last year and which should be targeted for improvement along with the other sites not reaching the minimum standard.

## 4.4 Criteria Average Score Summary

Criteria average scores are useful in highlighting which criteria are improving or worsening year on year both at citywide and area levels (see area results for Locality scores). We can also look back over a set number of years which can be used to evidence whether or not strategic actions are having the desired effect. The five-year trend indicator in the table below is calculated by comparing the current year against the five-year average.

In 2022, over the short term, 10 out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst seven fell and longer term, 18 improved whilst five showed drops.

Area's worth highlighting this year are citywide increases both short and long term, for **Horticultural Maintenance**, **Infrastructure Maintenance** and **Access** criteria but **Dog Fouling** and **Facility Provision** are showing downward trends over both the short and long term as did **Signage** which is linked in part to **Information** and **Interpretative Provision** as well as **Equipment Maintenance** and this is perhaps an indication to look at these aspects together.

In total, there were 520 instances where criteria scores improved, 2444 stayed the same and 520 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations in section 4.5, could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

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

Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	↓	↑	30	74	37
Good & Safe Access	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	↑	↑	30	97	14
Signage	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	↓	↓	30	69	42
Equal Access	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.6	↑	↑	27	91	23
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	↓	↓	25	86	30
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.0	↑	↑	30	90	21
Personal Security	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	↓	↓	26	86	29
Dog Control & Fouling	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.3	↓	↓	34	62	45
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.1	→	↑	33	73	34
Horticultural Maintenance	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	↑	↑	36	66	39
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	→	↑	25	96	18
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	↑	↑	43	68	30
Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	↓	↓	32	68	41
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	6.3	6.5	7.0	7.1	7.1	→	↑	1	140	0
Waste Minimisation	5.3	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.7	→	↑	0	141	0
Chemical Use	6.3	6.4	6.5	7.4	7.5	↑	↑	1	139	1
Peat Use	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	→	→	6	134	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.3	6.4	↑	↑	2	139	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.0	↓	↑	21	94	26
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.4	7.6	7.5	7.5	→	↑	0	50	0
Conservation Buildings	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.0	↑	↑	18	29	6
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	5.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.1	↑	↑	4	136	1
Community Provision	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6	↑	↑	3	138	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.6	→	↑	1	140	0
Information Provision	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.3	↓	↑	32	61	48
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.9	→	↑	30	77	34



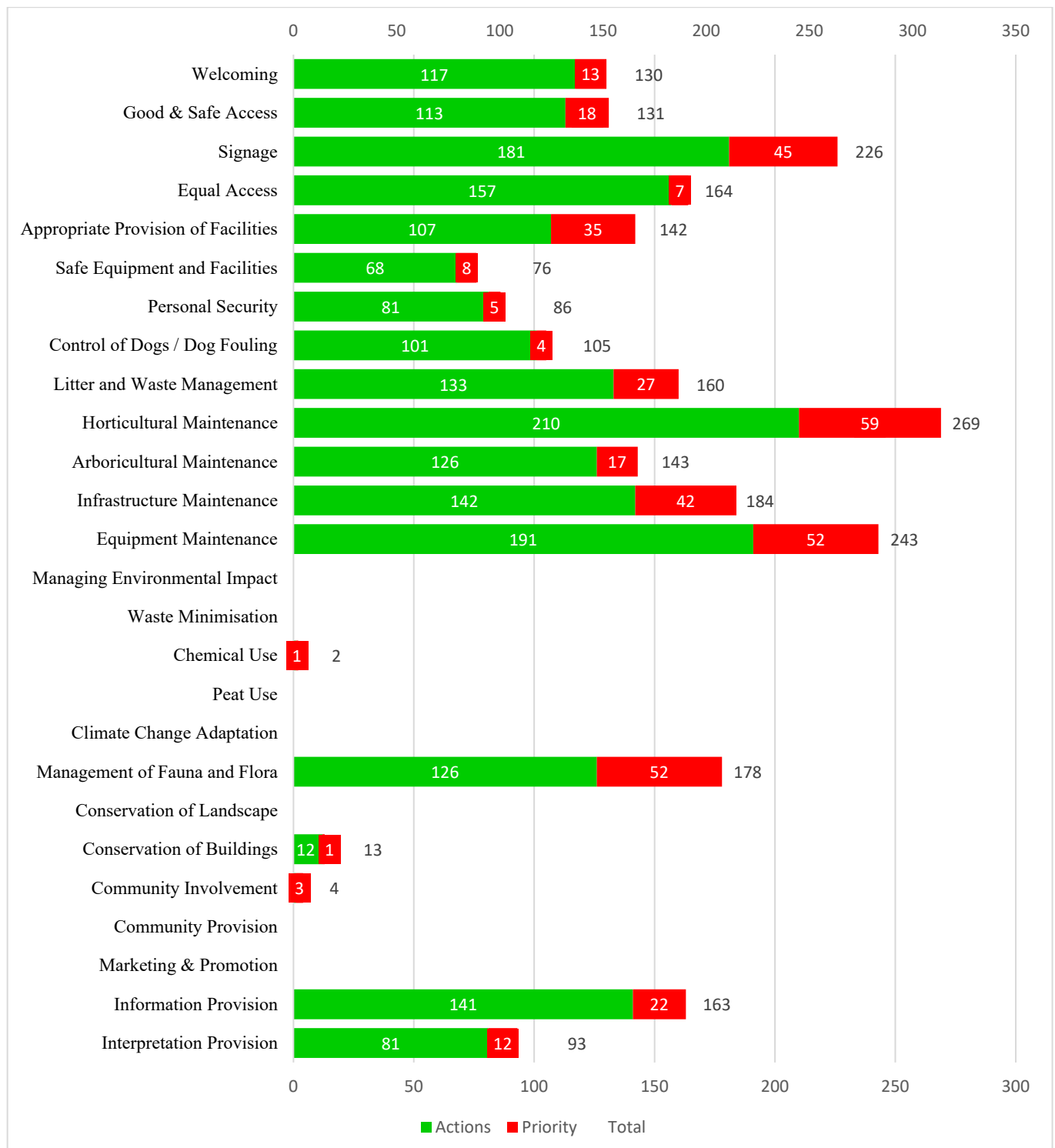
## 4.5 Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 2512 actions were identified through the assessments in including 423 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 18 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.



## **4.6 Park Improvements & Management Plans**

Park Quality Assessments provide site managers with specific 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.

The information in section 4.5 is also available to managers at a level that identifies the type of action in each of the criteria and along with the collated data in this document can be used to identify an area or citywide based approach rather than by individual parks.

It is intended that managers use all the available information 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.

Prior to the next round of assessments, site managers are asked to provide an update with regards to the desktop scores, list of improvements carried out since the last assessment date and a response to the previous assessment that should also include an update on the status of any identified actions.

Currently the number of actions/recommendations are not reported as a performance measure.

## **4.7 Green Flag Forum Meeting**

The Green Flag Forum is, subject to availability, attended by all site managers, parks management and other key officers along with a Friends Group representative. The meeting usually takes place around the start of November to allow time for any actions to be completed before PQA and GFA deadlines.

The meeting follows a set agenda as listed below but is primarily used to discuss the recent PQA and GFA results, agreeing the sites, methodology and personnel for the next round of PQA and GFA assessments but is also sufficiently informal enough to provide an opportunity to discuss any local and citywide parks issues and actions.

### **1. Green Flag Award**

#### 1.1. Overview of recent GFA results.

- Peer Review result if available.
- Matters arising from results.

#### 1.2. Green Flag Group Award & New Sites

- New sites to be submitted for the award.
- Agreement of existing sites continuing in the next round of GF Group Award scheme.
- Actions needed to ensure compliance with scheme requirements.

#### 1.3. Any other GFA business.

### **2. Park Quality Assessments**

#### 2.1. Overview of recent PQA results

- Summary of issues identified through the assessment.
- Actions to improve parks failing to meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.
- Other matters arising from results.

#### 2.2. PQA Next round of assessments

- Agree sites, methodology and personnel to be involved.
- Judge guidance/training updates.
- Agree desktop guidance and scoring and site manager returns.
- Agree EMS target

#### 2.3. Any other PQA business.







### **3. Any other business.**

## 5 Area Results – North East Edinburgh

### 5.1 North East Edinburgh – 32 Parks

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the five-year average\*) trend indicators and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

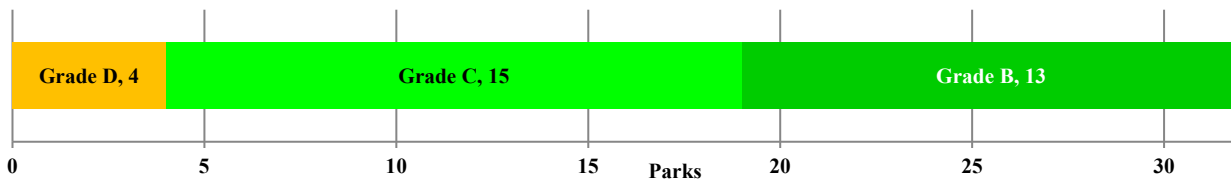
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Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Abercorn Park	B (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Baronscourt Park	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	<b>C (69%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Bingham Park	C (61%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	<b>C (66%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Brighton Park	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	B (71%)	<b>C (68%)</b>	↓	↑	☑
Brunstane Mill	C (72%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	<b>C (67%)</b>	↓	↓	☑
Cairntows Park	D (52%)	D (58%)	D (52%)	C (60%)	<b>C (62%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Craigmillar Castle Park 	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (78%)	<b>B (79%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Dalmeny Street Park	C (56%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Figgate Burn Park 	B (78%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	A (81%)	<b>B (79%)</b>	↓	↑	☑
Hays Park	E (49%)	D (51%)	E (48%)	D (55%)	<b>D (53%)</b>	↓	↑	☒
Henderson Gardens Park	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (46%)	D (58%)	<b>D (58%)</b>	→	↑	☒
Hillside Crescent Gardens	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	↓	☑
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	B (79%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	<b>B (77%)</b>	→	↓	☑
Hunter's Hall Park (JKC)	C (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	↑	☑
Jewel Park	D (58%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (63%)	<b>C (63%)</b>	→	↑	☑
Joppa Quarry Park	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (68%)	<b>C (68%)</b>	→	↑	☑
Keddie Park	D (52%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	<b>C (65%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Leith Links	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	<b>C (65%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Little France Park	N/A	N/A	C (65%)	B (73%)	<b>B (74%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Lochend Park 	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↓	↓	☑
Magdalene Glen	D (58%)	C (62%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	↑	☑
Meadowfield Park	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Meadows Yard	B (73%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	↓	☑
Montgomery Street Park	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	<b>B (73%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Newcraighall Park	B (71%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Pilrig Park	B (71%)	C (69%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	<b>C (69%)</b>	→	↓	☑
Portobello Community Garden 	B (63%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	<b>B (72%)</b>	↑	↑	☑
Redbraes Park	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (66%)	<b>C (64%)</b>	↓	↑	☑
Rosefield Park 	B (78%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	<b>B (70%)</b>	→	↓	☑
Seafield Recreation Ground	D (51%)	D (52%)	D (51%)	D (54%)	<b>D (54%)</b>	→	↑	☒
Straiton Place Park	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	<b>D (59%)</b>	↓	↓	☒
Taylor Gardens	C (59%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	B (70%)	<b>C (67%)</b>	↓	↑	☑

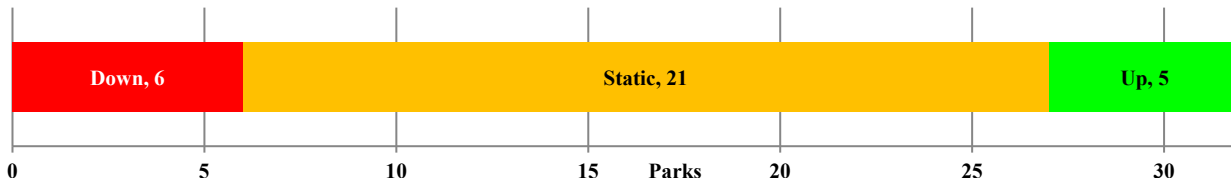
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### 5.1.1 North East Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

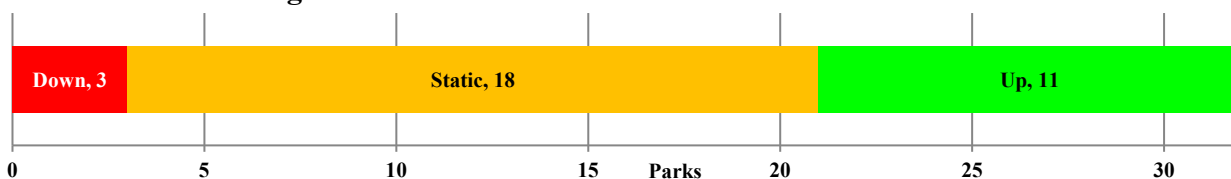
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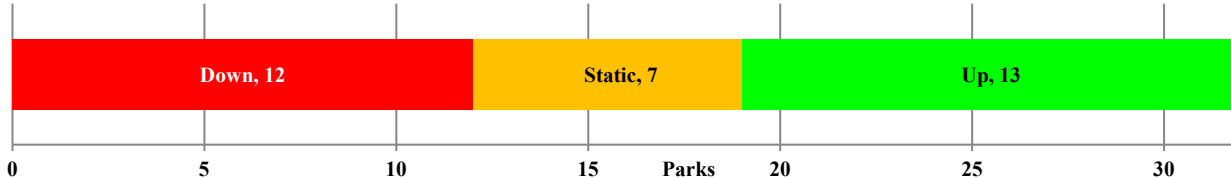
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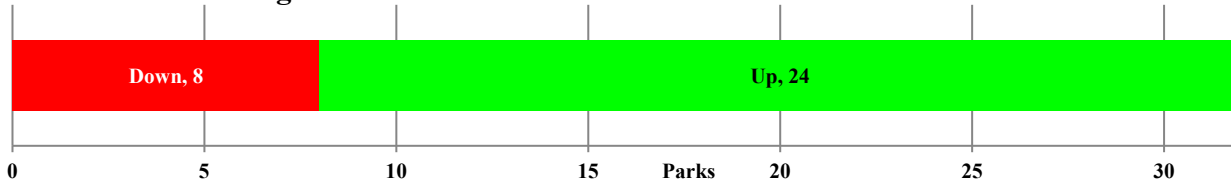
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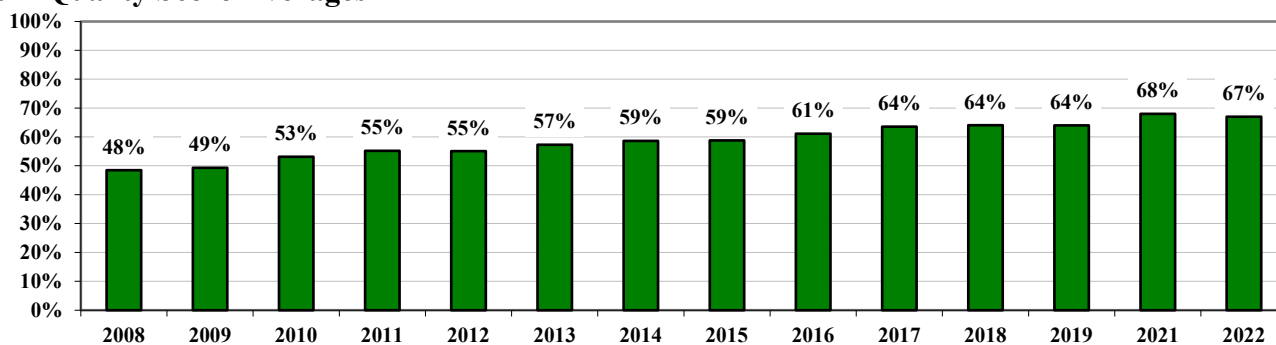
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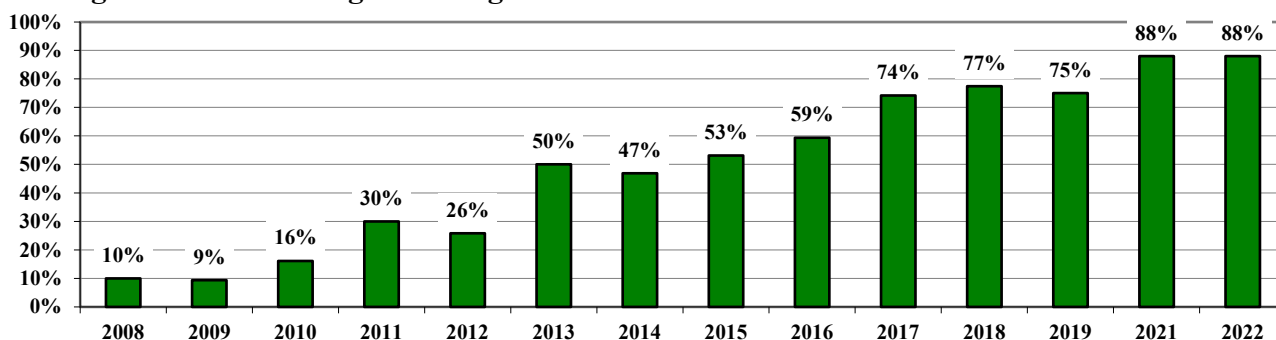
#### Score Movements – Long Term



#### Park Quality Score Averages



#### Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



## 5.1.2 North East Edinburgh - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, eight out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst eight fell and longer term, 17 improved and seven showed drops.






Aspects worth highlighting this year are good increases both short and long term, for **Horticultural Maintenance**, **Infrastructure Maintenance** and **Litter Management** but **Dog Fouling** and **Facility Provision** are showing downward trends over both the short and long term as is **Signage** which is linked in part to **Information** and **Interpretative Provision**, and this is perhaps an indication to look at these aspects together.


In total, there were 113 instances where criteria scores improved, 578 stayed the same and 102 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Locality criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term five-year trend (comparing the current year against the five-year average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.3	<b>6.2</b>	↓	↓	8	18	6
Good & Safe Access	6.8	6.9	6.8	7	7	→	↑	4	24	4
Signage	6.2	6.1	6	6	<b>5.9</b>	↓	↓	7	15	10
Equal Access	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.5	<b>6.4</b>	↓	↑	4	22	6
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	6.9	7.1	6.9	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	↓	↓	5	21	6
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.9	7	6.7	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↓	8	20	4
Personal Security	7.1	7.2	7	7.1	7	↓	↓	5	21	6
Dog Control & Fouling	6.7	7	7	7.2	<b>6.9</b>	↓	↓	9	13	10
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	5.9	6.1	6	6.6	<b>6.7</b>	↑	↑	6	19	7
Horticultural Maintenance	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	↑	↑	10	18	4
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	6.9	6.7	7	<b>7.1</b>	↑	↑	4	24	2
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.4	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	13	14	5
Equipment Maintenance	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	↑	↑	10	15	7
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	6.3	6.5	7.1	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	→	↑	0	32	0
Waste Minimisation	6.1	6.1	5.3	6.2	<b>6.2</b>	→	↑	0	32	0
Chemical Use	7	6.9	5.4	8.9	<b>8.9</b>	→	↑	0	32	0
Peat Use	9.9	9.9	10	10	<b>10</b>	→	↑	1	30	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	→	→	0	32	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	→	↑	3	26	3
Conservation Landscape	6.1	6.1	7.6	7.6	<b>7.6</b>	→	↑	0	14	0
Conservation Buildings	6.5	6.6	7	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	↑	↑	4	8	1
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.2	<b>6.2</b>	→	↑	0	32	0
Community Provision	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	→	→	0	32	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.7	6.4	6.9	7	↑	↑	1	31	0
Information Provision	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	↓	↓	7	13	12
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	4.4	4.6	4.6	5	<b>4.7</b>	↓	↑	4	20	8

### 5.1.3 North East Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2022 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality Rank			Citywide Rank			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	M	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1=	↑	+1	8=	↓	-1	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
1=	→	0	8=	↓	-3	Figgate Burn Park 	Comm	81% (A)	79% (B)	-2%
3	→	0	14=	→	0	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden	77% (B)	77% (B)	0%
4	→	0	23=	↑	+7	Little France Park	Natural	73% (B)	74% (B)	+1%
5	↑	+2	30=	↑	+19	Montgomery Street Park	Comm	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
6=	↑	+4	39=	↑	+19	Abercorn Park	Comm	70% (B)	72% (B)	+2%
6=	↑	+9	39=	↑	+33	Newcraighall Park	Comm	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
6=	↑	+9	39=	↑	+33	Portobello Community Gdn 	Comm	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
9=	↑	+6	55=	↑	+17	Dalmeny Street Park	Comm	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
9=	↓	-3	55=	↓	-15	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	72% (B)	70% (B)	-2%
9=	↓	-5	55=	↓	-25	Lochend Park 	Comm	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
9=	↑	+6	55=	↑	+17	Meadowfield Park	Comm	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
9=	↑	+1	55=	↑	+3	Rosefield Park 	Comm	70% (B)	70% (B)	0%
14=	↑	+1	67=	↑	+5	Baronscourt Park	Comm	68% (C)	69% (C)	+1%
14=	→	0	67=	↓	-1	Pilrig Park	Comm	69% (C)	69% (C)	0%
16=	↓	-9	72=	↓	-23	Brighton Park	Comm	71% (B)	68% (C)	-3%
16=	↓	-1	72=	→	0	Joppa Quarry Park	Comm	68% (C)	68% (C)	0%
18=	↓	-8	84=	↓	-26	Brunstane Mill	Natural	70% (B)	67% (C)	-3%
18=	↓	-8	84=	↓	-26	Taylor Gardens	Garden	70% (B)	67% (C)	-3%
20	↑	+3	95=	↑	+3	Bingham Park	Comm	65% (C)	66% (C)	+1%
21=	↑	+8	100=	↑	+34	Keddie Park	Comm	59% (D)	65% (C)	+6%
21=	↑	+5	100=	↑	+17	Leith Links	Premier	62% (C)	65% (C)	+3%
23=	↓	-8	106=	↓	-34	Hunter's Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	68% (C)	64% (C)	-4%
23=	→	0	106=	↓	-8	Magdalene Glen	Comm	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
23=	↓	-16	106=	↓	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
23=	↓	-1	106=	↓	-13	Redbraes Park	Comm	66% (C)	64% (C)	-2%
27	↓	-2	118=	↓	-8	Jewel Park	Comm	63% (C)	63% (C)	0%
28	→	0	122=	↑	+9	Cairntows Park	Comm	60% (C)	62% (C)	+2%
29	↓	-3	129=	↓	-12	Straiton Place Park	Comm	62% (C)	59% (D)	-3%
30	→	0	133=	↑	+3	Henderson Gardens Park	Comm	58% (D)	58% (D)	0%
31	↑	+1	139	↑	+1	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec Gr	54% (D)	54% (D)	0%
32	↓	-1	140	↓	-1	Hays Park	Comm	55% (D)	53% (D)	-2%

 = Green Flag Park

### 5.1.4 North East Edinburgh - Highest Scoring Park



Craigmillar Castle Park inc Hawkhill Woods (pictured) and Figgate Park are the highest scoring parks in the North East with a PQS of 79%.



Whilst Craigmillar improved one point, Figgate dropped two from 2021.

### 5.1.5 North East Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Locality			Citywide			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	Tr	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
21=	↑	+8	100=	↑	+34	Keddie Park	Comm	59% (D)	65% (C)	+6%
6=	↑	+9	39=	↑	+33	Newcraighall Park	Comm	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
6=	↑	+9	39=	↑	+33	Portobello Community Gdn 	Comm	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
21=	↑	+5	100=	↑	+17	Leith Links	Premier	62% (C)	65% (C)	+3%
5	↑	+2	30=	↑	+19	Montgomery Street Park	Comm	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
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18=	↓	-8	84=	↓	-26	Taylor Gardens	Garden	70% (B)	67% (C)	-3%
9=	↓	-5	55=	↓	-25	Lochend Park 	Comm	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
29	↓	-3	129=	↓	-12	Straiton Place Park	Comm	62% (C)	59% (D)	-3%
23=	↓	-8	106=	↓	-34	Hunter's Hall Park (JKC)	Garden	68% (C)	64% (C)	-4%
23=	↓	-16	106=	↓	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%

Long Term (Five Year Average) – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	2017	2018	219	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Henderson Gardens	40%	44% ↑	46% ↑	58% ↑	58% →	+18%	+9%
Keddie Park	52%	54% ↑	55% ↑	59% ↑	65% ↑	+13%	+8%
Cairntows Park	52%	58% ↑	52% ↓	60% ↑	62% ↑	+10%	+5%
Dalmeny Street Park	61%	60% ↓	65% ↑	68% ↑	70% ↑	+9%	+5%
Meadowfield Park	62%	64% ↑	62% ↓	68% ↑	70% ↑	+8%	+5%
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Brunstane Mill	67%	69% ↑	68% ↓	70% ↑	67% ↓	0%	-1%
Straiton Place Park	61%	63% ↑	61% ↓	62% ↑	59% ↓	-2%	-2%
Lochend Park 	73%	73% →	74% ↑	73% ↓	70% ↓	-3%	-3%
Rosefield Park 	78%	76% ↓	70% ↓	70% →	70% →	-8%	-3%
Meadows Yard	72%	69% ↓	68% ↓	71% ↑	64% ↓	-8%	-5%

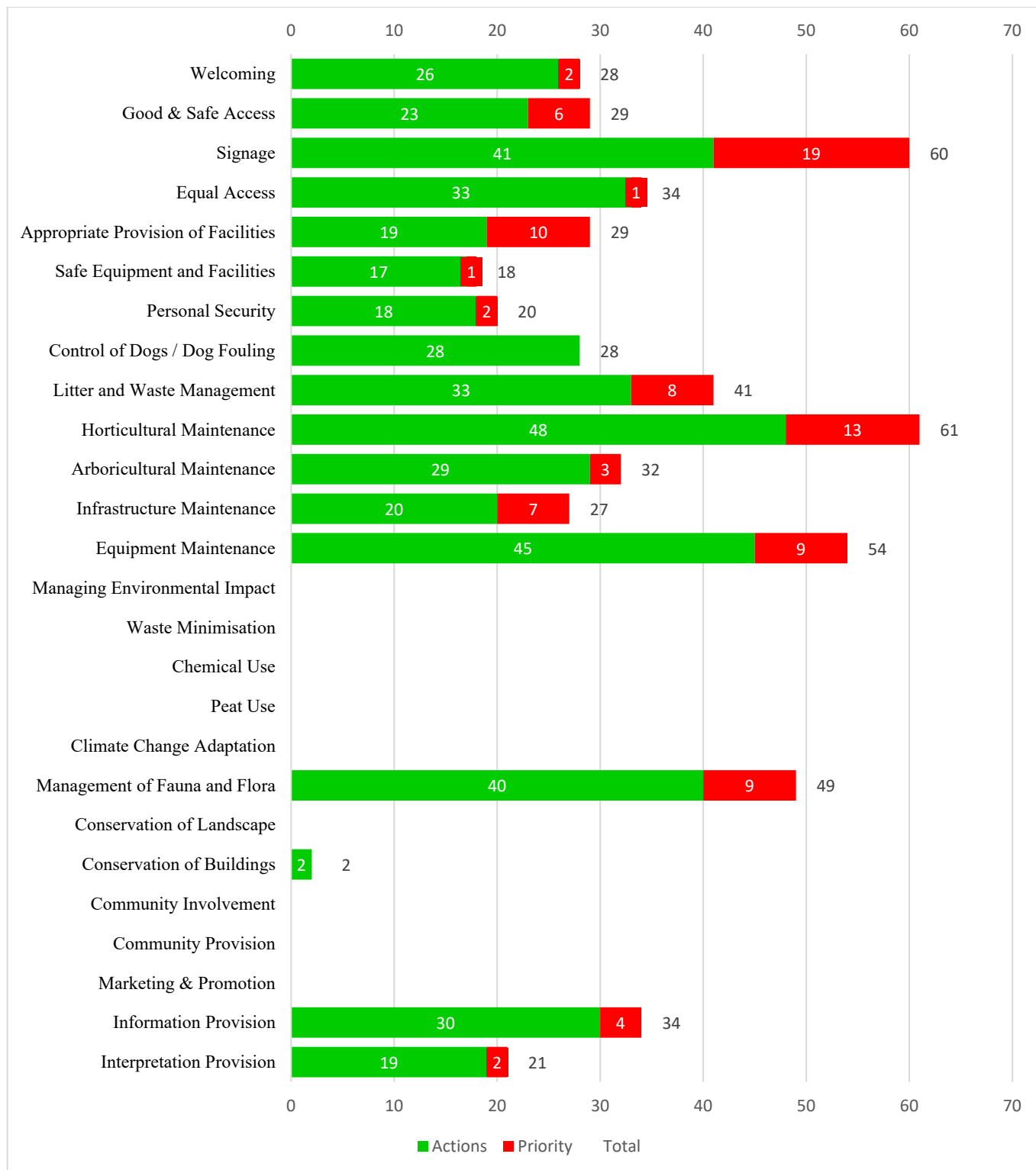
### 5.1.6 North East Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 567 actions were identified through the assessments in North East Edinburgh including 96 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 18 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.
















## 5.2 Area Results – North West Edinburgh

### 5.2.1 North West Edinburgh – 44 Parks

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the five-year average\*) trend indicators and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

\* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

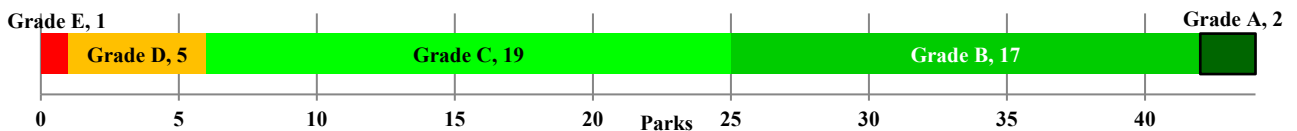
Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Allison Park	62% (C)	63% (C)	63% (C)	62% (C)	67% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Balgreen Park	55% (D)	58% (D)	59% (D)	61% (C)	58% (D)	↓	↓	✗
Buttercup Farm Park	63% (C)	66% (C)	72% (B)	73% (B)	73% (B)	→	↑	✓
Cammo Estate	78% (B)	77% (B)	77% (B)	78% (B)	79% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Clermiston Park	54% (D)	58% (D)	60% (C)	65% (C)	67% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Corstorphine Hill 	78% (B)	76% (B)	74% (B)	78% (B)	81% (A)	↑	↑	✓
Cramond Foreshore	69% (C)	72% (B)	77% (B)	78% (B)	78% (B)	→	↑	✓
Cramond Walled Garden	61% (C)	65% (C)	68% (C)	68% (C)	67% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Davidson's Mains Park	74% (B)	72% (B)	72% (B)	72% (B)	70% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Drumbrae Park	61% (C)	57% (D)	58% (D)	61% (C)	59% (D)	↓	↓	✗
East Pilton Park	60% (C)	62% (C)	63% (C)	65% (C)	65% (C)	→	↑	✓
Easter Drylaw Park	62% (C)	64% (C)	65% (C)	67% (C)	67% (C)	→	↑	✓
Fauldburn Park	57% (D)	60% (C)	63% (C)	65% (C)	69% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	68% (C)	66% (C)	61% (C)	67% (C)	71% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Glendevon Park	56% (D)	60% (C)	60% (C)	62% (C)	59% (D)	↓	↓	✗
Granton Crescent Park	55% (D)	61% (C)	62% (C)	63% (C)	60% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Gyle Park	62% (C)	67% (C)	68% (C)	66% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	65% (C)	68% (C)	70% (B)	71% (B)	70% (B)	↓	↑	✓
Haugh Park	61% (C)	59% (D)	60% (C)	62% (C)	61% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	62% (C)	66% (C)	64% (C)	62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Inverleith Park 	73% (B)	77% (B)	77% (B)	78% (B)	77% (B)	↓	↑	✓
King George V Park (Eyre Place) 	67% (C)	68% (C)	74% (B)	72% (B)	74% (B)	↑	↑	✓
King George V Park (S. Queensferry)	57% (D)	59% (D)	62% (C)	65% (C)	66% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Lauriston Castle 	73% (B)	69% (C)	70% (B)	68% (C)	72% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	54% (D)	53% (D)	52% (D)	57% (D)	57% (D)	→	↑	✗
Orchard (Brae) Park North & South	63% (C)	62% (C)	60% (C)	62% (C)	62% (C)	→	↑	✓
Parkside, Newbridge	57% (D)	58% (D)	61% (C)	63% (C)	64% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Pikes Pool	N/A	N/A	56% (D)	62% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Ratho Station Flyover Park	53% (D)	48% (E)	53% (D)	53% (D)	48% (E)	↓	↓	✗
Ratho Station Park	60% (C)	63% (C)	64% (C)	62% (C)	63% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Ravelston Park 	69% (C)	71% (B)	70% (B)	67% (C)	71% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Ravelston Woods 	73% (B)	73% (B)	74% (B)	77% (B)	74% (B)	↓	↓	✓
River Almond Walkway	72% (B)	74% (B)	78% (B)	77% (B)	76% (B)	↓	↑	✓
Riverside Park	50% (D)	55% (D)	57% (D)	60% (C)	57% (D)	↓	↑	✗
Rocheid Path	71% (B)	72% (B)	70% (B)	72% (B)	72% (B)	→	↑	✓
Roseburn Park	58% (D)	65% (C)	63% (C)	69% (C)	71% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Silverknowes Park	49% (E)	48% (E)	58% (D)	60% (C)	62% (C)	↑	↑	✓

St Margaret's Park 	68% (C)	73% (B)	71% (B)	71% (B)	75% (B)	↑	↑	✓
St Mark's Park	58% (D)	59% (D)	58% (D)	65% (C)	64% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Starbank Park 	83% (A)	86% (A)	88% (A)	89% (A)	87% (A)	↓	↑	✓
Station Road Park 	72% (B)	74% (B)	73% (B)	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Union Park	57% (D)	61% (C)	60% (C)	63% (C)	66% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Victoria Park 	72% (B)	72% (B)	74% (B)	76% (B)	73% (B)	↓	↓	✓
West Pilton Park	60% (C)	62% (C)	63% (C)	63% (C)	62% (C)	↓	→	✓

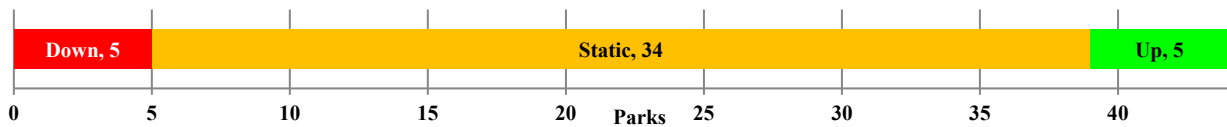
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## 5.2.2 North West Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

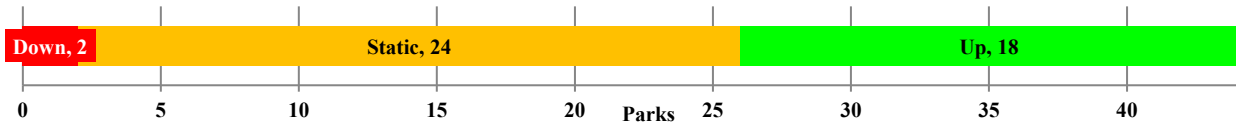
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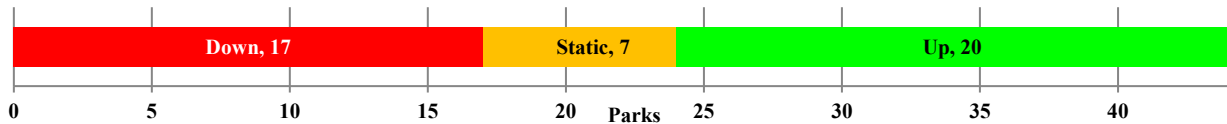
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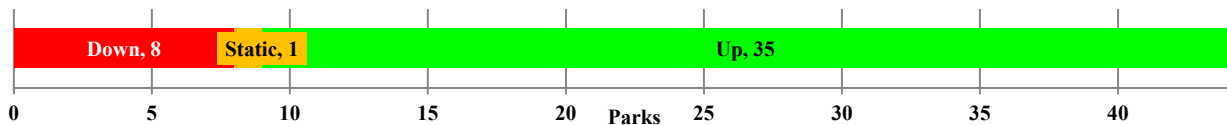
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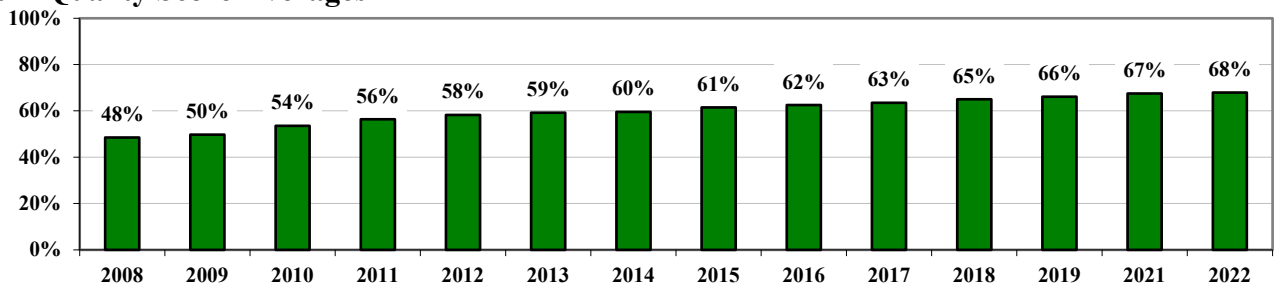
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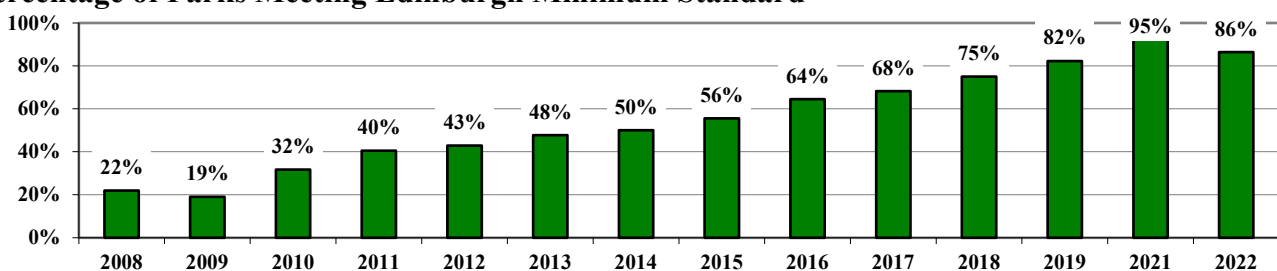
### Score Movements – Long Term



### Park Quality Score Averages



### Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



### 5.2.3 North West Edinburgh - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, 12 out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst only two fell and longer term, 22 improved and two showed drops.

Aspects worth highlighting this year are good increases both short and long term, for **Horticultural Maintenance**, **Infrastructure Maintenance**, **Welcoming** and **Good & Safe Access** but **Dog Fouling** and **Facility Provision** are showing downward trends over both the short and long term. **Signage** has remained unchanged for a few years and improved scores for **Information** and **Interpretative Provision** bucks the trend compared with other Localities.

In total, there were 182 instances where criteria scores improved, 754 stayed the same and 147 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Locality criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term five-year trend (comparing the current year against the five-year average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	11	23	10
Good & Safe Access	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.8	<b>7.0</b>	↑	↑	12	30	4
Signage	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	<b>6.6</b>	→	→	10	23	11
Equal Access	5.9	5.9	6.3	6.5	<b>6.5</b>	→	↑	9	28	7
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.2	<b>7.0</b>	↓	↓	7	26	11
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	↑	↑	10	26	8
Personal Security	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	<b>7.4</b>	→	↑	8	26	10
Dog Control & Fouling	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.4	<b>7.3</b>	↓	↓	13	18	13
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.4	<b>7.4</b>	→	↑	10	21	12
Horticultural Maintenance	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	<b>6.4</b>	↑	↑	14	19	11
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	6.8	7.0	7.2	<b>7.2</b>	→	↑	7	32	5
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	<b>6.6</b>	↑	↑	16	22	6
Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	13	23	8
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	↑	↑	1	43	0
Waste Minimisation	3.7	5.5	6.1	6.5	<b>6.6</b>	↑	↑	0	44	0
Chemical Use	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	1	43	0
Peat Use	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.9	<b>9.9</b>	→	↑	1	43	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	→	→	0	44	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.5	6.5	7.0	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	→	↑	9	26	9
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.8	8.0	8.2	<b>8.2</b>	→	↑	0	12	0
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	<b>7.0</b>	↑	↑	6	7	1
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.4	<b>5.4</b>	→	↑	0	44	0
Community Provision	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	<b>6.6</b>	→	↑	0	44	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.0	<b>6.0</b>	→	↑	0	44	0
Information Provision	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.1	<b>6.2</b>	↑	↑	11	23	10
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.5	<b>5.7</b>	↑	↑	13	20	11

### 5.2.4 NW - Parks Ranked in Order Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality Rank			Citywide Rank			GFA Park	Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	M	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-						
1	➔	0	1	➔	0		Starbank Park	Comm	89% (A)	87% (A)	-2%
2	➔	0	4	⬆	+3		Corstorphine Hill	LNR	78% (B)	81% (A)	+3%
3	⬇	-1	8=	⬇	-1		Cammo Estate	LNR	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
4	⬇	-2	11=	⬇	-4		Cramond Foreshore	Natural	78% (B)	78% (B)	0%
5	⬇	-3	14=	⬇	-7		Inverleith Park	Premier	78% (B)	77% (B)	-1%
6	➔	0	16=	⬇	-2		River Almond Walkway	Natural	77% (B)	76% (B)	-1%
7=	⬆	+7	19=	⬆	+30		St Margaret's Park	Comm	71% (B)	75% (B)	+4%
7=	⬆	+3	19=	⬆	+21		Station Road Park	Comm	72% (B)	75% (B)	+3%
9=	⬆	+1	23=	⬆	+17		King George V Pk, Eyre Pl.	Garden	72% (B)	74% (B)	+2%
9=	⬇	-3	23=	⬇	-9		Ravelston Woods	LNR	77% (B)	74% (B)	-3%
11=	⬇	-2	30=	➔	0		Buttercup Farm Park	Comm	73% (B)	73% (B)	0%
11=	⬇	-3	30=	⬇	-12		Victoria Park	Garden	76% (B)	73% (B)	-3%
13=	⬆	+4	39=	⬆	+33		Lauriston Castle	Garden	68% (C)	72% (B)	+4%
13=	⬇	-3	39=	⬆	+1		Rocheid Path	Natural	72% (B)	72% (B)	0%
15=	⬆	+4	51=	⬆	+35		Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Natural	67% (C)	71% (B)	+4%
15=	⬆	+4	51=	⬆	+35		Ravelston Park	Comm	67% (C)	71% (B)	+4%
15=	⬆	+1	51=	⬆	+15		Roseburn Park	Garden	69% (C)	71% (B)	+2%
18=	⬇	-8	55=	⬇	-15		Davidson's Mains Park	Garden	72% (B)	70% (B)	-2%
18=	⬇	-4	55=	⬇	-6		Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	71% (B)	70% (B)	-1%
20	⬆	+3	67=	⬆	+31		Fauldburn Park	Comm	65% (C)	69% (C)	+4%
21=	⬆	+1	72=	⬆	+21		Gyle Park	Garden	66% (C)	68% (C)	+2%
21=	⬆	+11	72=	⬆	+45		Pikes Pool	Natural	62% (C)	68% (C)	+6%
23=	⬆	+9	84=	⬆	+33		Allison Park	Comm	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
23=	➔	0	84=	⬆	+14		Clermiston Park	Comm	65% (C)	67% (C)	+2%
23=	⬇	-6	84=	⬇	-12		Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	68% (C)	67% (C)	-1%
23=	⬇	-4	84=	⬆	+2		Easter Drylaw Park	Comm	67% (C)	67% (C)	0%
27=	⬇	-4	95=	⬆	+3		King George V Park (S.Q)	Comm	65% (C)	66% (C)	+1%
27=	⬆	+1	95=	⬆	+15		Union Park	Garden	63% (C)	66% (C)	+3%
29	⬇	-6	100=	⬇	-2		East Pilton Park	Comm	65% (C)	65% (C)	0%
30=	⬆	+2	106=	⬆	+11		Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Comm	62% (C)	64% (C)	+2%
30=	⬇	-2	106=	⬆	+4		Parkside, Newbridge	Comm	63% (C)	64% (C)	+1%
30=	⬇	-7	106=	⬇	-8		St Mark's Park	Comm	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
33	⬇	-1	118=	⬇	-1		Ratho Station Park	Comm	62% (C)	63% (C)	+1%
34=	⬇	-2	122=	⬇	-5		Orchard (Brae) Park	Comm	62% (C)	62% (C)	0%
34=	⬆	+7	122=	⬆	+9		Silverknowes Park	Rec Gr	60% (C)	62% (C)	+2%
34=	⬇	-6	122=	⬇	-12		West Pilton Park	Comm	63% (C)	62% (C)	-1%
37	⬇	-5	127	⬇	-10		Haugh Park	Comm	62% (C)	61% (C)	-1%
38	⬇	-10	128	⬇	-18		Granton Crescent Park	Comm	63% (C)	60% (C)	-3%
39=	➔	0	129=	➔	0		Drumbrae Park	Comm	61% (C)	59% (D)	-2%
39=	⬇	-7	129=	⬇	-12		Glendevon Park	Comm	62% (C)	59% (D)	-3%
41	⬇	-2	133=	⬇	-4		Balgreen Park	Comm	61% (C)	58% (D)	-3%
42=	⬆	+1	136=	⬆	+1		Muirhouse Millennium Park	Comm	57% (D)	57% (D)	0%
42=	⬇	-1	136=	⬇	-5		Riverside Park	Comm	60% (C)	57% (D)	-3%
44	➔	0	141	➔	0		Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec Gr	53% (D)	48% (E)	-5%

## 5.2.5 North West Edinburgh - Highest Scoring Park




**Starbank Park** is the highest scoring park in the North West with a PQS of 87%. Although dropping two points this year, Starbank was judged to be the best park in Edinburgh for the third year running.

## 5.2.6 North West Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

**Year on Year** – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Locality			Citywide			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	Tr	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
21=	↑	+11	72=	↑	+45	Pikes Pool	Natural	62% (C)	<b>68% (C)</b>	<b>+6%</b>
23=	↑	+9	84=	↑	+33	Allison Park	Comm	62% (C)	<b>67% (C)</b>	<b>+5%</b>
7=	↑	+7	19=	↑	+30	St Margaret's Park 	Comm	71% (B)	<b>75% (B)</b>	<b>+4%</b>
13=	↑	+4	39=	↑	+33	Lauriston Castle 	Garden	68% (C)	<b>72% (B)</b>	<b>+4%</b>
15=	↑	+4	51=	↑	+35	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	67% (C)	<b>71% (B)</b>	<b>+4%</b>
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38	↓	-10	128	↓	-18	Granton Crescent Park	Comm	63% (C)	<b>60% (C)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
39=	↓	-7	129=	↓	-12	Glendevon Park	Comm	62% (C)	<b>59% (D)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
41	↓	-2	133=	↓	-4	Balgreen Park	Comm	61% (C)	<b>58% (D)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
42=	↓	-1	136=	↓	-5	Riverside Park	Comm	60% (C)	<b>57% (D)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
44	→	0	141	→	0	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec Gr	53% (D)	<b>48% (E)</b>	<b>-5%</b>

**Long Term (Five Year Average)** – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Silverknowes Park	49%	48% ↓	58% ↑	60% ↑	62% ↑	+13%	+7%
Clermiston Park	54%	58% ↑	60% ↑	65% ↑	67% ↑	+13%	+6%
Fauldburn Park	57%	60% ↑	63% ↑	65% ↑	69% ↑	+12%	+6%
Pikes Pool	n/a	n/a	56% ↓	62% ↑	68% ↑	+12%	+6%
Roseburn Park	58%	65% ↑	63% ↓	69% ↑	71% ↑	+13%	+6%
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Granton Crescent Park	55%	61% ↑	62% ↑	63% ↑	60% ↓	+5%	0%
Victoria Park 	72%	72% →	74% ↑	76% ↑	73% ↓	+1%	0%
Glendevon Park	56%	60% ↑	60% →	62% ↑	59% ↓	+3%	0%
Davidson's Mains Park	74%	72% ↓	72% →	72% →	70% ↓	-4%	-2%
Ratho Station Flyover Park	53%	48% ↓	53% ↑	53% →	48% ↓	-5%	-3%

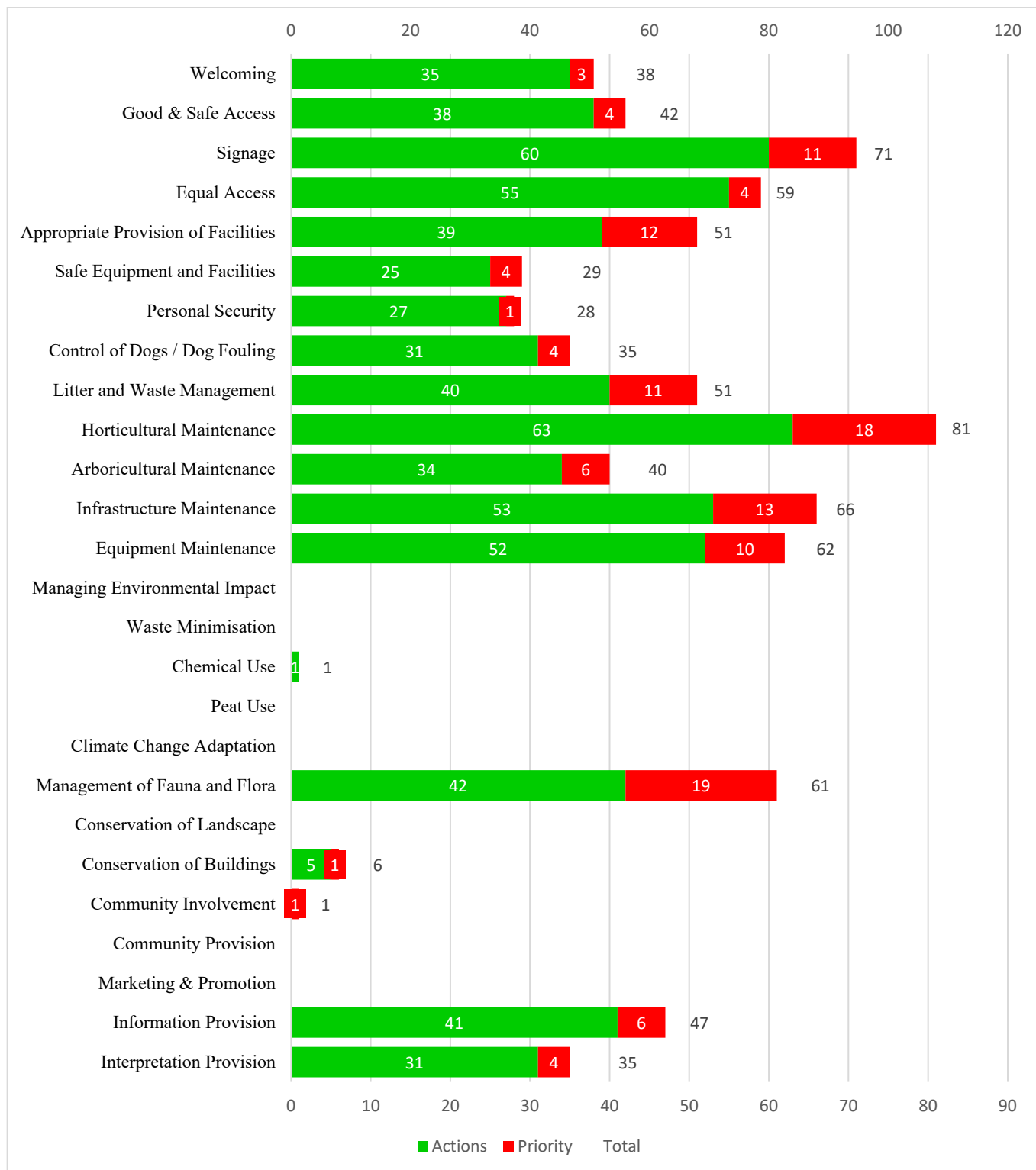
### 5.2.7 North West Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 804 actions were identified through the assessments in North West Edinburgh including 132 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 18 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.





## 5.3 Area Results – South East Edinburgh

### 5.3.1 South East Edinburgh – 35 Parks

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the five-year average\*) trend indicators and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

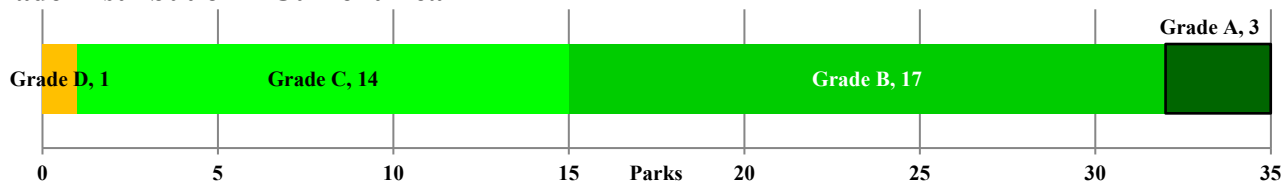
\* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Atholl Crescent	68% (C)	71% (B)	72% (B)	69% (C)	70% (B)	↑	→	✓
Barony Community Garden			64% (C)	65% (C)	64% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Bauks View	74% (B)	75% (B)	74% (B)	70% (B)	70% (B)	→	↓	✓
Bellevue Crescent Gardens	63% (C)	66% (C)	66% (C)	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Braid Hills	72% (B)	70% (B)	70% (B)	70% (B)	72% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Braidburn Valley Park 	74% (B)	75% (B)	76% (B)	76% (B)	80% (A)	↑	↑	✓
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	56% (D)	66% (C)	69% (C)	70% (B)	73% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Calton Hill	73% (B)	76% (B)	71% (B)	71% (B)	72% (B)	↑	↓	✓
Coates Crescent	68% (C)	72% (B)	73% (B)	68% (C)	68% (C)	→	↓	✓
Deaconess	68% (C)	70% (B)	71% (B)	69% (C)	68% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Drum Park	67% (C)	66% (C)	71% (B)	74% (B)	67% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Dunbar's Close Garden	75% (B)	70% (B)	72% (B)	72% (B)	72% (B)	→	↓	✓
Ferniehill Community Park 	77% (B)	74% (B)	78% (B)	78% (B)	78% (B)	→	↑	✓
Fernieside Recreation Ground	59% (D)	60% (C)	60% (C)	64% (C)	67% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Gardner's Crescent	72% (B)	73% (B)	73% (B)	72% (B)	69% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Gayfield Square	62% (C)	65% (C)	64% (C)	62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Gracemount Community Park	64% (C)	66% (C)	69% (C)	72% (B)	68% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Granny's Green	60% (C)	62% (C)	66% (C)	62% (C)	62% (C)	→	↓	✓
Hermitage of Braid inc B'ford 	77% (B)	79% (B)	79% (B)	80% (A)	80% (A)	→	↑	✓
Inch Park	71% (B)	70% (B)	72% (B)	73% (B)	73% (B)	→	↑	✓
Liberton Park	69% (C)	69% (C)	70% (B)	73% (B)	70% (B)	↓	↓	✓
London Road Gardens 	72% (B)	72% (B)	75% (B)	73% (B)	73% (B)	→	→	✓
Moredun Park	58% (D)	63% (C)	62% (C)	63% (C)	65% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Morgan Playing Fields	72% (B)	70% (B)	70% (B)	66% (C)	64% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Morningside Park 	75% (B)	76% (B)	77% (B)	76% (B)	73% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Mortonhall Community Park	61% (C)	61% (C)	66% (C)	63% (C)	59% (D)	↓	↓	✗
Nicolson Square	63% (C)	69% (C)	75% (B)	73% (B)	63% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Prestonfield Park 	79% (B)	78% (B)	79% (B)	78% (B)	75% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Prestonfield War Memorial	72% (B)	71% (B)	70% (B)	68% (C)	70% (B)	↑	↓	✓
Princes Street Gardens 	70% (B)	72% (B)	71% (B)	76% (B)	78% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Regent Road Park	72% (B)	73% (B)	70% (B)	70% (B)	71% (B)	↑	↓	✓
Seven Acre Park (Alnwickhill) 	85% (A)	84% (A)	84% (A)	82% (A)	80% (A)	↓	↓	✓
St Katharine's Park 	74% (B)	73% (B)	76% (B)	75% (B)	76% (B)	↑	↑	✓
St Patrick Square	71% (B)	69% (C)	64% (C)	67% (C)	67% (C)	→	↓	✓
The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	75% (B)	76% (B)	76% (B)	74% (B)	72% (B)	↓	↓	✓

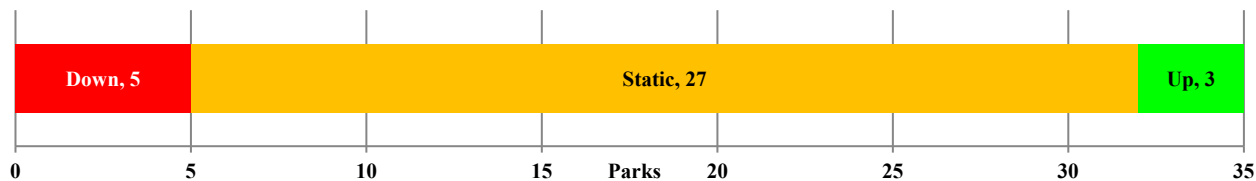
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### 5.3.2 South East Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

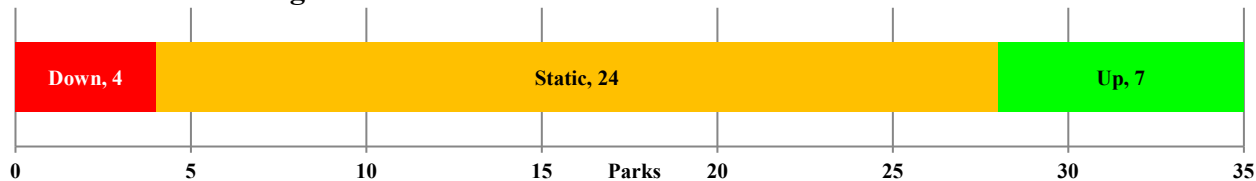
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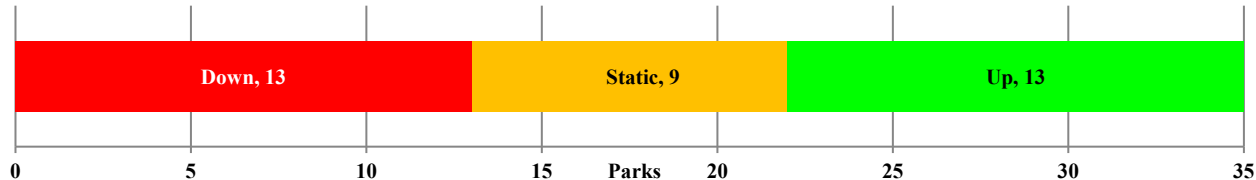
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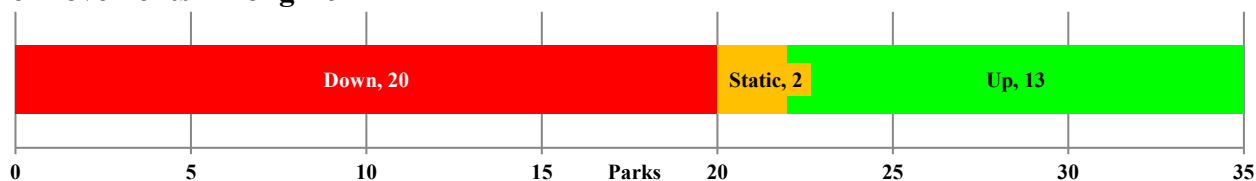
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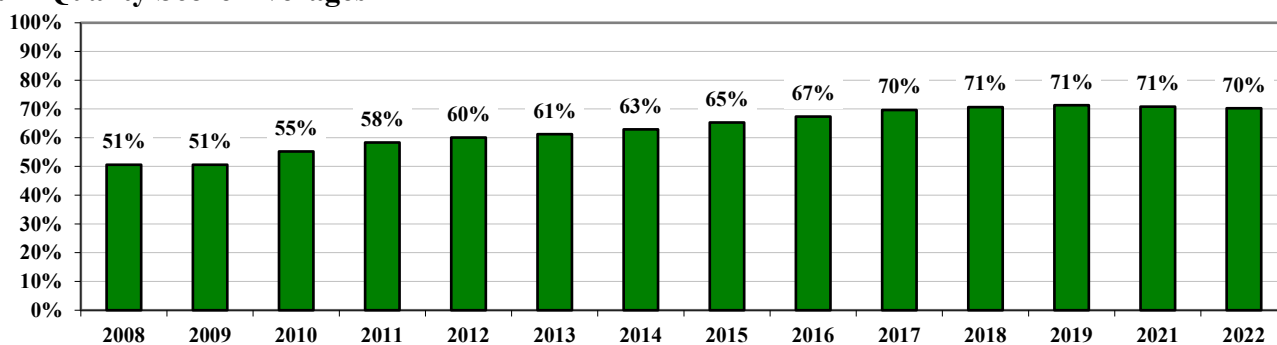
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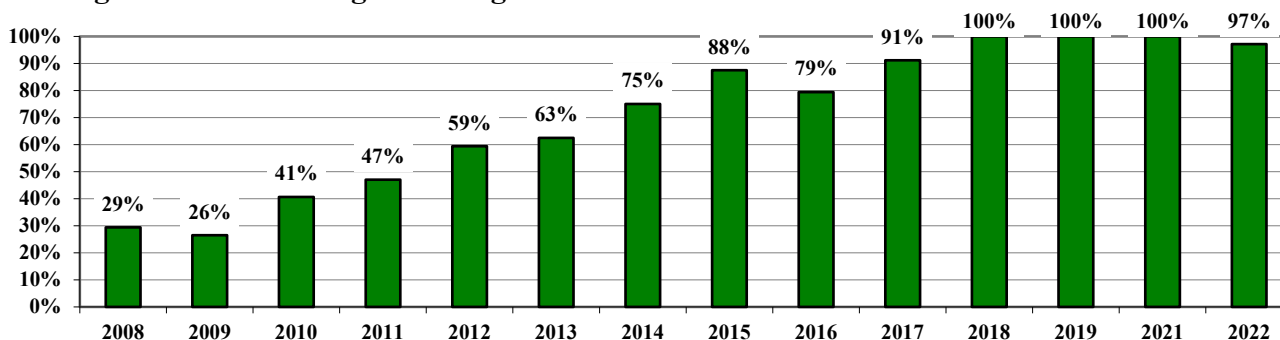
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#### Park Quality Score Averages



#### Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard





### 5.3.3 South East Edinburgh - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, seven out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst nine fell and longer term, 11 improved and 11 showed drops.









Aspects worth highlighting this year are good increases both short and long term, for **Equal Access**, **Safe Facilities**, **Arboricultural Maintenance** and **Community Involvement** but **Dog Fouling**, **Horticultural Maintenance**, **Facility Provision** are showing downward trends over both the short and long term as is **Signage** which is linked in part to **Information** and **Interpretative Provision**, and this is perhaps an indication to look at these aspects together.


In total, there were 133 instances where criteria scores improved, 588 stayed the same and 155 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations, could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Locality criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term five-year trend (comparing the current year against the five-year average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	<b>6.7</b>	↓	↓	8	14	13
Good & Safe Access	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	↑	↑	9	22	4
Signage	7.1	7.4	7.3	7.3	<b>7.1</b>	↓	↓	8	14	13
Equal Access	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	<b>6.7</b>	↑	↑	9	22	4
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.4	<b>7.3</b>	↓	↓	7	21	7
Safe Equipment & Facilities	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	<b>7.3</b>	↑	↑	5	25	5
Personal Security	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.5	<b>7.3</b>	↓	↓	6	23	6
Dog Control & Fouling	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.9	<b>7.7</b>	↓	↓	8	14	13
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	→	↑	10	15	10
Horticultural Maintenance	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	<b>6.5</b>	↓	↓	4	16	15
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.0	7.3	7.2	7.3	<b>7.4</b>	↑	↑	9	19	7
Infrastructure Maintenance	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	→	↓	8	18	9
Equipment Maintenance	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	<b>6.8</b>	↓	↓	4	17	14
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	→	↑	0	35	0
Waste Minimisation	6.4	6.4	7.1	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	→	↑	0	35	0
Chemical Use	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	→	0	35	0
Peat Use	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	<b>9.0</b>	→	→	4	31	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	→	→	0	35	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.4	<b>7.3</b>	↓	↑	6	20	9
Conservation Landscape	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	→	↑	0	20	0
Conservation Buildings	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.0	<b>7.0</b>	→	↓	4	9	3
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	↑	↑	4	30	1
Community Provision	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	<b>6.7</b>	↑	↑	3	32	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	→	→	0	35	0
Information Provision	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	<b>7.0</b>	↓	↓	9	11	15
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	→	↓	8	20	7

### 5.3.4 South East Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2022 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality Rank			Citywide Rank			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	M	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1=	↑	+4	5=	↑	+13	Braidburn Valley Park 	Comm	76% (B)	80% (A)	+4%
1=	↑	+1	5=	↑	+1	H'tage of Braid inc Bl'ford 	LNR	80% (A)	80% (A)	0%
1=	→	0	5=	↓	-1	Seven Acre Park 	Comm	82% (A)	80% (A)	-2%
4=	↓	-1	11=	↓	-4	Ferniehill Community Park 	Comm	78% (B)	78% (B)	0%
4=	↑	+1	11=	↑	+7	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	76% (B)	78% (B)	+2%
6	↑	+2	16=	↑	+6	St Katharine's Park 	Comm	75% (B)	76% (B)	+1%
7	↓	-4	19=	↓	-12	Prestonfield Park 	Comm	78% (B)	75% (B)	-3%
8=	↑	+11	30=	↑	+28	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	70% (B)	73% (B)	+3%
8=	↑	+3	30=	→	0	Inch Park	Garden	73% (B)	73% (B)	0%
8=	↑	+3	30=	→	0	London Road Gardens 	Garden	73% (B)	73% (B)	0%
8=	↓	-3	30=	↓	-12	Morningside Park 	Comm	76% (B)	73% (B)	-3%
12=	↑	+7	39=	↑	+19	Braid Hills	Natural	70% (B)	72% (B)	+2%
12=	↑	+6	39=	↑	+10	Calton Hill	Premier	71% (B)	72% (B)	+1%
12=	↑	+3	39=	↑	+1	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	72% (B)	72% (B)	0%
12=	↓	-3	39=	↓	-11	The Meadows and B'field Links	Premier	74% (B)	72% (B)	-2%
16	↑	+3	51=	↑	+7	Regent Road Park	Comm	70% (B)	71% (B)	+1%
17=	↑	+6	55=	↑	+11	Atholl Crescent	Garden	69% (C)	70% (B)	+1%
17=	↑	+2	55=	↑	+3	Bauks View	Natural	70% (B)	70% (B)	0%
17=	↓	-6	55=	↓	-25	Liberton Park	Comm	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
17=	↑	+8	55=	↑	+17	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
21	↓	-6	67=	↓	-27	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	72% (B)	69% (C)	-3%
22=	↑	+3	72=	→	0	Coates Crescent	Garden	68% (C)	68% (C)	0%
22=	↑	+1	72=	↓	-6	Deaconess	Garden	69% (C)	68% (C)	-1%
22=	↓	-7	72=	↓	-32	Gracemount Community Park	Comm	72% (B)	68% (C)	-4%
25=	↓	-16	84=	↓	-56	Drum Park	Comm	74% (B)	67% (C)	-7%
25=	↑	+5	84=	↑	+24	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec Grd	64% (C)	67% (C)	+3%
25=	↑	+2	84=	↑	+2	St Patrick Square	Garden	67% (C)	67% (C)	0%
28	↑	+2	95=	↑	+13	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	64% (C)	66% (C)	+2%
29	↑	+3	100=	↑	+10	Moredun Park	Comm	63% (C)	65% (C)	+2%
30=	↓	-1	106=	↓	-8	Barony Community Garden	Comm	65% (C)	64% (C)	-1%
30=	↑	+4	106=	↑	+11	Gayfield Square	Garden	62% (C)	64% (C)	+2%
30=	↓	-2	106=	↓	-13	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec Grd	66% (C)	64% (C)	-2%
33	↓	-22	118=	↓	-88	Nicolson Square	Garden	73% (B)	63% (C)	-10%
34	→	0	122=	↓	-5	Granny's Green	Garden	62% (C)	62% (C)	0%
35	↓	-3	129=	↓	-19	Mortonhall Community Park	Comm	63% (C)	59% (D)	-4%

 = Green Flag Park

### 5.3.5 South East Edinburgh - Highest Scoring Park



Braidburn Valley Park is the highest scoring park in the South East with a PQS of 80% and achieving an A Grade for the first time.

### 5.3.6 South East Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Year on Year – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Locality			Citywide			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	Tr	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1=	↑	+4	5=	↑	+13	Braidburn Valley Park	Comm	76% (B)	<b>80% (A)</b>	<b>+4%</b>
8=	↑	+11	30=	↑	+28	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk	LNR	70% (B)	<b>73% (B)</b>	<b>+3%</b>
25=	↑	+5	84=	↑	+24	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec Grd	64% (C)	<b>67% (C)</b>	<b>+3%</b>
4=	↑	+1	11=	↑	+7	Princes Street Gardens	Premier	76% (B)	<b>78% (B)</b>	<b>+2%</b>
12=	↑	+7	39=	↑	+19	Braid Hills	Natural	70% (B)	<b>72% (B)</b>	<b>+2%</b>
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21	↓	-6	67=	↓	-27	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	72% (B)	<b>69% (C)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
22=	↓	-7	72=	↓	-32	Gracemount Community Park	Comm	72% (B)	<b>68% (C)</b>	<b>-4%</b>
35	↓	-3	129=	↓	-19	Mortonhall Community Park	Comm	63% (C)	<b>59% (D)</b>	<b>-4%</b>
25=	↓	-16	84=	↓	-56	Drum Park	Comm	74% (B)	<b>67% (C)</b>	<b>-7%</b>
33	↓	-22	118=	↓	-88	Nicolson Square	Garden	73% (B)	<b>63% (C)</b>	<b>-10%</b>

Long Term (Five Year Average) – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	2017	2018	219	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk	56%	66% ↑	69% ↑	70% ↑	73% ↑	+17%	+6%
Fernieside Recreation Ground	59%	60% ↑	60% →	64% ↑	67% ↑	+8%	+5%
Princes Street Gardens	70%	72% ↑	71% ↓	76% ↑	78% ↑	+8%	+5%
Braidburn Valley Park	74%	75% ↑	76% ↑	76% →	80% ↑	+6%	+4%
Moredun Park	58%	63% ↑	62% ↓	63% ↑	65% ↑	+7%	+3%
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Prestonfield Park	79%	78% ↓	79% ↑	78% ↓	75% ↓	-4%	-3%
Seven Acre Park	85%	84% ↓	84% →	82% ↓	80% ↓	-5%	-3%
Mortonhall Community Park	61%	61% →	66% ↑	63% ↓	59% ↓	-2%	-3%
Morgan Playing Fields	72%	70% ↓	70% →	66% ↓	64% ↓	-8%	-4%
Nicolson Square	63%	69% ↑	75% ↑	73% ↓	63% ↓	0%	-6%

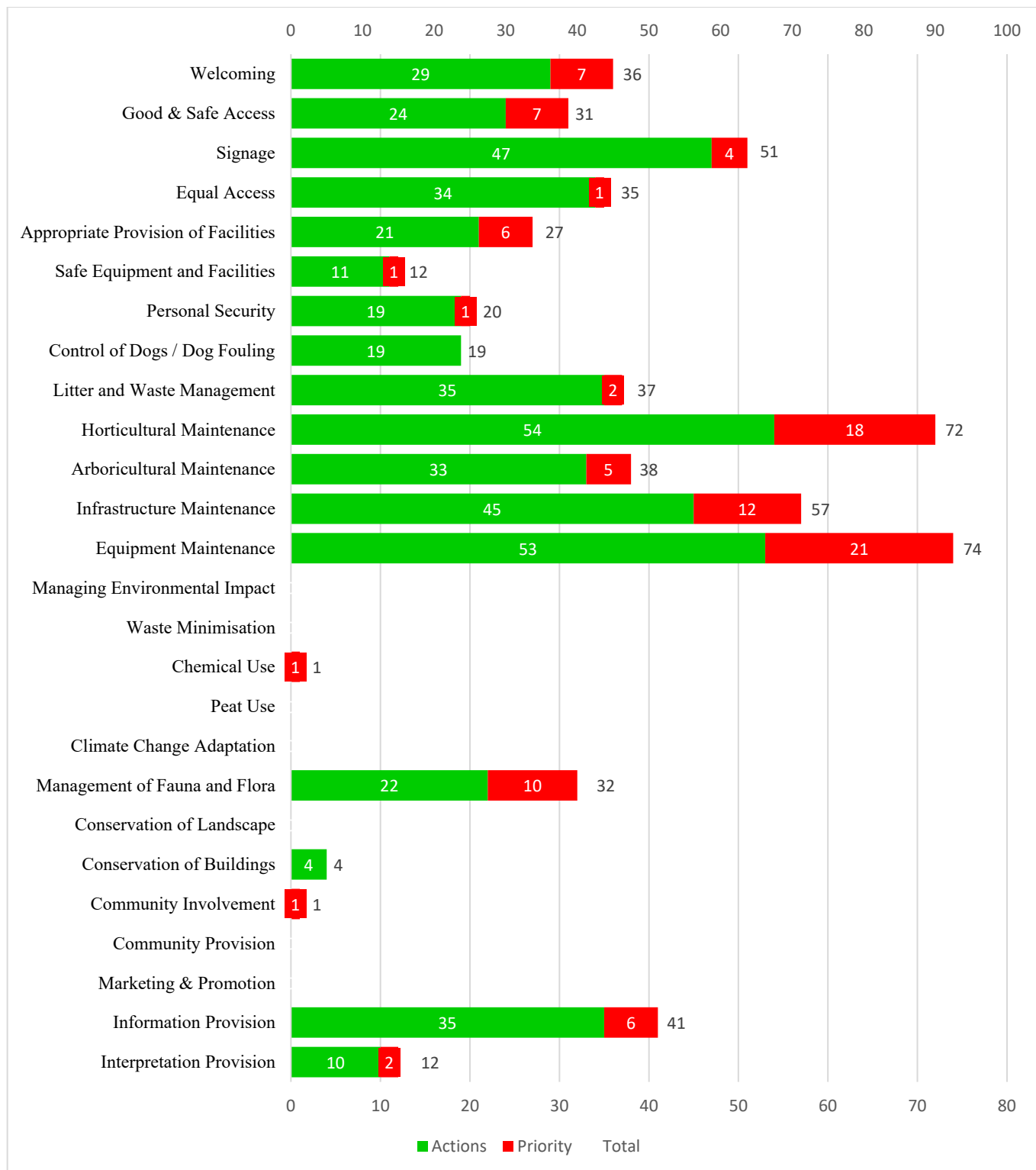
### 5.3.7 South East Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 600 actions were identified through the assessments in South East Edinburgh including 105 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 17 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.




## 5.4 Area Results – South West Edinburgh

### 5.4.1 South West Edinburgh – 30 Parks

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the five-year average\*) trend indicators and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

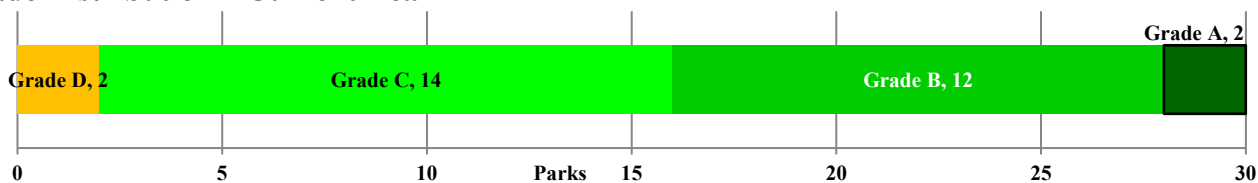
\* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Blinkbonny Park	59% (D)	64% (C)	66% (C)	67% (C)	64% (C)	↓	→	✓
Bloomiehall Park 	72% (B)	72% (B)	77% (B)	75% (B)	72% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Campbell Park	67% (C)	64% (C)	65% (C)	72% (B)	73% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	74% (B)	75% (B)	79% (B)	75% (B)	76% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Colinton Mains Park	65% (C)	69% (C)	70% (B)	73% (B)	72% (B)	↓	↑	✓
Curriemuirend Park	44% (E)	46% (E)	54% (D)	57% (D)	58% (D)	↑	↑	✗
Dovecot Park	60% (C)	65% (C)	70% (B)	62% (C)	67% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	80% (A)	81% (A)	87% (A)	86% (A)	86% (A)	→	↑	✓
Fairmilehead Park 	66% (C)	70% (B)	73% (B)	73% (B)	74% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Fountainbridge Green	68% (C)	65% (C)	68% (C)	71% (B)	64% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Gorgie Dalry Community Park	56% (D)	57% (D)	63% (C)	59% (D)	55% (D)	↓	↓	✗
Hailes Quarry Park 	76% (B)	70% (B)	72% (B)	73% (B)	72% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Harrison Park 	72% (B)	73% (B)	75% (B)	75% (B)	74% (B)	↓	↑	✓
King George V Park (Currie)	61% (C)	62% (C)	65% (C)	68% (C)	65% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Marchbank Park	62% (C)	65% (C)	66% (C)	66% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Meadowspot Park	57% (D)	62% (C)	66% (C)	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Muir Wood Park 	73% (B)	75% (B)	76% (B)	75% (B)	74% (B)	↓	↓	✓
Murieston Park	62% (C)	64% (C)	76% (B)	75% (B)	74% (B)	↓	↑	✓
Paties Road Recreation Ground	60% (C)	65% (C)	69% (C)	69% (C)	70% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	85% (A)	87% (A)	87% (A)	85% (A)	83% (A)	↓	↓	✓
Pentland View Park	58% (D)	63% (C)	67% (C)	68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Ratho Park	64% (C)	68% (C)	69% (C)	69% (C)	68% (C)	↓	↑	✓
Redford Wood	68% (C)	64% (C)	70% (B)	71% (B)	63% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Redhall Park	64% (C)	66% (C)	67% (C)	66% (C)	67% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Saughton Park 	72% (B)		76% (B)	77% (B)	75% (B)	↓	→	✓
Sighthill Park	56% (D)	64% (C)	65% (C)	65% (C)	65% (C)	→	↑	✓
Spylaw Park 	73% (B)	71% (B)	72% (B)	71% (B)	73% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Stenhouse Place East Park	53% (D)	58% (D)	63% (C)	67% (C)	69% (C)	↑	↑	✓
Whinhill Park	55% (D)	59% (D)	64% (C)	65% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	✓
White Park	59% (D)	64% (C)	68% (C)	68% (C)	68% (C)	→	↑	✓

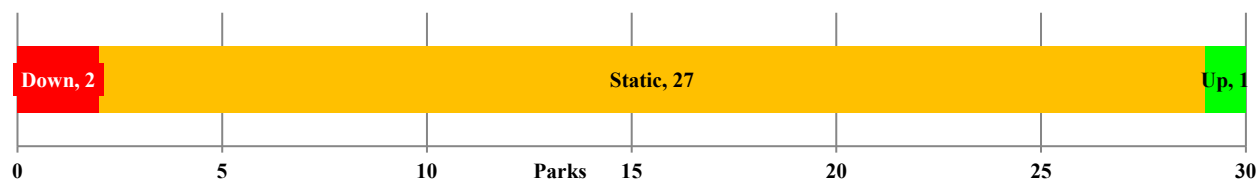
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## 5.4.2 South West Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

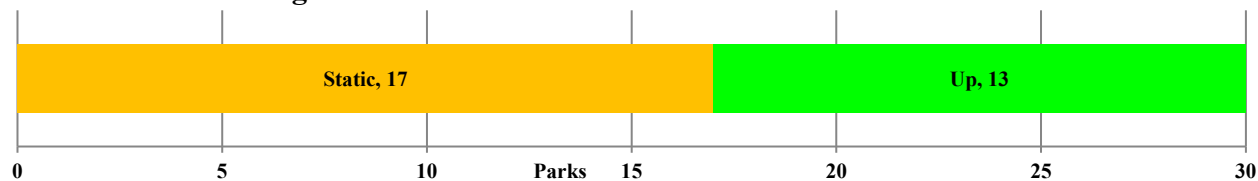
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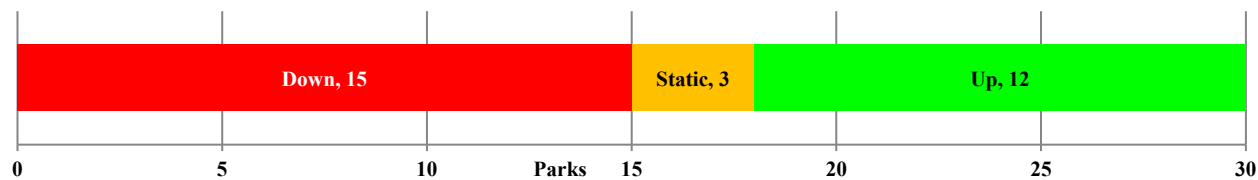
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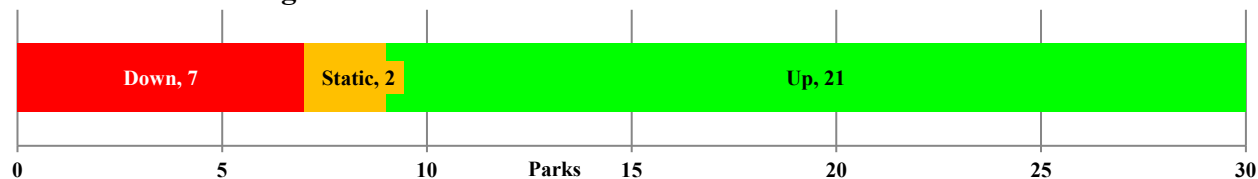
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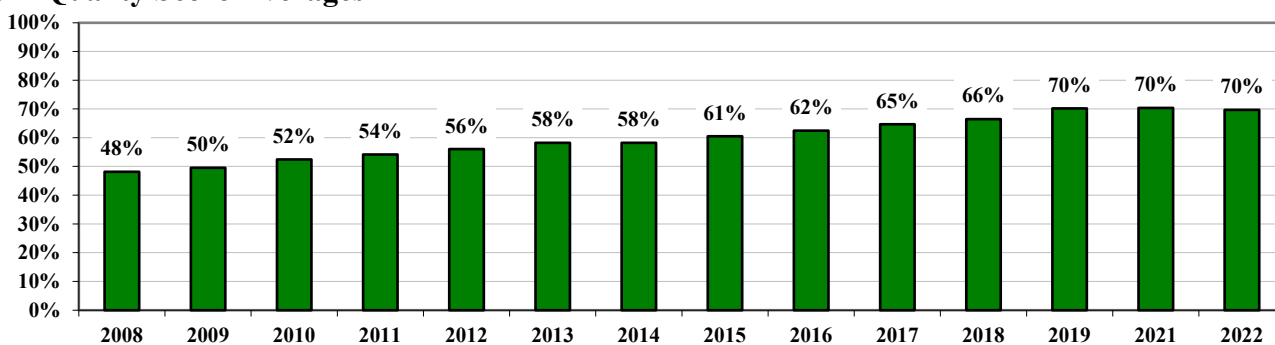
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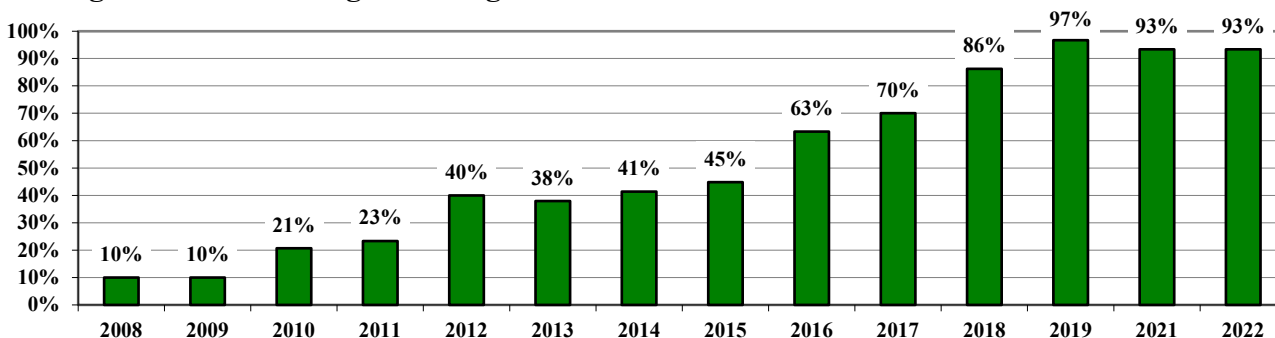
### Score Movements – Long Term



### Park Quality Score Averages



### Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



### 5.4.3 South West Edinburgh - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, four out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst nine fell and longer term, 19 improved and six showed drops.


Aspects worth highlighting this year are increases both short and long term, for **Safe Facilities** and **Conservation of Buildings** but **Dog Fouling**, **Facility Provision** and **Equipment Maintenance** are showing downward trends over both the short and long term. **Signage**, **Information** and **Interpretative Provision** all fell this year but showing an increase over the longer term and with other areas of the city suffering similar drops, it is perhaps an indication to look at these aspects together.


In total, there were 92 instances where criteria scores improved, 524 stayed the same and 118 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations, could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Locality criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term five-year trend (comparing the current year against the five-year average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.5	↓	↓	3	19	8
Good & Safe Access	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	→	↓	5	21	4
Signage	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.7	↓	↑	5	17	8
Equal Access	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	→	↑	5	19	6
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	↓	↓	6	18	6
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.1	↑	↑	7	19	4
Personal Security	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.2	↑	↑	7	16	7
Dog Control & Fouling	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.5	↓	↓	4	17	9
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	→	→	7	18	5
Horticultural Maintenance	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	→	↑	8	13	9
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.1	→	↑	5	21	4
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.6	↓	↑	6	14	10
Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.6	↓	↓	5	13	12
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	6.2	6.6	7.5	7.7	7.7	→	↑	0	30	0
Waste Minimisation	4.9	5.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	→	↑	0	30	0
Chemical Use	5.4	5.6	7.9	7.9	7.9	→	↑	0	29	1
Peat Use	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.5	→	↓	0	30	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.1	6.2	↑	↑	2	28	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.2	↓	↑	3	22	5
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.3	9.3	8.8	8.8	→	↑	0	4	0
Conservation Buildings	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.2	↑	↑	4	5	1
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	5.3	5.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	→	↑	0	30	0
Community Provision	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	→	↑	0	30	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	→	↑	0	30	0
Information Provision	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.5	↓	↑	5	14	11
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	4.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.8	↓	↑	5	17	8

#### 5.4.4 South West Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2022 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality Rank			Citywide Rank			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	M	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1	➔	0	2	➔	0	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	86% (A)	86% (A)	0%
2	➔	0	3	➔	0	Pentland Hills Regional Pk 	Regional	85% (A)	83% (A)	-2%
3	⬆	+1	16=	⬆	+6	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	75% (B)	76% (B)	+1%
4	⬇	-1	19=	⬇	-5	Saughton Park 	Premier	77% (B)	75% (B)	-2%
5=	⬆	+4	23=	⬆	+7	Fairmilehead Park 	Comm	73% (B)	74% (B)	+1%
5=	⬇	-1	23=	⬇	-1	Harrison Park 	Comm	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
5=	⬇	-1	23=	⬇	-1	Muir Wood Park 	Comm	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
5=	⬇	-1	23=	⬇	-1	Murieston Park	Comm	75% (B)	74% (B)	-1%
9=	⬆	+3	30=	⬆	+10	Campbell Park	Comm	72% (B)	73% (B)	+1%
9=	⬆	+4	30=	⬆	+19	Spylaw Park 	Comm	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
11=	⬇	-7	39=	⬇	-17	Bloomiehall Park 	Comm	75% (B)	72% (B)	-3%
11=	⬇	-2	39=	⬇	-9	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	73% (B)	72% (B)	-1%
11=	⬇	-2	39=	⬇	-9	Hailes Quarry Park 	Comm	73% (B)	72% (B)	-1%
14	⬆	+2	55=	⬆	+11	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	69% (C)	70% (B)	+1%
15	⬆	+6	67=	⬆	+19	Stenhouse Place East Park	Comm	67% (C)	69% (C)	+2%
16=	⬆	+8	72=	⬆	+21	Marchbank Park	Comm	66% (C)	68% (C)	+2%
16=	⬆	+5	72=	⬆	+14	Meadowspot Park	Comm	67% (C)	68% (C)	+1%
16=	➔	0	72=	⬇	-6	Ratho Park	Comm	69% (C)	68% (C)	-1%
16=	⬆	+10	72=	⬆	+26	Whinhill Park	Comm	65% (C)	68% (C)	+3%
16=	⬆	+2	72=	➔	0	White Park	Comm	68% (C)	68% (C)	0%
21=	⬆	+7	84=	⬆	+33	Dovecot Park	Comm	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
21=	⬆	+3	84=	⬆	+9	Redhall Park	Comm	66% (C)	67% (C)	+1%
23	⬇	-5	95=	⬇	-23	Pentland View Park	Comm	68% (C)	66% (C)	-2%
24=	⬇	-6	100=	⬇	-28	King George V Park (Currie)	Comm	68% (C)	65% (C)	-3%
24=	⬆	+2	100=	⬇	-2	Sighthill Park	Comm	65% (C)	65% (C)	0%
26=	⬇	-5	106=	⬇	-20	Blinkbonny Park	Comm	67% (C)	64% (C)	-3%
26=	⬇	-13	106=	⬇	-57	Fountainbridge Green	Comm	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
28	⬇	-15	118=	⬇	-69	Redford Wood	Natural	71% (B)	63% (C)	-8%
29	⬆	+1	133=	⬆	+4	Curriemuirend Park	Comm	57% (D)	58% (D)	+1%
30	⬇	-1	138	⬇	-4	Gorgie Dalry Community Park	Comm	59% (D)	55% (D)	-4%

 = Green Flag Park



### 5.4.5 South West Edinburgh - Highest Scoring Park





**Easter Craiglockhart Hill** is the highest scoring park in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 86% and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> across the city.

### 5.4.6 South West Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

**Year on Year** – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Locality			Citywide			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	Tr	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
21=	↑	+7	84=	↑	+33	Dovecot Park	Comm	62% (C)	67% (C)	+5%
16=	↑	+10	72=	↑	+26	Whinhill Park	Comm	65% (C)	68% (C)	+3%
9=	↑	+4	30=	↑	+19	Spylaw Park 	Comm	71% (B)	73% (B)	+2%
16=	↑	+8	72=	↑	+21	Marchbank Park	Comm	66% (C)	68% (C)	+2%
15	↑	+6	67=	↑	+19	Stenhouse Place East Park	Comm	67% (C)	69% (C)	+2%
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24=	↓	-6	100=	↓	-28	King George V Park (Currie)	Comm	68% (C)	65% (C)	-3%
26=	↓	-5	106=	↓	-20	Blinkbonny Park	Comm	67% (C)	64% (C)	-3%
30	↓	-1	138	↓	-4	Gorgie Dalry Community Park	Comm	59% (D)	55% (D)	-4%
26=	↓	-13	106=	↓	-57	Fountainbridge Green	Comm	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%
28	↓	-15	118=	↓	-69	Redford Wood	Natural	71% (B)	63% (C)	-8%

**Long Term (Five Year Average)** – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	2017	2018	219	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Stenhouse Place East Park	53%	58% ↑	63% ↑	67% ↑	69% ↑	+16%	+7%
Curriemuirend Park	44%	46% ↑	54% ↑	57% ↑	58% ↑	+14%	+6%
Whinhill Park	55%	59% ↑	64% ↑	65% ↑	68% ↑	+13%	+6%
Campbell Park	67%	64% ↓	65% ↑	72% ↑	73% ↑	+6%	+5%
Meadowspot Park	57%	62% ↑	66% ↑	67% ↑	68% ↑	+11%	+4%
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Bloomiehall Park 	72%	72% →	77% ↑	75% ↓	72% ↓	0%	-2%
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	85%	87% ↑	87% →	85% ↓	83% ↓	-2%	-2%
Gorgie Dalry Community Park	56%	57% ↑	63% ↑	59% ↓	55% ↓	-1%	-3%
Fountainbridge Green	68%	65% ↓	68% ↑	71% ↑	64% ↓	-4%	-3%
Redford Wood	68%	64% ↓	70% ↑	71% ↑	63% ↓	-5%	-4%

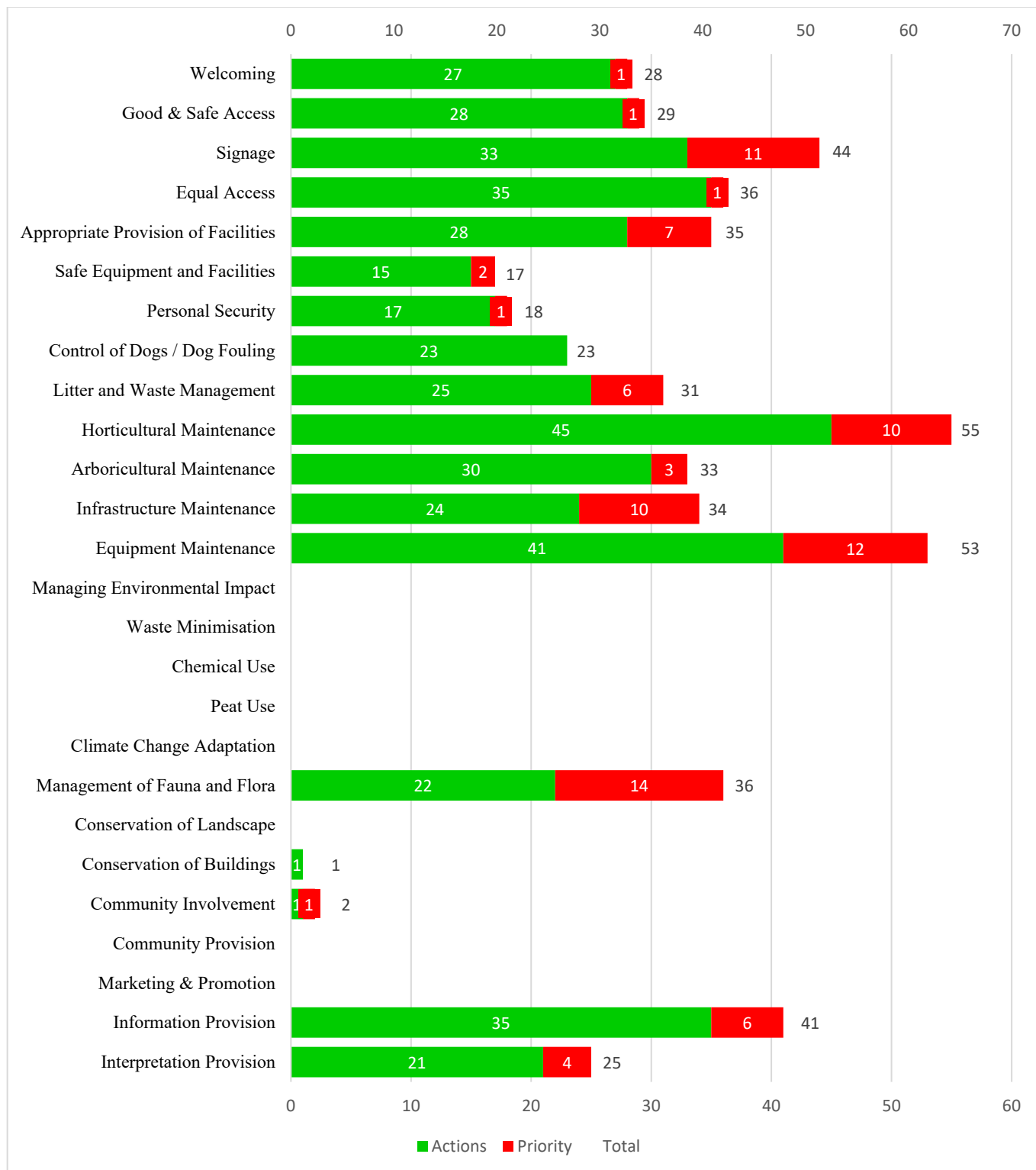
### 5.4.7 South West Edinburgh – Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 541 actions were identified through the assessments in South West Edinburgh including 90 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 18 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.









## 5.5 Area Results - Natural Heritage Service Managed Sites

### 5.5.1 Natural Heritage Service – 13 Parks

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments, PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the five-year average) trend indicators and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

\* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	56% (D)	66% (C)	69% (C)	70% (B)	73% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Cammo Estate	78% (B)	77% (B)	77% (B)	78% (B)	79% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	74% (B)	75% (B)	79% (B)	75% (B)	76% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Corstorphine Hill 	78% (B)	76% (B)	74% (B)	78% (B)	81% (A)	↑	↑	✓
Craigmillar Castle Park 	72% (B)	74% (B)	72% (B)	78% (B)	79% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Cramond Foreshore	69% (C)	72% (B)	77% (B)	78% (B)	78% (B)	→	↑	✓
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	80% (A)	81% (A)	87% (A)	86% (A)	86% (A)	→	↑	✓
H'tage of Braid inc Blackford 	77% (B)	79% (B)	79% (B)	80% (A)	80% (A)	→	↑	✓
Little France Park	N/A	N/A	65% (C)	73% (B)	74% (B)	↑	↑	✓
Meadows Yard	72% (B)	69% (C)	68% (C)	71% (B)	64% (C)	↓	↓	✓
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	85% (A)	87% (A)	87% (A)	85% (A)	83% (A)	↓	↓	✓
Ravelston Woods 	73% (B)	73% (B)	74% (B)	77% (B)	74% (B)	↓	↓	✓
River Almond Walkway	72% (B)	74% (B)	78% (B)	77% (B)	76% (B)	↓	↑	✓

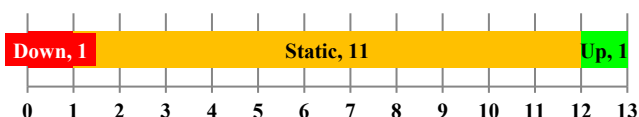
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### 5.5.2 Natural Heritage Service – Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

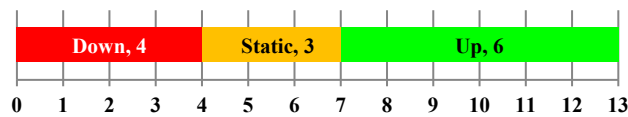
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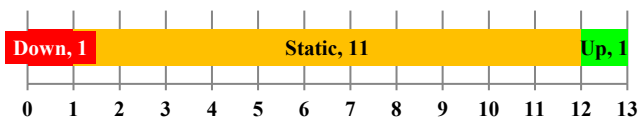
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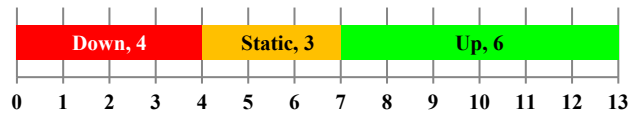
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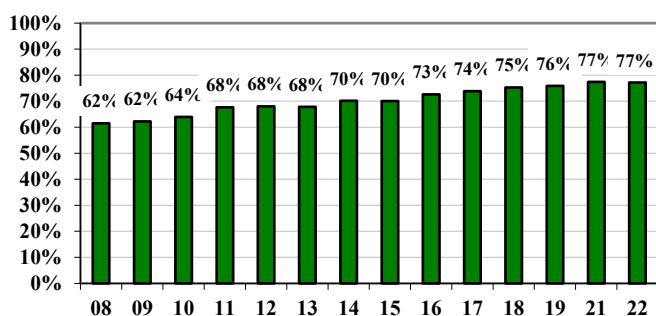
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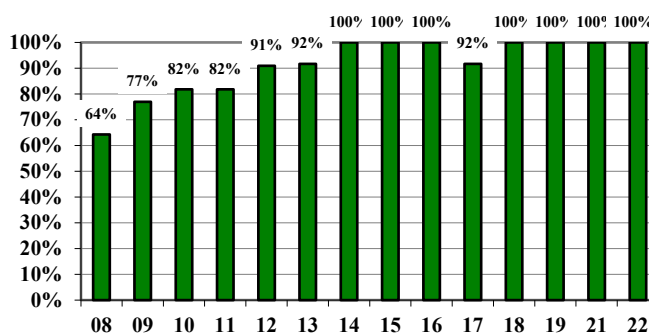
#### Score Movements – Long Term



#### Park Quality Score Averages



#### % Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



### 5.5.3 Natural Heritage Service – Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, nine out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst 10 fell and longer term, 15 improved whilst nine showed drops.

Aspects worth highlighting this year are increases both short and long term, for **Access, Litter Management and Community Involvement** but **Dog Fouling, Facility Provision, Arboricultural Maintenance and Infrastructure Maintenance** are all showing downward trends over both the short and long term. **Signage and Information Provision** fell this year but are showing an increase over the longer term and with other areas of the city suffering similar drops, it is perhaps an indication to look at these aspects together.

In total, there were 48 instances where criteria scores improved, 238 stayed the same and 48 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations, could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Locality criteria average scores over the last five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term five-year trend (comparing the current year against the five-year average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.






Criteria	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
						Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>										
Welcoming	7.4	7.6	7.2	7.4	<b>7.2</b>	↓	↓	2	8	3
Good & Safe Access	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	<b>7.2</b>	↑	↑	2	10	1
Signage	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.6	<b>7.3</b>	↓	↑	4	4	5
Equal Access	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	2	10	1
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>										
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	<b>7.0</b>	↓	↓	2	7	4
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	→	↑	1	11	1
Personal Security	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	→	↑	2	9	2
Dog Control & Fouling	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.2	<b>6.7</b>	↓	↓	3	5	5
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>										
Litter & Waste Management	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.5	<b>7.7</b>	↑	↑	4	8	1
Horticultural Maintenance	6.8	6.5	6.6	7.0	<b>7.0</b>	→	↑	2	9	2
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	<b>7.2</b>	↓	↓	0	11	2
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	<b>6.7</b>	↓	↓	1	9	3
Equipment Maintenance	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	→	↓	3	8	2
<b>Environmental Management</b>										
Managing Environmental Impact	7.2	7.8	8.6	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	↑	↑	1	12	0
Waste Minimisation	7.8	8.4	8.1	8.1	<b>8.0</b>	↓	↓	0	13	0
Chemical Use	8.4	9.0	8.3	8.4	<b>9.0</b>	↑	↑	0	12	1
Peat Use	10	10	10	10	<b>10</b>	→	→	3	10	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.5	<b>7.8</b>	↑	↑	2	11	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>										
Management of Flora & Fauna	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	<b>8.2</b>	↓	↓	2	7	4
Conservation Landscape	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.4	<b>8.4</b>	→	→	0	13	0
Conservation Buildings	6.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	<b>7.0</b>	↓	↓	2	5	2
<b>Community Involvement</b>										
Community Involvement	8.3	8.6	8.2	8.8	<b>9.0</b>	↑	↑	1	12	0
Community Provision	7.3	7.6	8.2	8.4	<b>8.5</b>	↑	↑	2	11	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>										
Marketing & Promotion	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	↑	↑	1	12	0
Information Provision	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.8	<b>7.6</b>	↓	↑	3	5	5
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.8	<b>7.8</b>	→	↑	3	6	4

### 5.5.4 Natural Heritage Service - Parks Ranked in Order of 2022 Park Quality Score with Service Area and Citywide Rankings.






Service Area			Citywide Rank			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	M	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1	➔	0	2	➔	0	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	86% (A)	86% (A)	0%
2	➔	0	3	➔	0	Pentland Hills Regional Pk 	Regional	85% (A)	83% (A)	-2%
3	⬆	+1	4	⬆	+3	Corstorphine Hill	LNR	78% (B)	81% (A)	+3%
4	⬇	-1	5=	⬆	+1	Hermitage of Braid 	LNR	80% (A)	80% (A)	0%
5=	⬇	-1	8=	⬇	-1	Cammo Estate	LNR	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
5=	⬇	-1	8=	⬇	-1	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
7	⬇	-3	11=	⬇	-4	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	78% (B)	78% (B)	0%
8=	⬆	+2	16=	⬆	+6	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	75% (B)	76% (B)	+1%
8=	➔	0	16=	⬇	-2	River Almond Walkway	Natural	77% (B)	76% (B)	-1%
10=	⬆	+1	23=	⬆	+7	Little France Park	Natural	73% (B)	74% (B)	+1%
10=	⬇	-2	23=	⬇	-9	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	77% (B)	74% (B)	-3%
12	⬆	+1	30=	⬆	+28	B' house Burn Valley Park 	LNR	70% (B)	73% (B)	+3%
13	⬇	-1	106=	⬇	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%

### 5.5.5 Natural Heritage Service - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Service Area			Citywide			Park Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	T r	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
3	⬆	+1	4	⬆	+3	Corstorphine Hill 	LNR	78% (B)	81% (A)	+3%
12	⬆	+1	30=	⬆	+28	B'house Burn Valley Park 	LNR	70% (B)	73% (B)	+3%
5=	⬇	-1	8=	⬇	-1	Cammo Estate	LNR	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
5=	⬇	-1	8=	⬇	-1	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural	78% (B)	79% (B)	+1%
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8=	➔	0	16=	⬇	-2	River Almond Walkway	Natural	77% (B)	76% (B)	-1%
2	➔	0	3	➔	0	Pentland Hills Regional Pk 	Regional	85% (A)	83% (A)	-2%
10=	⬇	-2	23=	⬇	-9	Ravelston Woods 	LNR	77% (B)	74% (B)	-3%
13	⬇	-1	106=	⬇	-57	Meadows Yard	LNR	71% (B)	64% (C)	-7%

Long Term (Five Year Average) – comparing the 2022 score against the five-year average score for each park plus showing the difference between the 2022 score and the 2017 score (or next available).

Park Name	2017	2018	219	2021	2022	Diff since 2017	Diff 5 Year Average
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	56%	66% ⬆	69% ⬆	70% ⬆	73% ⬆	+17%	+6%
Craigmillar Castle Park 	72%	74% ⬆	72% ⬆	78% ⬆	79% ⬆	+7%	+4%
Corstorphine Hill 	78%	76% ⬆	74% ⬆	78% ⬆	81% ⬆	+3%	+4%
Little France Park			65% ⬆	73% ⬆	74% ⬆	+9%	+3%
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	74%	75% ⬆	79% ⬆	75% ⬆	76% ⬆	+2%	0%
Ravelston Woods 	73%	73% ➔	74% ⬆	77% ⬆	74% ⬆	+1%	0%
Pentland Hills Regional Park 	85%	87% ⬆	87% ➔	85% ⬆	83% ⬆	-2%	-2%
Meadows Yard	72%	69% ⬆	68% ⬆	71% ⬆	64% ⬆	-8%	-5%

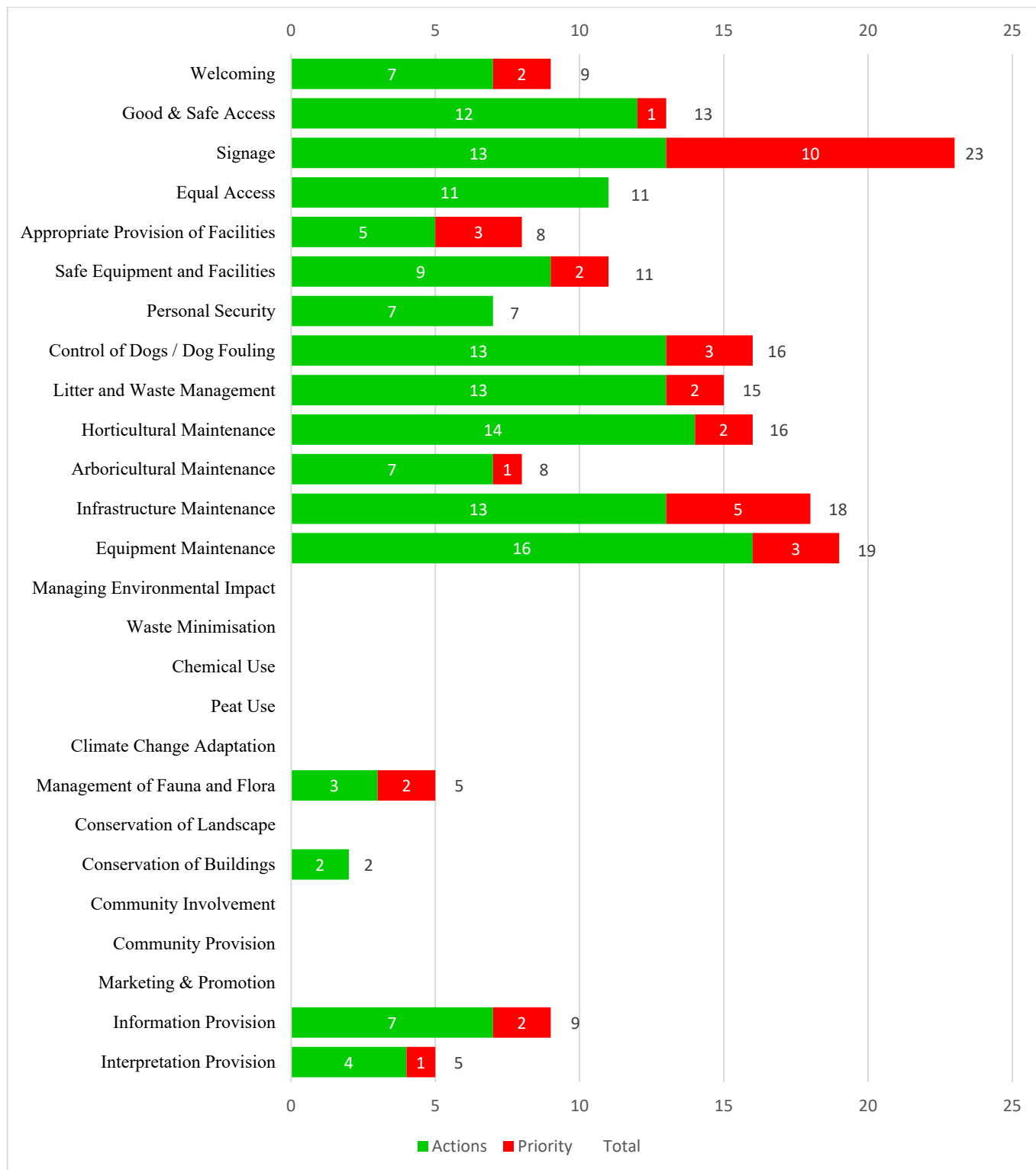
### 5.5.6 Natural Heritage Service - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the park assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each park that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, 195 actions were identified through the assessments of Natural Heritage managed sites including 90 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 15 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the categories.



## 5.6 Area Results – Cemeteries Service Managed Sites

### 5.6.1 Cemeteries Service – 33 Sites (16 currently assessed)

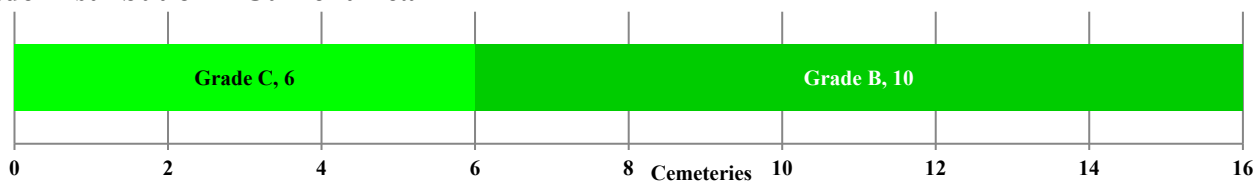
The Cemeteries Service manage 33 sites across the city and between 2010 and 2012, all sites were to be assessed (Gogar was not assessed in 2012 due to access issues) until a decision was taken to stop assessing cemeteries. In 2018, six cemeteries were selected for assessment, and this was increased to 16 from 2019.

The table below shows all 33 sites listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments (where available), PQS Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year compared against the four-assessment average, 2018-2022) trend indicators and whether the cemetery currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

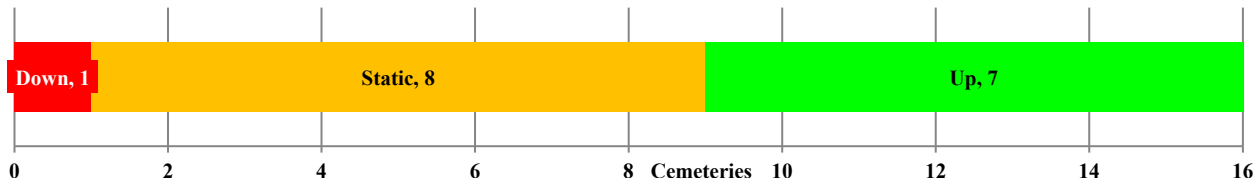
Site Name	2012	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST Tr	LT Tr	Met
Buccleuch Churchyard	29% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Canongate Kirkyard	51% (D)	n/a	53% (D)	64% (C)	71% (B)	↑	↑	☑
Colinton Churchyard	61% (C)	n/a	77% (B)	72% (B)	68% (C)	↓	↓	☑
Comely Bank Cemetery	49% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Corstorphine Churchyard	53% (D)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	46% (E)	61% (C)	58% (D)	58% (D)	63% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	62% (C)	68% (C)	70% (B)	68% (C)	73% (B)	↑	↑	☑
Cramond Churchyard	61% (C)	n/a	68% (C)	68% (C)	70% (B)	↑	↑	☑
Currie Kirkyard & Cemetery	64% (C)	69% (C)	68% (C)	69% (C)	69% (C)	→	↑	☑
Dalmeny Churchyard	44% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Dalry Cemetery	44% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
East Preston Street Cemetery	41% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Gogar Churchyard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Grange Cemetery	48% (E)	n/a	66% (C)	67% (C)	71% (B)	↑	↑	☑
Greyfriars Churchyard	61% (C)	n/a	62% (C)	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Kirkliston Cemetery	46% (E)	n/a	50% (D)	55% (D)	62% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Liberton Cemetery	55% (D)	n/a	63% (C)	68% (C)	64% (C)	↓	↓	☑
Morningside Cemetery	47% (E)	57% (D)	58% (D)	64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Mortonhall Cemetery	60% (C)	72% (B)	74% (B)	73% (B)	70% (B)	↓	↓	☑
New Calton Burial Ground	38% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Newington Cemetery	40% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
North Leith Churchyard	50% (D)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
North Merchiston Cemetery	37% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Old Calton Burial Ground	45% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Portobello Cemetery	59% (D)	62% (C)	59% (D)	61% (C)	64% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Ratho Cemetery	57% (D)	n/a	61% (C)	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Restalrig Cemetery	40% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Rosebank Cemetery	57% (D)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Saughton Cemetery	47% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
South Leith Churchyard	61% (C)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
South Queensferry Cemetery	59% (D)	n/a	64% (C)	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	↑	☑
St Cuthbert's Cemetery	55% (D)	n/a	58% (D)	61% (C)	64% (C)	↑	↑	☑
Warriston Cemetery	45% (E)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			

## 5.6.2 Cemeteries Service - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

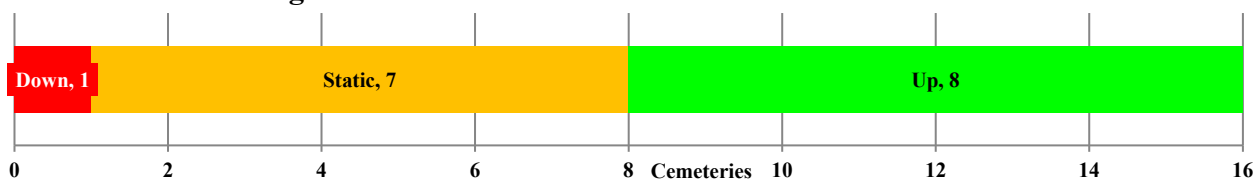
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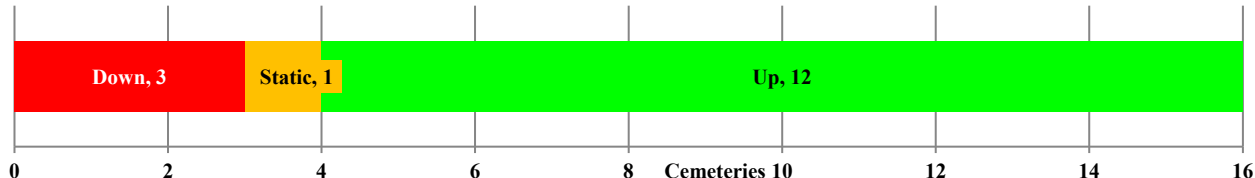
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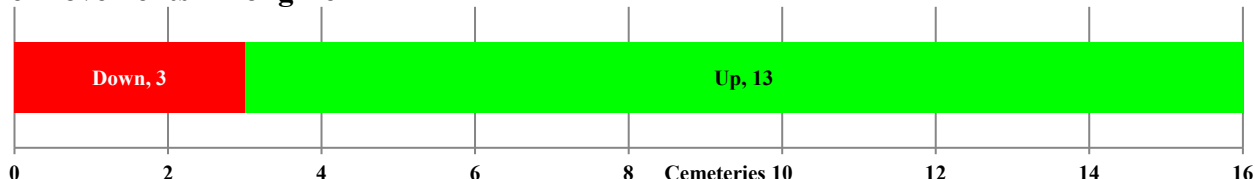
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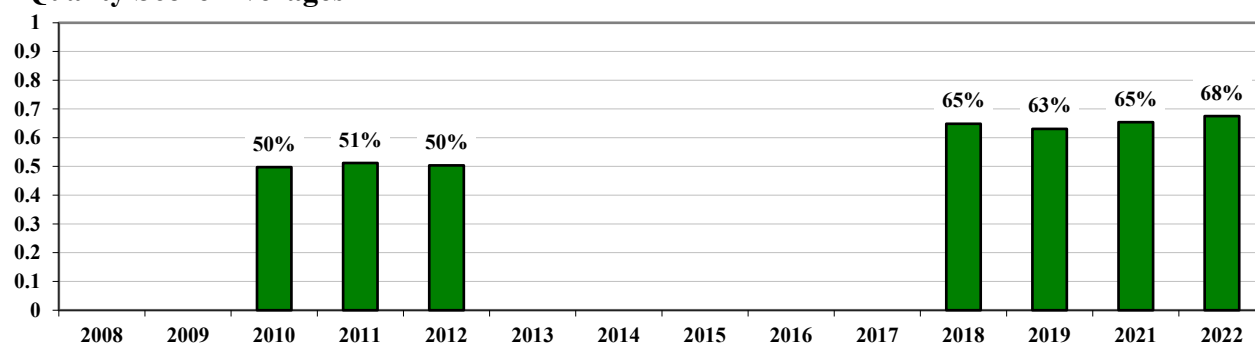
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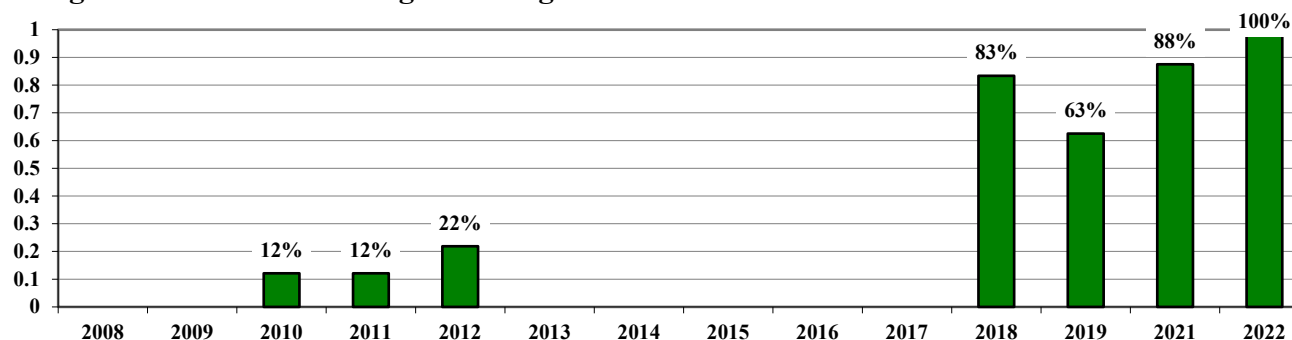
### Score Movements – Long Term



### Park Quality Score Averages



### Percentage of Cemeteries Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard





### 5.6.3 Cemeteries Service - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, 15 out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst only one fell and longer term, 22 improved whilst one showed a drop.

Aspects worth highlighting this year are good increases, both short and long term, for **Signage, Education & Interpretation Provision, Horticultural Maintenance and Equipment Maintenance**. Only **Dog Fouling** dropped year on year and **Marketing & Promotion** was the only criteria to fall over the longer term.

In total, there were 99 instances where criteria scores improved, 268 stayed the same and 37 dropped. This information along with the Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations could be used to identify areas where attention is needed most.

The table below shows the Cemetery criteria average scores over the last four assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Longer-Term four-year trend (comparing the current year against the four-assessment average and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	ST	LT	No of Parks		
					Tr	Tr	↑	→	↓
<b>Welcoming</b>									
Welcoming	6.5	6.9	7.2	<b>7.6</b>	↑	↑	5	11	0
Good & Safe Access	6.7	6.4	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	↑	↑	2	12	2
Signage	6.8	6.2	6.8	<b>7.3</b>	↑	↑	10	3	3
Equal Access	5.8	6.4	6.3	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	5	11	0
<b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b>									
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	6.7	6.3	6.3	<b>6.6</b>	↑	↑	6	8	2
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.3	6.6	<b>6.6</b>	→	↑	4	8	4
Personal Security	7.3	6.9	7.1	<b>7.4</b>	↑	↑	5	10	1
Dog Control & Fouling	8.5	8	8.3	<b>8.1</b>	↓	↑	2	10	4
<b>Clean &amp; Well Maintained</b>									
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	6.6	7.5	<b>7.8</b>	↑	↑	7	6	3
Horticultural Maintenance	6.5	6.3	6.8	<b>7.3</b>	↑	↑	7	9	0
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	6.8	7.1	<b>7.3</b>	↑	↑	6	8	2
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.8	6.6	6.4	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	7	6	3
Equipment Maintenance	6.2	6.7	6.6	<b>7.1</b>	↑	↑	6	9	1
<b>Environmental Management</b>									
Managing Environmental Impact	6	6	6	<b>6</b>	→	→	0	16	0
Waste Minimisation	5.7	6.9	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	→	↑	0	16	0
Chemical Use	7	6.4	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	→	↑	0	16	0
Peat Use	9.5	9.6	9.6	<b>9.6</b>	→	↑	0	16	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	6	<b>6</b>	→	→	0	16	0
<b>Conservation &amp; Heritage</b>									
Management of Flora & Fauna	5.8	5.4	6.2	<b>6.3</b>	↑	↑	4	7	5
Conservation Landscape	5.6	6.4	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	→	↑	0	5	0
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.5	6.6	<b>6.8</b>	↑	↑	6	7	2
<b>Community Involvement</b>									
Community Involvement	5	6	6	<b>6</b>	→	↑	0	16	0
Community Provision	6	6	6	<b>6</b>	→	→	0	16	0
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotion</b>									
Marketing & Promotion	5.2	3	3.3	<b>3.3</b>	→	↓	0	16	0
Information Provision	6.7	5.5	6.5	<b>6.6</b>	↑	↑	7	7	2
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	3.6	3.8	4.4	<b>5.6</b>	↑	↑	10	3	3

**5.6.4 Cemeteries Ranked in Order of 2022 PQS with Service Area Rankings. The citywide rankings are an indication of where the cemeteries would rank if included in the parks list.**

Service Area			Citywide Rank			Cemetery Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
Rk	Tr	+/-	Rank	Tr	+/-					
1	↑	+3	30=	↑	+45	Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	Cemetery	68% (C)	73% (B)	+5%
2=	↑	+8	52=	↑	+65	Canongate Kirkyard	Cemetery	64% (C)	71% (B)	+7%
2=	↑	+5	52=	↑	+40	Grange Cemetery	Cemetery	67% (C)	71% (B)	+4%
4=	→	0	58=	→	+17	Cramond Churchyard	Cemetery	68% (C)	70% (B)	+2%
4=	↓	-3	58=	↓	-28	Mortonhall Cemetery	Cemetery	73% (B)	70% (B)	-3%
4=	↑	+3	58=	↑	+34	South Queensferry Cemetery	Cemetery	67% (C)	70% (B)	+3%
7	↓	-4	73=	↓	-5	Currie Kirkyard & Cemetery	Cemetery	69% (C)	69% (C)	0%
8=	↓	-6	79=	↓	-38	Colinton Churchyard	Cemetery	72% (B)	68% (C)	-4%
8=	↓	-1	79=	↑	+13	Greyfriars Churchyard	Cemetery	67% (C)	68% (C)	+1%
8=	↑	+2	79=	↑	+38	Morningside Cemetery	Cemetery	64% (C)	68% (C)	+4%
11	↓	-1	110=	↑	+7	Ratho Cemetery	Cemetery	64% (C)	65% (C)	+1%
12=	↓	-8	117=	↓	-42	Liberton Cemetery	Cemetery	68% (C)	64% (C)	-4%
12=	↑	+1	117=	↑	+24	Portobello Cemetery	Cemetery	61% (C)	64% (C)	+3%
12=	↑	+1	117=	↑	+24	St Cuthbert's Cemetery	Cemetery	61% (C)	64% (C)	+3%
15	→	0	132=	→	+18	Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	Cemetery	58% (D)	63% (C)	+5%
16	→	0	137=	→	+17	Kirkliston Cemetery	Cemetery	55% (D)	62% (C)	+7%

**5.6.5 Most Improved and Deteriorated Cemeteries**

**Short Term (Year on Year)** – comparing the 2022 against the 2021 score.

Locality			Citywide			Cemetery Name	Park Type	2021	2022	+ / - PQS
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Morningside Cemetery	n/a	57%	58% ↑	64% ↑	68% ↑	+11%	+6%
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Liberton Cemetery	n/a	n/a	63%	68% ↑	64% ↓	+1%	-1%
Mortonhall Cemetery	n/a	72%	74% ↑	73% ↓	70% ↓	-2%	-2%
Colinton Churchyard	n/a	n/a	77%	72% ↓	68% ↓	-9%	-4%

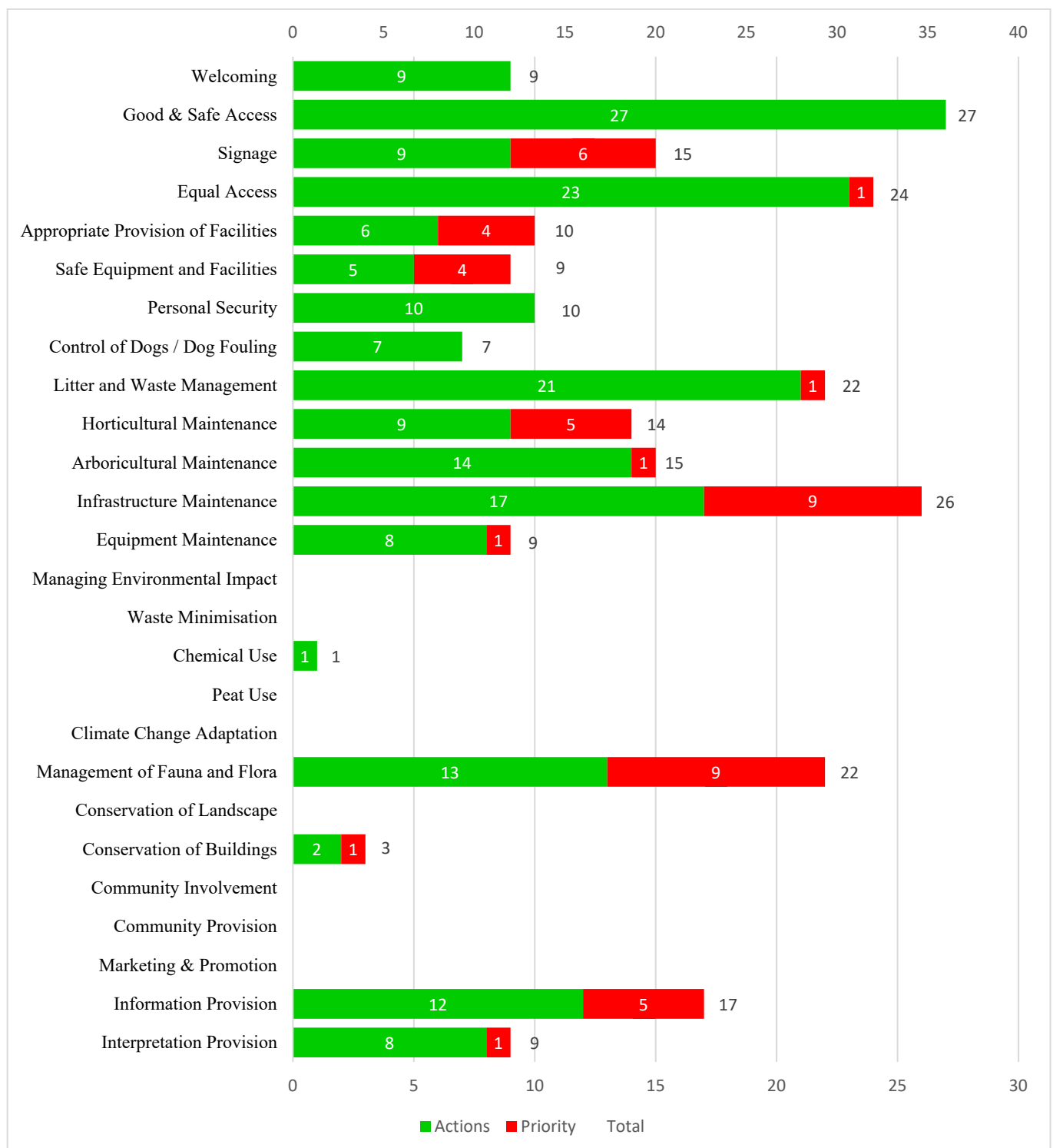
### 5.6.6 Cemeteries Service - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

As part of the assessment, judges are asked to highlight any issues found on site and provide three priority recommendations for each site that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the cemetery.

These issues are identified as actions and collated/aligned against criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie.

In total, 249 actions were identified from the cemetery assessments including 48 priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of 16 actions/recommendations per park.

The chart below shows the number of citywide actions and recommendations for each of the criteria.



## 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.

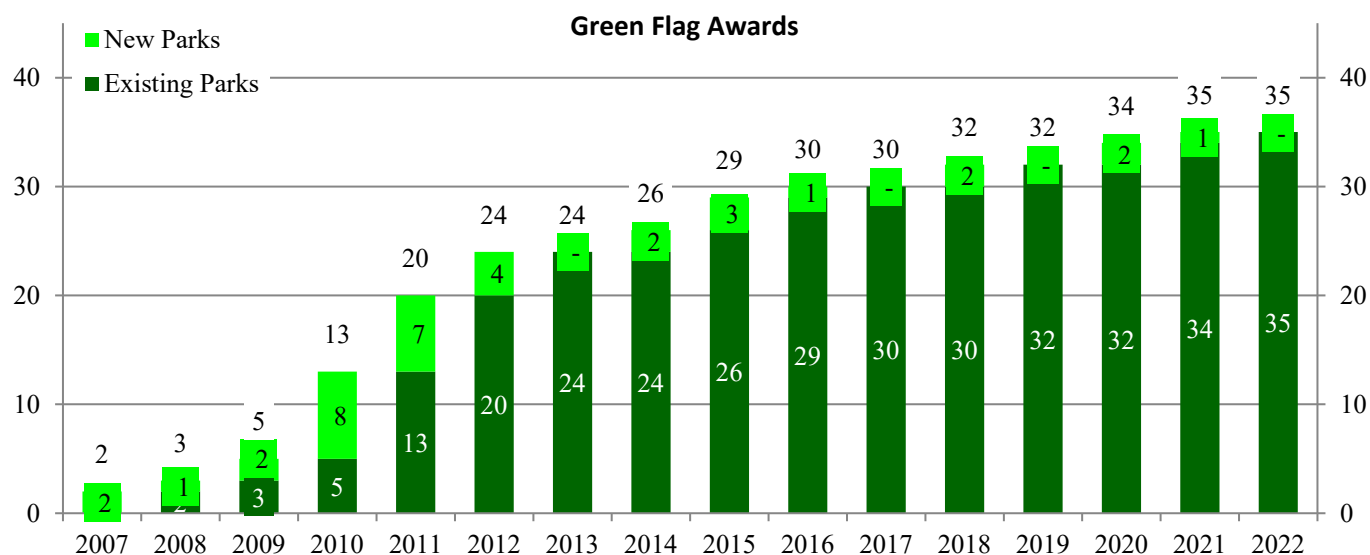
At the Green Flag Forum, it was agreed that no new parks would be submitted in 2022 which would allow managers to channel efforts into ensuring that the existing 35 sites continued to meet the standard through a period of change. Following a number of full and mystery shop assessments, all were successful in doing so. Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden achieved the Green Flag community Award for the thirteenth year running. 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 Green Flag Award sites (excluding GF Community and Green Heritage Awards), City of Edinburgh Council ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in Scotland with 35 out of the 73 Green Flags awarded and 4<sup>th</sup> in the UK with only London Borough of Hillingdon (67), The Canal & River Trust (44) 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 2022 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 first achieved.

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	Regional	Nat Heritage	South West
2009	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	LNR	Nat Heritage	South West
2009	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	North East
2010	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	LNR	Nat Heritage	South East
2010	Corstorphine Hill	LNR	Nat Heritage	North West
2010	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	Nat Heritage	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	LNR	Nat Heritage	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 Margaret's 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 & Woods *	Com & LNR	NW & Nat Htg	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
<b>Green Flag Community Award</b>				
2009	Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden	Community Garden	Friends of Corst. Hill	North West

\* Combined for Green Flag Award



Although not managed by the Council, Edinburgh has a further two Green Flag Awards in The Lawn & Central Woodlands at Heriot Watt University (pictured) and NHS Lothian's Royal Edinburgh Hospital Grounds.

The Friends of Corstorphine Hill successfully retained their Green Flag Community Award which they have held since 2009.

### 6.3 Green Flag Award 2022 Assessment Results

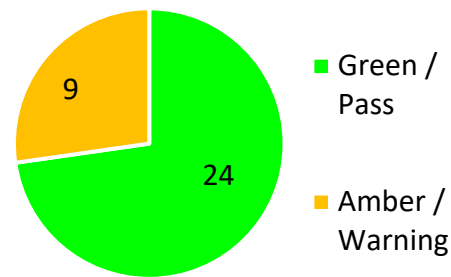
Full assessments involve judges carrying out a review of the current management documentation for the site (Desk Assessment) followed up by a site evaluation, usually involving management, staff, volunteers and visitors (Field Assessment). The Desk and Field assessments are scored separately and then the scores are combined to produce an overall score, A site must score a minimum of 15 on the desk assessment and 42 on the field assessment and 66 overall to achieve a pass with the final results returned as bandwidths.

Mystery shop assessments involve a judge visiting a site unannounced and assessing the site against 18 questions. The judge will grade each question as Green (pass), Amber (warning), Red (fail) or Not Applicable. The judge then uses the same Green, Amber & Red grading to indicate an overall result.

Full Assessments Park Name	Assessment Type	Desk	Field	Total	Overall Result	2022 PQS & Grade
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	73% (B)
Fairmilehead Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	74% (B)
Lauriston Castle	Full Assessment	15-19	45-49	66-69	Pass	72% (B)
Prestonfield Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	75% (B)
Station Road Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	75% (B)
Rosefield Park	Full Assessment	15-19	45-49	66-69	Pass	70% (B)

Mystery Shop Assessments Park Name	Assessment Type	Green	Amber	Red	Overall Result	2022 PQS & Grade
Bloomiehall Park	Mystery Shop	16	0	0	Green	72% (B)
Braidburn Valley Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	80% (A)
Corstorphine Hill	Mystery Shop	12	5	0	Amber	81% (A)
Craigmillar Castle Park	Mystery Shop	15	3	0	Green	79% (B)
Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	86% (A)
Ferniehill Community Park	Mystery Shop	12	6	0	Amber	78% (B)
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Mystery Shop	12	4	1	Amber	71% (B)
Figgate Burn Park	Mystery Shop	15	3	0	Amber	79% (B)
Hailes Quarry Park	Mystery Shop	11	5	0	Green	72% (B)
Harrison Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Green	74% (B)
Hermitage of Braid / Blackford	Mystery Shop	14	3	0	Green	80% (A)
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Mystery Shop	14	1	1	Amber	77% (B)
Inverleith Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Green	77% (B)
King George V Park (Eyre Pl.)	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	74% (B)
Lochend Park	Mystery Shop	10	8	0	Amber	70% (B)
London Road Gardens	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	73% (B)
Morningside Park	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Green	73% (B)
Muir Wood Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	74% (B)
Pentland Hills Regional Park	Mystery Shop	15	3	0	Amber	83% (A)
Portobello Community Garden	Mystery Shop	12	4	0	Green	72% (B)
Princes Street Gardens	Mystery Shop	12	5	1	Green	78% (B)
Ravelston Park & Ravelston Woods	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	71% (B) 74% (B)
Saughton Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	75% (B)
Seven Acre Park	Mystery Shop	16	1	0	Green	80% (A)
Spylaw Park	Mystery Shop	12	6	0	Green	73% (B)
St Katharine's Park	Mystery Shop	13	4	0	Green	76% (B)
St Margaret's Park	Mystery Shop	16	2	0	Amber	75% (B)
Starbank Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Green	87% (A)
Victoria Park	Mystery Shop	14	3	0	Amber	73% (B)

Of the 35 results received, nine parks returned an amber warning in 2022, one fewer than last year. It is interesting to note that of the ten parks that returned amber results in 2021, six passed a full assessment and the other four improved sufficiently to receive a green mystery shop result in 2022.

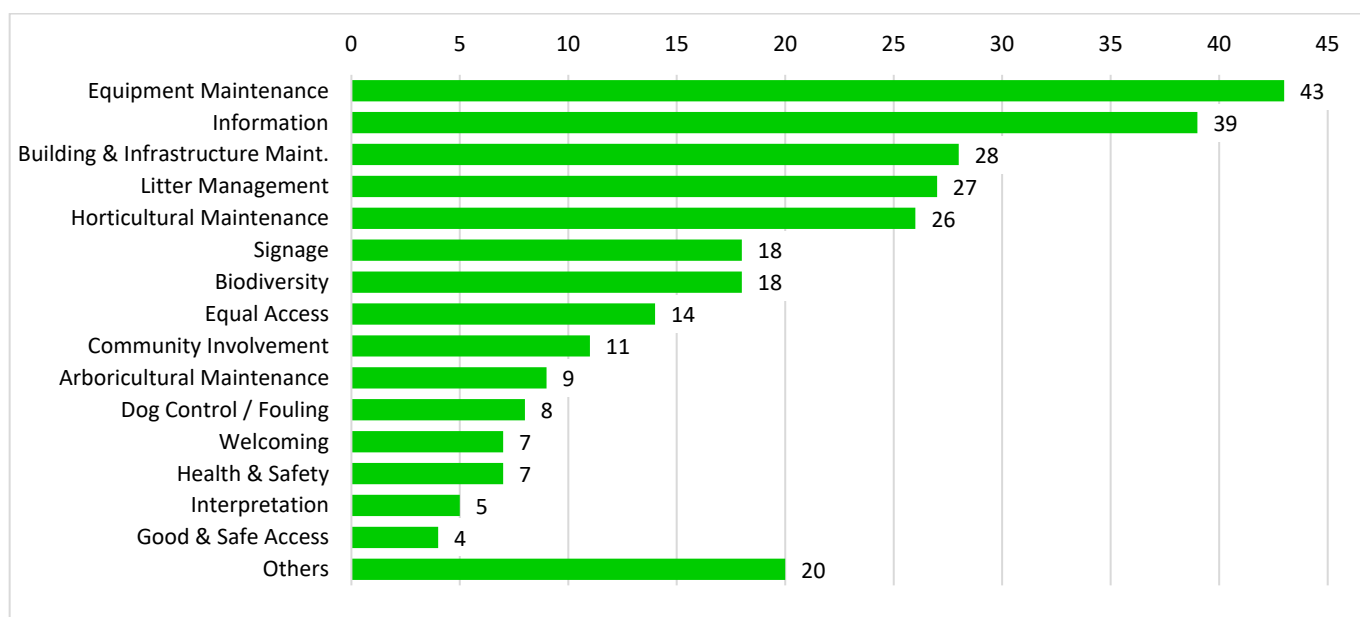


The following table shows the GFA criteria where issues were identified by judges in the amber graded GFA parks in 2022. The schemes administrators will be looking for these issues to be addressed before the next assessment and will also suggest that some of these parks should undergo a full assessment next year to ensure standards are being maintained.

Park Name	Result	Criteria where issues have been identified
Corstorphine Hill	Amber	Welcoming; Signage; Equal Access; Litter and Waste Management; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance
Ferniehill Community Park	Amber	Equal Access; Horticultural Maintenance; Arboricultural Maintenance; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Amber	Equal Access; Safe Equipment and Facilities; Horticultural Maintenance; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance
Figgate Burn Park	Amber	Signage; Equal Access; Litter and Waste Management; Horticultural Maintenance; Arboricultural Maintenance; Equipment Maintenance
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Amber	Welcoming; Litter and Waste Management
Lochend Park	Amber	Signage; Litter and Waste Management; Horticultural Maintenance; Arboricultural Maintenance; Equipment Maintenance
Pentland Hills Regional Park	Amber	Good & Safe Access; Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities; Safe Equipment and Facilities; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance
St Margaret's Park	Amber	Horticultural Maintenance; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance; Equipment Maintenance
Victoria Park	Amber	Welcoming; Litter and Waste Management; Horticultural Maintenance; Building & Infrastructure Maintenance

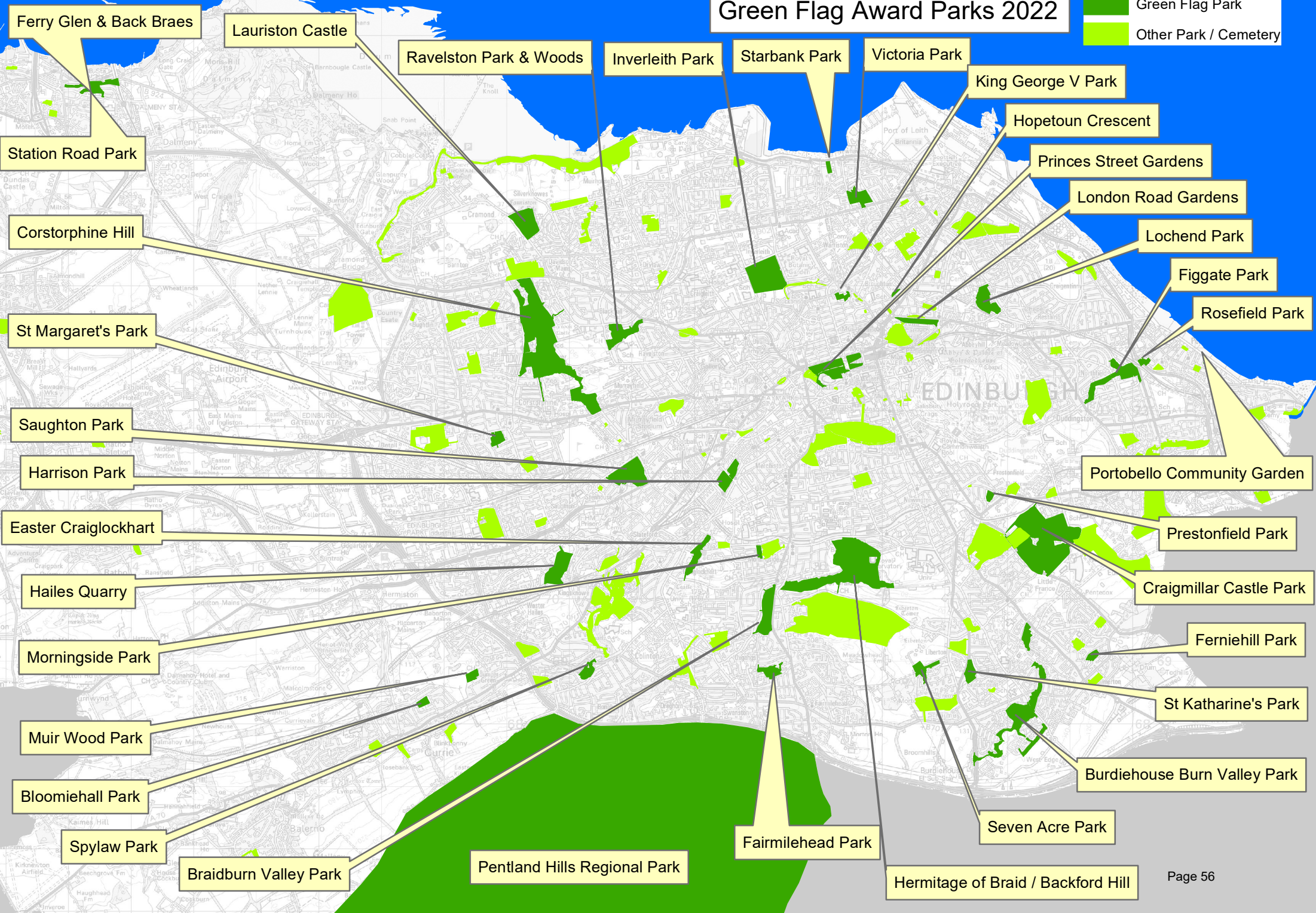
#### 6.4 Green Flag Award Highlighted Issues.

Green Flag Award judges highlighted 284 issues across Edinburgh's 35 GFA parks, which have been aligned to criteria to show where improvements need to be made.



# Green Flag Award Parks 2022

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	8	8	7	8	8	7	9	7	8	7	7	7	7	8	6	9	10	8	8	8	7	5	4	7	5	5	72% (B)
Baronscourt Park	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	5	8	7	7	6	69% (C)
Bingham Park	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	8	9	6	8	8	7	6	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	4	1	66% (C)
Brighton Park	7	8	7	8	6	8	8	9	7	5	7	7	6	6	6	9	10	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	5	1	68% (C)
Brunstane Mill	5	7	7	6	5	6	6	6	7	6	7	7	6	8	6	9	10	7	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	7	6	67% (C)
Cairntows Park	7	6	5	4	5	5	7	8	7	7	7	6	6	8	6	9	10	7	6	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	3	1	62% (C)
Dalmeny Street Park	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	8	6	6	7	8	8	7	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	7	7	6	7	5	5	70% (B)
Figgate Burn Park	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	6	8	6	9	10	9	9	7	n/a	9	9	8	7	9	79% (B)
Hays Park	5	6	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	5	6	5	4	6	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	1	1	53% (D)
Henderson Gardens	5	7	4	7	7	7	6	4	5	3	7	6	7	7	6	9	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	4	1	58% (D)
Hillside Crescent	7	7	6	5	7	7	7	7	6	7	9	9	8	8	6	9	10	6	6	8	n/a	7	6	8	6	3	70% (B)
Hopetoun Crescent	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	6	8	6	9	10	7	8	9	8	9	6	8	8	8	77% (B)
Hunter's Hall Park	5	6	4	5	7	6	6	6	3	6	8	7	6	7	6	9	10	8	8	8	n/a	8	6	7	4	4	64% (C)
Jewel Park	6	6	5	6	7	8	7	6	6	7	7	5	7	7	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	4	4	2	63% (C)
Joppa Quarry Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	9	8	7	6	6	7	7	6	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	7	6	6	68% (C)
Keddie Park	6	6	5	8	7	5	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	7	5	5	65% (C)
Leith Links	5	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	4	6	6	6	7	6	9	10	6	6	7	5	8	6	7	5	5	65% (C)
Lochend Park	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	6	7	5	7	6	6	8	6	7	10	8	8	7	8	8	6	8	7	8	70% (B)
Magdalene Glen	6	8	6	7	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	6	9	10	7	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	64% (C)
Meadowfield Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	6	6	9	10	8	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	6	70% (B)
Montgomery Street	6	8	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	6	7	6	9	10	6	8	n/a	8	8	7	7	8	6	73% (B)
Newcraighall Park	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	8	7	6	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	7	7	5	6	72% (B)
Pilrig Park	5	7	5	7	7	7	7	7	5	6	7	7	7	8	6	9	10	8	7	n/a	6	8	7	7	6	6	69% (C)
Portobello Community	6	7	6	8	7	8	9	8	8	6	n/a	7	8	6	6	9	10	7	6	8	8	6	6	7	6	6	72% (B)
Redbraes Park	5	6	6	5	8	7	5	6	5	7	7	7	6	7	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	6	5	64% (C)

## North East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Rosefield Park	6	7	6	7	9	7	7	7	7	3	7	6	7	8	6	9	10	8	7	8	7	6	8	7	6	7	70% (B)
Seafield Rec Ground	6	6	4	3	5	5	7	6	4	7	7	5	5	6	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	6	3	6	4	2	1	54% (D)
Straiton Place Park	5	7	4	7	6	6	8	7	7	4	n/a	7	5	7	6	9	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	2	1	59% (D)
Taylor Gardens	7	7	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	6	6	9	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	6	6	67% (C)

## 7.2 North West Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Allison Park	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	6	8	7	8	7	6	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	6	7	67% (C)
Balgreen Park	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	8	4	8	7	7	6	6	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	4	2	58% (D)
Buttercup Farm Park	8	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	9	7	6	7	10	7	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	8	7	73% (B)
Clermiston Park	8	7	6	6	7	7	8	6	7	8	8	6	7	7	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	5	5	67% (C)
Cramond Walled Gdn	6	6	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	9	10	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7	5	67% (C)
Davidson's Mains Pk	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	8	6	6	10	6	8	n/a	6	6	7	7	7	7	70% (B)
Drumbrae Park	6	6	7	5	5	7	6	6	4	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	5	5	59% (D)
East Pilton Park	7	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	7	5	7	6	7	6	6	6	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	6	65% (C)
Easter Drylaw Park	6	8	8	8	8	6	8	8	6	6	7	6	8	6	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	6	67% (C)
Fauldburn Park	7	5	7	5	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	7	5	8	6	69% (C)
Ferry Glen	7	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	9	10	6	9	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	5	7	71% (B)
Glendevon Park	6	6	6	5	6	6	7	9	8	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	3	6	2	5	2	59% (D)
Granton Crescent Park	6	6	5	6	6	5	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	5	5	60% (C)
Gyle Park	8	8	6	7	8	8	7	7	8	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	5	7	5	68% (C)
Gypsy Brae Rec	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	8	70% (B)
Haugh Park	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	4	4	61% (C)
Inchcolm Park	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	8	4	8	6	7	6	6	6	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	6	5	64% (C)
Inverleith Park	8	9	7	9	8	8	9	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	7	6	7	6	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	77% (B)
KGV Park (Eyre Pl)	6	7	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	6	6	8	8	7	7	6	10	6	6	8	7	8	7	8	6	9	74% (B)
KGV Park (S.Q)	6	7	6	6	8	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	4	66% (C)
Muirhouse Park	4	6	6	7	8	7	6	7	6	5	7	6	5	6	6	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	4	2	57% (D)
Orchard (Brae) Park	6	5	5	5	5	6	8	8	7	5	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	6	3	62% (C)
Parkside, Newbridge	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	3	2	64% (C)
Pikes Pool	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	9	7	8	8	7	4	8	6	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	5	6	68% (C)
Ratho St. Flyover Park	3	4	3	2	3	6	7	6	6	4	7	4	3	6	6	6	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	48% (E)
Ratho Station Park	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	0	7	8	6	8	6	6	6	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	4	3	63% (C)
Ravelston Park	8	7	5	8	8	8	8	5	9	8	5	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	7	7	71% (B)

## North West Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Riverside Park	5	6	6	5	7	7	7	8	8	4	7	7	7	6	6	6	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	1	6	3	4	2	57% (D)
Rocheid Path	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	9	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	9	6	8	8	8	72% (B)
Roseburn Park	8	9	8	8	7	8	7	6	9	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	10	8	7	n/a	6	7	6	5	6	7	71% (B)
Silverknowes Park	7	6	6	4	6	5	6	7	6	7	7	5	5	7	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	6	62% (C)
St Margaret's Park	7	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	6	6	10	6	7	7	8	7	6	8	8	8	75% (B)
St Mark's Park	6	7	5	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	8	6	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	6	6	64% (C)
Starbank Park	9	8	9	7	8	8	10	10	10	8	9	8	9	8	7	9	10	6	9	9	9	10	9	10	9	9	87% (A)
Station Road Park	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	7	7	75% (B)
Union Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	6	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	7	5	6	5	66% (C)
Victoria Park	7	9	8	8	9	8	9	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	5	7	8	6	8	6	7	73% (B)
West Pilton Park	5	6	5	7	7	6	6	6	3	5	6	6	6	7	6	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	8	7	5	4	62% (C)

### 7.3 South East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Atholl Crescent	6	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	6	7	8	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	8	6	n/a	6	6	6	8	8	70% (B)
Barony Com Garden	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	9	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	6	2	64% (C)
Bauks View	7	7	8	5	8	6	8	3	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	9	6	6	6	6	70% (B)
Bellevue Crescent	6	6	6	5	6	7	7	8	7	5	7	7	7	6	7	7	10	6	8	6	n/a	3	6	6	7	8	66% (C)
Braid Hills	8	6	9	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	8	7	6	10	6	9	9	n/a	7	6	6	8	8	72% (B)
Braidburn Valley Park	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	9	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	10	6	9	7	7	9	9	9	6	8	80% (A)
Calton Hill	6	7	7	6	8	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	6	8	7	6	10	6	7	9	7	7	6	8	7	8	72% (B)
Coates Crescent	7	7	6	8	8	8	7	8	6	6	8	6	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	8	8	68% (C)
Deaconess	8	7	7	5	8	8	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	6	8	68% (C)
Drum Park	5	7	7	6	8	8	7	7	6	6	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	8	7	67% (C)
Dunbars Close Garden	7	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	8	6	7	8	7	6	8	7	7	8	6	8	7	7	72% (B)
Ferniehill Com Park	8	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	8	6	n/a	6	8	8	8	9	78% (B)
Fernieside Recreation	7	7	6	5	4	7	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	7	6	5	6	6	67% (C)
Gardner's Crescent	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	6	4	7	8	7	6	5	6	10	6	6	9	8	6	6	7	7	8	69% (C)
Gayfield Square	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	8	6	7	7	6	6	7	6	10	6	6	4	n/a	6	6	8	6	5	64% (C)
Gracemount Com Pk	6	7	6	8	8	8	6	9	6	6	7	7	8	6	7	6	10	6	9	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	5	6	68% (C)
Granny's Green	7	5	6	4	7	6	6	8	6	6	6	6	4	6	7	6	10	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	62% (C)
Inch Park	7	8	9	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	7	10	6	9	6	7	6	6	6	8	8	73% (B)
Liberton Park	7	6	7	6	7	7	8	9	7	6	8	7	8	7	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	7	7	70% (B)
London Road Gardens	8	7	8	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	10	6	9	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	73% (B)
Moredund Park	7	6	6	4	7	7	8	9	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	6	5	65% (C)
Morgan Playing Fields	5	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	5	7	8	5	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	5	5	64% (C)
Morningside Park	7	8	7	8	9	8	7	9	8	6	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	8	n/a	n/a	5	8	9	7	8	73% (B)
Mortonhall Com Park	5	5	5	4	4	7	6	8	9	4	7	6	5	6	7	9	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	3	6	5	5	5	59% (D)
Nicolson Square	3	4	7	8	4	7	1	8	6	5	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	6	7	8	6	6	7	8	63% (C)
Prestonfield Park	8	9	8	9	9	8	9	7	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	n/a	6	8	8	8	8	75% (B)
Prestonfld War Mem.	7	7	8	5	7	7	9	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	7	8	6	6	7	7	70% (B)

## South East Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Regent Road Park	7	8	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	7	4	6	7	7	8	71% (B)
Seven Acre Park	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	10	6	9	n/a	n/a	9	8	8	9	9	80% (A)
St Katharine's Park	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	9	10	6	8	n/a	7	8	8	8	8	8	76% (B)
St Patrick Square	6	8	7	7	7	8	8	6	8	6	5	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	5	7	5	7	6	7	7	67% (C)
The Meadows	7	8	5	8	9	7	7	8	6	7	8	6	6	7	7	8	7	6	8	7	6	9	8	9	7	7	72% (B)

## 7.4 South West Edinburgh Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Blinkbonny Park	5	4	4	7	6	7	6	9	8	5	7	6	8	8	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	4	3	64% (C)
Bloomiehall Park	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	6	6	72% (B)
Campbell Park	7	8	6	7	8	8	8	9	8	7	8	7	7	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	6	73% (B)
Colinton Mains Park	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	7	6	7	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	6	6	7	72% (B)
Curriemuirend Park	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	7	4	6	6	6	5	8	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	4	58% (D)
Dovecot Park	7	6	7	3	6	8	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	6	6	5	67% (C)
Fairmilehead Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	8	8	6	7	7	7	74% (B)
Fountainbridge Green	5	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	5	3	7	6	5	6	7	9	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	8	7	6	6	3	64% (C)
Gorgie/Dalry Park	4	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	5	4	6	5	5	8	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	6	4	2	55% (D)
Hailes Quarry Park	7	8	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	7	7	72% (B)
Harrison Park	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	9	7	6	8	n/a	6	8	6	8	7	8	74% (B)
KGV Park (Currie)	7	7	7	6	7	5	6	8	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	6	5	6	6	6	5	65% (C)
Marchbank Park	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	6	7	6	8	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	6	7	3	68% (C)
Meadowspot Park	7	8	7	6	6	7	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	4	7	5	68% (C)
Muir Wood Park	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	6	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	8	8	74% (B)
Murieston Park	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	7	7	7	74% (B)
Paties Road Rec	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	8	8	6	7	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	6	70% (B)
Pentland View Park	6	7	6	5	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	8	7	7	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	4	66% (C)
Ratho Park	6	6	7	5	7	6	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	6	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	6	68% (C)
Redford Wood	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	5	5	63% (C)
Redhall Park	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	8	8	5	7	5	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	7	4	6	6	6	6	67% (C)
Saughton Park	4	8	7	8	9	8	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	9	9	5	7	6	8	9	8	9	9	9	8	8	75% (B)
Sighthill Park	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	5	6	7	6	6	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	5	65% (C)
Spylaw Park	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	9	8	6	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	8	6	6	8	7	7	73% (B)
Stenhouse Pl East	7	8	7	8	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	7	3	6	6	4	6	69% (C)
Whinhill Park	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	7	4	68% (C)
White Park	7	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	7	7	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	7	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	8	8	9	10	8	8	7	n/a	10	8	10	7	7	73% (B)
Cammo Estate	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	7	8	6	8	10	8	9	10	8	9	10	5	10	9	9	7	7	79% (B)
Colinton Dells	8	6	7	7	5	7	7	8	7	6	8	6	6	9	8	9	10	8	7	7	7	10	9	10	8	7	76% (B)
Corstorphine Hill	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	9	8	9	10	8	9	9	8	10	9	10	9	8	81% (A)
Craigmillar Castle	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	7	8	8	8	9	8	9	10	7	8	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	79% (B)
Cramond Foreshore	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	10	8	6	8	8	9	8	7	7	8	78% (B)
Easter Craiglockhart	8	8	10	7	8	7	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	9	10	8	9	9	n/a	10	10	10	8	10	86% (A)
Hermitage of Braid	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	9	6	8	7	7	9	8	9	10	8	9	9	7	9	9	9	8	8	80% (A)
Little France Park	6	7	6	7	6	8	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	9	10	8	8	7	n/a	8	8	8	7	8	74% (B)
Meadows Yard	5	5	6	2	5	5	4	5	8	7	6	5	6	9	8	9	10	8	7	7	n/a	6	6	8	7	7	64% (C)
Pentland Hills	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	10	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	10	10	10	8	8	83% (A)
Ravelston Woods	7	7	5	8	8	7	7	5	9	8	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	7	9	9	6	7	8	8	7	7	74% (B)
River Almond	8	7	8	6	7	5	7	7	8	5	7	5	6	9	8	9	10	7	9	9	7	9	9	9	8	8	76% (B)

## 7.6 Botanical Services Managed Sites

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS & Grade
Lauriston Castle	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	8	9	7	6	8	9	6	7	7	8	7	7	72% (B)
Princes Street Gardens	7	7	8	6	9	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	9	7	8	8	7	7	7	9	8	6	9	7	8	7	78% (B)
Saughton Park	4	8	7	8	9	8	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	9	9	5	7	6	8	9	8	9	9	9	8	8	75% (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	7	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	8	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	7	6	6	7	7	7	71% (B)
Colinton Churchyard	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	8	7	7	5	7	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	6	6	6	3	6	6	68% (C)
Corstorphine Hill Cem.	7	5	8	5	6	5	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	6	6	6	6	3	6	2	63% (C)
C'gmillar Castle Pk Cem.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	7	6	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	3	7	7	73% (B)
Cramond Churchyard	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	8	6	6	3	7	6	70% (B)
Currie Churchyard	8	7	7	6	8	7	8	9	9	8	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	6	8	6	6	3	6	3	69% (C)
Grange Cemetery	8	7	8	7	7	6	8	9	8	7	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	7	6	6	3	8	9	71% (B)
Greyfriars Churchyard	7	7	7	7	7	6	8	9	8	8	7	4	8	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	4	6	6	3	7	7	68% (C)
Kirkliston Cemetery	7	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	6	7	5	6	6	7	6	10	6	3	n/a	7	6	6	3	6	4	62% (C)
Liberton Cemetery	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	6	6	6	3	6	3	64% (C)
Morningside Cemetery	7	6	7	6	5	6	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	10	10	6	6	7	6	6	6	3	8	8	68% (C)
Mortonhall Cemetery	9	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	8	7	8	6	6	3	6	5	70% (B)
Portobello Cemetery	6	7	7	5	4	4	6	7	8	8	6	8	8	6	7	6	10	6	6	6	7	6	6	3	7	7	64% (C)
Ratho Cemetery	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	7	8	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	4	n/a	7	6	6	3	6	2	65% (C)
South Queensferry Cem.	8	6	8	7	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	8	6	6	3	7	6	70% (B)
St Cuthbert's Cemetery	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	8	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	7	6	6	3	6	7	64% (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 we retain options for benchmarking against other local authorities using the same scheme.

The guidance for scoring these criteria is 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**

Listed below is the reasoning for the current citywide score of 6 out of 10 which was last reviewed in 2018. However, site managers can adjust this score if additional 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 guidance and scoring of this criterion were reviewed in 2019 to provide more consistent scoring across the city. Site managers should use the table below to propose a waste minimisation score on a park by park basis.

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 Use**

The guidance and scoring of this criterion were reviewed in 2019 to provide more consistent scoring across the city. The scoring of this criterion is based on the site managers decision whether or not to use chemical in parks and if so, what actions they are taking in trying to reduce the amount used. Site managers should use the table below to propose a score on a park by park basis.

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 in 2018 that a score of 7 should apply where bedding is used in a site and 10 where no peat is used.

### **Climate Change Adaptation Strategies**

This criterion was first included in the desk assessment in 2021 and it was agreed that a citywide score of 6 out of 10 should be applied based on the action plan in the Edinburgh Adapts Strategy, however, site managers can amend this score on a park by park basis.

## Conservation of Landscape

It was agreed for 2019 that the guidance for this criterion should be updated to ensure that only parks that have (or is in) an area of natural or historic interest, has a designation or is a Green Flag Award park should be scored using the guidance below. For parks that do not fall into any of the categories above, '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 <b>some</b> of these features need improved conservation management.
4	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but <b>most</b> of these features need improved conservation management.
3	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections, but <b>all</b> of these features need improved conservation management.
2	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but are in danger of being lost unless immediate action is taken.
1	Site has important views/areas of natural or historical interest/plant collections but have been lost due to poor conservation management.

## Community Involvement

The following guidance should be used by site managers to score the level of involvement for 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**

Site managers should use the following guidance to score the Marketing and Promotion of each site but with the option to propose a new score if 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.

9 Park Quality Assessment / Green Flag Award Process

