



PARK QUALITY ASSESSMENTS 2023



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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”.



Cramond Foreshore

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, were 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 was available for new judges which provided information on the process and criteria used, they could also access the Green Flag Award 'Raising the Standard' document from the GFA website. However, new judges primarily received 'training' during the first assessment by the Lead Assessor who explained the process and provided 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 using the table below.

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

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 was present – was scored as not applicable and therefore not included in the total score or average calculations.

2.6 Park Quality Score

Park quality scores were calculated 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%	60%	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

There were a couple of changes to the parks list in 2023 with **Malleny Park** (last assessed in 2016) being reinstated to the list whilst **Gorgie Dalry Community Park** was temporarily removed due to major refurbishment.

Dalry Cemetery was also re-instated to the cemeteries list in 2023 and was last assessed in 2012.

The total number of sites assessed in 2023 was **141 parks** and **17 cemeteries**.

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

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.

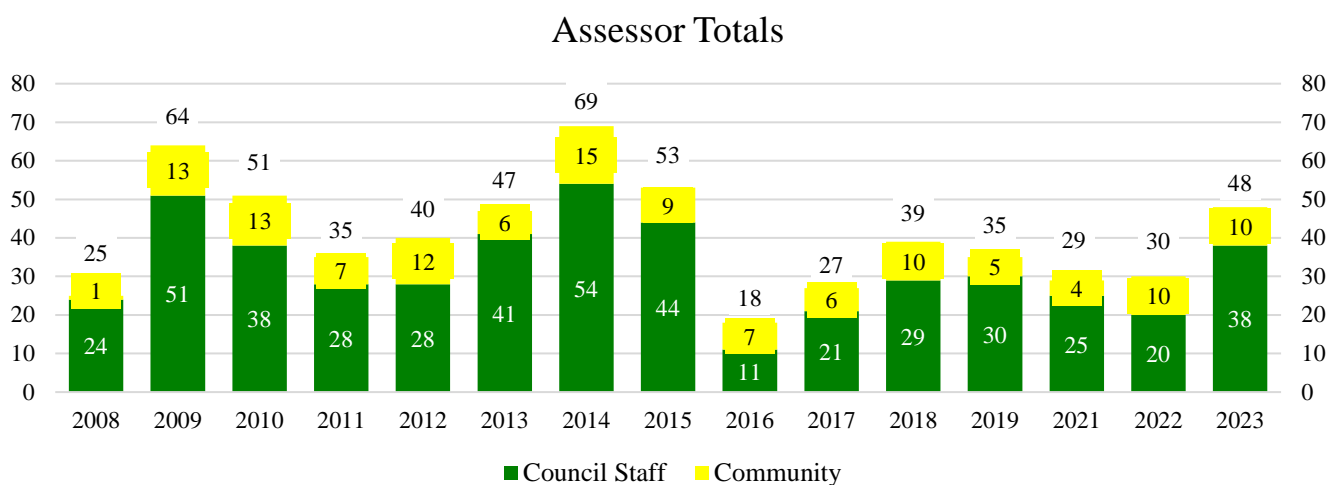
2.11 Assessors

Assessments were undertaken by Lead Assessors (council officers who were 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 assistant assessors (mostly friends of parks group members or other colleagues).

It was agreed at the Forum to try and involve more colleagues in the 2023 assessments to raise awareness and bring some fresh ideas to the park assessments but also to share the workload of assessing 158 parks.

In total, **48** Assessors were used to carry out the assessments in 2023, **18** more than in 2022. Since the first assessments took place in 2008, over **150** different assessors have taken part with many being involved for two or more years.

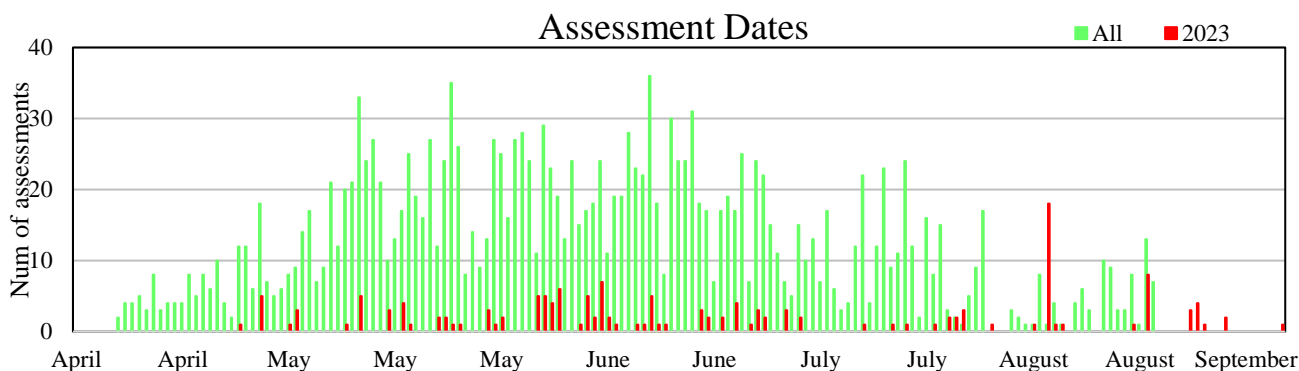
The charts below show the number of assessors taking part each year since 2008.



2.12 Assessment Period

In 2008, assessments took place in September/October but the Green Flag Forum agreed to move the assessment period to between April and July so that early season colour provided by bulbs etc were evident and recreation grounds were still being used for sport. It also acted as an early warning for parks that were due to be judged as part of the formal GFA scheme and we can use the PQA assessments as the self-assessment for those parks included in the Green Flag Group Award (see page 52) which has an end of June deadline. However, over the last few years the period has been extended (with the exception of any GFA parks) to allow judges extra time due to increased workloads.

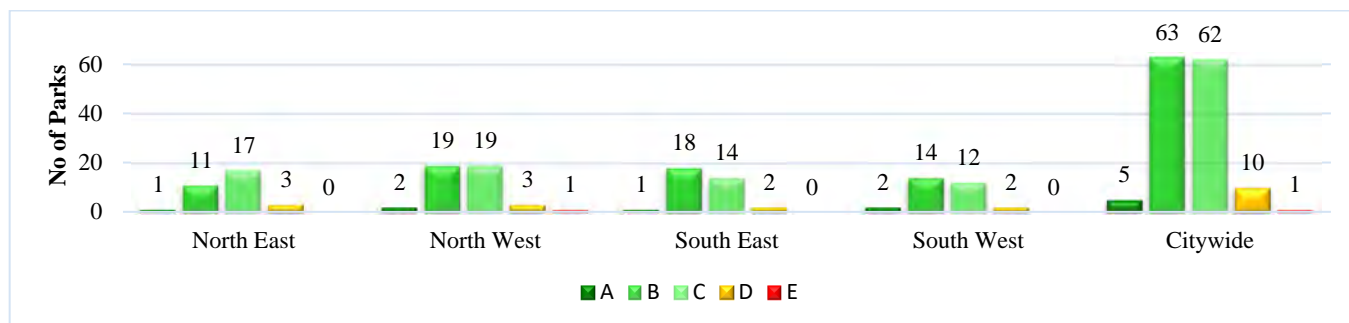
The chart below shows when assessments have taken place over the last few years with the 2023 assessment dates shown in red.



3 Performance Results

3.1 Grading Summary

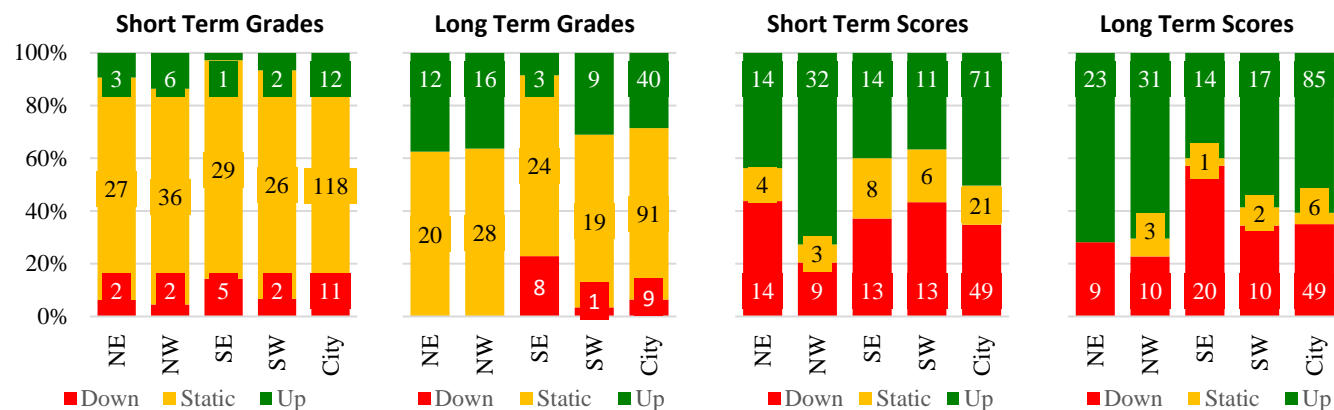
The chart and table below show the number (and percentage) of park gradings for 2023.



Locality	No of Parks	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
North East Edinburgh	32	1 3%	11 34%	17 53%	3 9%	0 0%
North West Edinburgh	44	2 5%	19 43%	19 43%	3 7%	1 2%
South East Edinburgh	35	1 3%	18 51%	14 40%	2 6%	0 0%
South West Edinburgh	30	2 7%	14 47%	12 40%	2 7%	0 0%
Citywide	141	6 4%	62 44%	62 44%	10 7%	1 1%

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 compared against the grade five assessments ago along with the current score compared against the five assessment average score).

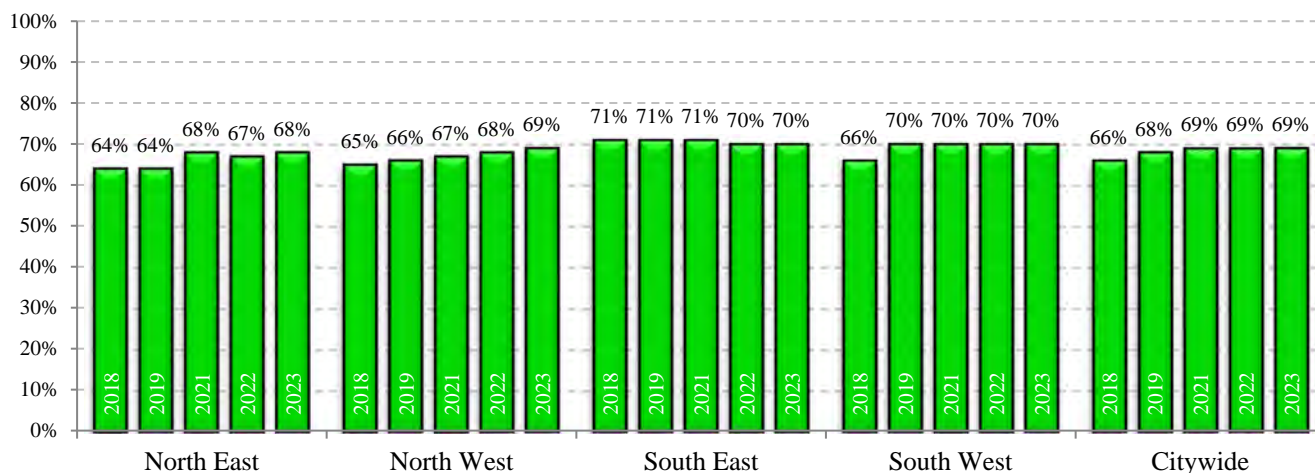


Locality	Term	Grade Movements			Score Movements		
		Up	Static	Down	Up	Static	Down
North East (32 Parks)	Short Term	3 (9%)	27 (84%)	2 (6%)	14 (44%)	4 (13%)	14 (44%)
	Long Term	12 (38%)	20 (63%)	0 (0%)	23 (72%)	0 (0%)	9 (28%)
North West (44 Parks)	Short Term	6 (14%)	36 (82%)	2 (5%)	32 (73%)	3 (7%)	9 (20%)
	Long Term	16 (9%)	28 (69%)	0 (23%)	31 (70%)	3 (7%)	10 (23%)
South East (35 Parks)	Short Term	1 (3%)	29 (83%)	5 (14%)	14 (40%)	8 (23%)	13 (37%)
	Long Term	3 (9%)	24 (69%)	8 (23%)	14 (40%)	1 (3%)	20 (57%)
South West (30 Parks)	Short Term	2 (7%)	26 (87%)	2 (7%)	11 (37%)	6 (20%)	13 (43%)
	Long Term	9 (30%)	19 (63%)	1 (3%)	17 (57%)	2 (7%)	10 (33%)
Citywide (141 Parks)	Short Term	12 (9%)	118 (84%)	11 (8%)	71 (50%)	21 (15%)	49 (35%)
	Long Term	40 (28%)	91 (65%)	9 (6%)	85 (60%)	6 (4%)	49 (35%)

3.3 Park Quality Score Averages

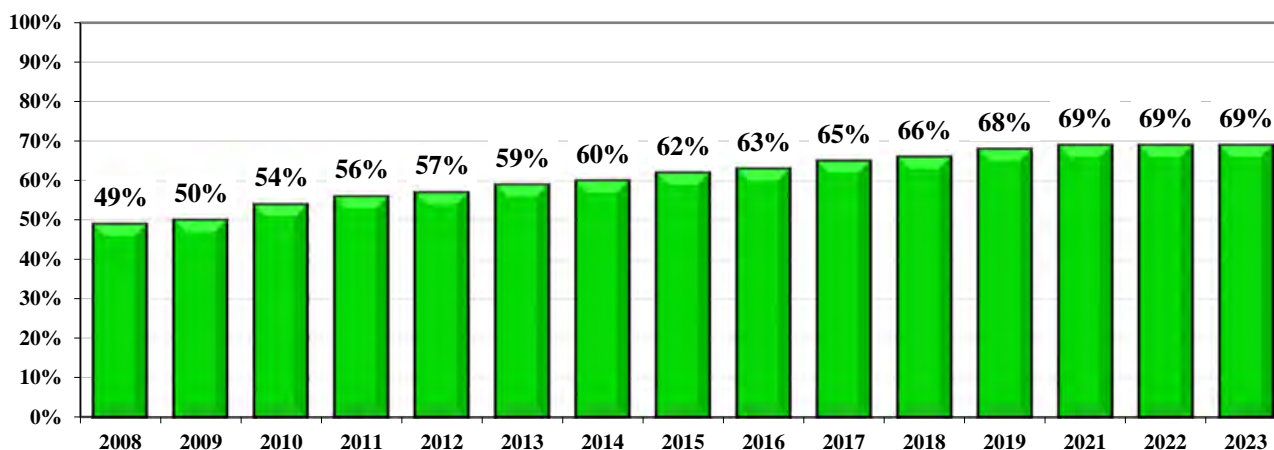
The table and chart below show the Locality and citywide average Parks Quality Score for the last five assessments including the short term (year on year) and long term (current year average compared against the five assessment average) trends.

Area	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr
North East Edinburgh	64% →	64% →	68% ↑	67% ↓	68% ↑	↗
North West Edinburgh	65% ↑	66% ↑	67% ↑	68% ↑	69% ↑	↗
South East Edinburgh	71% ↑	71% →	71% →	70% ↓	70% →	↘
South West Edinburgh	66% ↑	70% ↑	70% →	70% →	70% →	↗
Citywide	66% ↑	68% ↑	69% ↑	69% →	69% →	↗



Citywide Park Quality Score Averages

The chart below shows the citywide average for all years. Locality averages for all years can be found from page 19.



3.4 Criteria Average

The table below shows the criteria average scores for each Locality and citywide along with the year on year trend.

Criteria	North East			North West			South East			South West			Citywide		
	22	23	Tr	22	23	Tr	22	23	Tr	22	23	Tr	22	23	Tr
Welcoming															
Welcoming	6.2	6.0	↓	6.8	6.7	↓	6.7	6.3	↓	6.5	6.5	→	6.6	6.4	↓
Good & Safe Access	7.0	6.8	↓	7.0	7.0	→	7.0	7.1	↑	6.9	7.0	↑	7.0	7.0	→
Signage	5.9	5.7	↓	6.6	6.6	→	7.1	6.7	↓	6.7	6.6	↓	6.6	6.4	↓
Equal Access	6.4	6.5	↑	6.5	6.5	→	6.7	6.7	→	6.6	6.6	→	6.6	6.6	→
Healthy, Safe & Secure															
Appropriate Facilities	6.8	6.7	↓	7.0	7.0	→	7.3	7.1	↓	7.1	7.1	→	7.1	7.0	↓
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.8	6.7	↓	6.9	7.0	↑	7.3	7.3	→	7.1	7.1	→	7.0	7.0	→
Personal Security	7.0	7.1	↑	7.4	7.3	↓	7.3	7.3	→	7.2	7.5	↑	7.2	7.3	↑
Dog Control & Fouling	6.9	7.3	↑	7.3	7.4	↑	7.7	7.8	↑	7.5	7.5	→	7.3	7.5	↑
Clean/Well Maintained															
Litter Management	6.7	6.8	↑	7.4	7.1	↓	7.1	7.0	↓	7.1	7.3	↑	7.1	7.0	↓
Horticultural Maintenance	6.2	6.0	↓	6.4	6.3	↓	6.5	6.1	↓	6.4	6.1	↓	6.4	6.1	↓
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.1	7.2	↑	7.2	7.5	↑	7.4	7.4	→	7.1	7.2	↑	7.2	7.3	↑
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.8	6.6	↓	6.6	6.6	→	6.9	6.9	→	6.6	6.9	↑	6.7	6.7	→
Equipment Maintenance	6.5	6.5	→	6.8	6.8	→	6.8	6.7	↓	6.6	6.8	↑	6.7	6.7	→
Environmental Mgmt.															
Managing Env. Impact	7.3	7.3	→	7.0	7.0	→	6.7	6.8	↑	7.7	7.9	↑	7.1	7.2	↑
Waste Minimisation	6.2	6.2	→	6.6	7.1	↑	7.1	7.3	↑	7.2	7.1	↓	6.7	7.0	↑
Chemical Use	8.9	8.9	→	6.8	8.4	↑	6.8	6.9	↑	7.9	7.9	→	7.5	8.0	↑
Peat Use	10	10	→	9.9	9.9	→	9.0	9.1	↑	9.5	9.5	→	9.6	9.6	→
Climate Change Adaptation	6.9	6.9	→	6.3	6.3	→	6.1	6.1	→	6.2	6.2	→	6.4	6.4	→
Conservation															
Mgt of Flora & Fauna	6.7	6.8	↑	6.9	6.7	↓	7.3	7.0	↓	7.2	7.1	↓	7.0	6.9	↓
Conservation Landscape	7.6	7.6	→	8.2	8.2	→	6.9	7.3	↑	8.8	8.8	→	7.5	7.7	↑
Conservation Buildings	6.9	7.0	↑	7.0	7.3	↑	7.0	6.9	↓	7.2	7.0	↓	7.0	7.1	↑
Community															
Community Involvement	6.2	6.5	↑	5.4	5.6	↑	6.4	6.9	↑	6.5	6.9	↑	6.1	6.4	↑
Community Provision	6.4	6.7	↑	6.6	6.6	→	6.7	7.1	↑	6.5	6.5	→	6.6	6.7	↑
Marketing & Promotion															
Marketing & Promotion	7.0	6.9	↓	6.0	6.0	→	6.8	7.0	↑	6.8	6.7	↓	6.6	6.6	→
Information Provision	5.3	5.2	↓	6.2	6.0	↓	7.0	6.6	↓	6.5	6.3	↓	6.3	6.0	↓
Educ. & Interp. Provision	4.7	4.7	→	5.7	5.5	↓	7.1	6.8	↓	5.8	5.8	→	5.9	5.7	↓

3.5 Edinburgh Minimum Standard

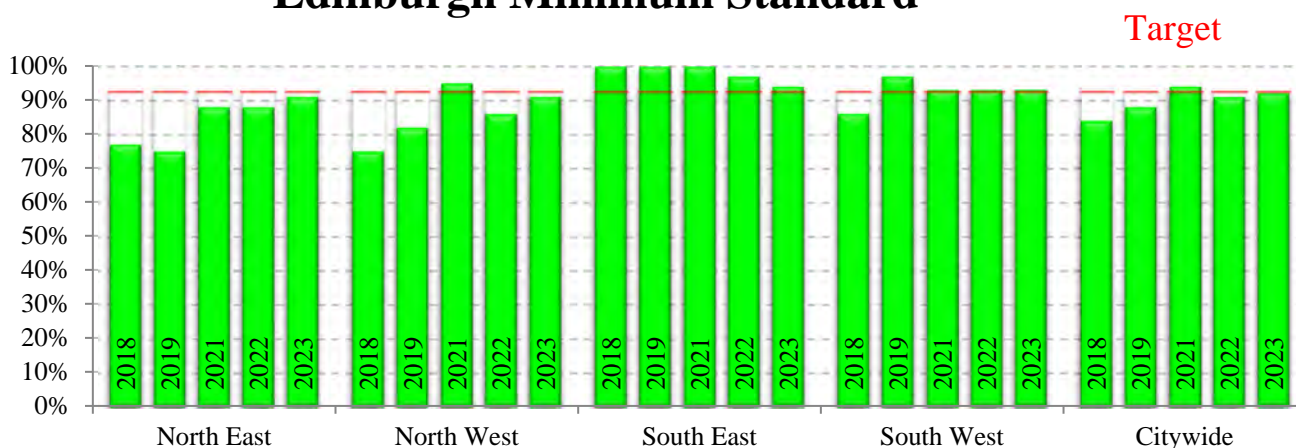
The percentage of sites in each Locality meeting the Edinburgh Minimum Standard has been set as a performance indicator to drive improvement. The target is set by the Green Flag Forum each year.

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	23
Target	55%	65%	70%	75%	80%	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%
Perf Old EMS	56%	61%	68%	82%	82%	92%	91%	94%	96%	97%					
Perf New EMS	17%	17%	28%	36%	43%	50%	53%	60%	67%	76%	84%	88%	94%	91%	92%

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. The number of sites meeting the standard along with the number of sites assessed have been included for information.

Edinburgh Minimum Standard









Locality	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Trend	Target Met
North East Edinburgh	24/31 77%	24/32 75%	28/32 88%	28/32 88%	29/32 91%	↑	✗
North West Edinburgh	33/44 75%	36/44 82%	42/44 95%	38/44 86%	40/44 91%	↑	✗
South East Edinburgh	34/34 100%	35/35 100%	35/35 100%	34/35 97%	33/35 94%	↓	✓
South West Edinburgh	25/29 86%	29/30 97%	28/30 93%	28/30 93%	28/30 93%	→	✓
Citywide	116/138 84%	124/141 88%	133/141 94%	128/141 91%	130/141 92%	↑	✓

4 Citywide Results

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

Rank	+/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	GFA Park		Trend
					PQS 2022	PQS 2023	
1	0	Starbank Park	Community	North West	87% (A)	87% (A)	→ 0
2	0	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	LNR	South West	86% (A)	85% (A)	↓ -1
3	0	Pentland Hills Regional Park	Regional	South West	83% (A)	82% (A)	↓ -1
4=	+1	Braidburn Valley Park	Community	South East	80% (A)	80% (A)	→ 0
4=	+4	Cammo Estate LNR	LNR	North West	79% (B)	80% (A)	↑ +1
4=	+4	Figgate Burn Park	Community	North East	79% (B)	80% (A)	↑ +1
7	+7	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	77% (B)	79% (B)	↑ +2
8=	-4	Corstorphine Hill LNR	LNR	North West	81% (A)	78% (B)	↓ -3
8=	+3	Ferniehill Community Park	Community	South East	78% (B)	78% (B)	→ 0
8=	-3	Hermitage of Braid / Blackford	LNR	South East	80% (A)	78% (B)	↓ -2
8=	+11	Prestonfield Park	Community	South East	75% (B)	78% (B)	↑ +3
12=	+27	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	South East	72% (B)	77% (B)	↑ +5
12=	+4	River Almond Walkway	Natural	North West	76% (B)	77% (B)	↑ +1
12=	-7	Seven Acre Park	Community	South East	80% (A)	77% (B)	↓ -3
12=	+7	St Margaret's Park	Community	North West	75% (B)	77% (B)	↑ +2
16=	-8	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	North East	79% (B)	76% (B)	↓ -3
16=	+7	Ravelston Woods LNR	LNR	North West	74% (B)	76% (B)	↑ +2
18=	+21	Abercorn Park	Community	North East	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +3
18=	+21	Bloomiehall Park	Community	South West	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +3
18=	+12	Campbell Park	Community	South West	73% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +2
18=	-2	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	South West	76% (B)	75% (B)	↓ -1
18=	-7	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	North West	78% (B)	75% (B)	↓ -3
18=	+5	Muir Wood Park	Community	South West	74% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +1
18=	+37	Rosefield Park	Community	North East	70% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +5
18=	+1	Saughton Park	Premier	South West	75% (B)	75% (B)	→ 0
18=	-2	St Katharine's Park	Community	South East	76% (B)	75% (B)	↓ -1
18=	+21	The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	Premier	South East	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +3
18=	+12	Victoria Park	Garden	North West	73% (B)	75% (B)	↑ +2
29=	+1	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	North West	73% (B)	74% (B)	↑ +1
29=	+10	Calton Hill	Premier	South East	72% (B)	74% (B)	↑ +2
29=	-6	Fairmilehead Park	Community	South West	74% (B)	74% (B)	→ 0
29=	+43	Gyle Park	Garden	North West	68% (C)	74% (B)	↑ +6
29=	+1	Inch Park	Garden	South East	73% (B)	74% (B)	↑ +1
29=	-15	Inverleith Park	Premier	North West	77% (B)	74% (B)	↓ -3
29=	+10	Lauriston Castle	Garden	North West	72% (B)	74% (B)	↑ +2
29=	-6	Little France Park	Natural	North East	74% (B)	74% (B)	→ 0
29=	+22	Roseburn Park	Garden	North West	71% (B)	74% (B)	↑ +3
38=	+1	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	South West	72% (B)	73% (B)	↑ +1
38=	-15	Harrison Park	Community	South West	74% (B)	73% (B)	↓ -1
38=	+62	Leith Links	Premier	North East	65% (C)	73% (B)	↑ +8
38=	+17	Lochend Park	Community	North East	70% (B)	73% (B)	↑ +3
38=	-8	Morningside Park	Community	South East	73% (B)	73% (B)	→ 0
38=	+1	Portobello Community Garden	Community	North East	72% (B)	73% (B)	↑ +1
38=	-27	Princes Street Gardens	Premier	South East	78% (B)	73% (B)	↓ -5
38=	+13	Ravelston Park	Community	North West	71% (B)	73% (B)	↑ +2
38=	-8	Spylaw Park	Community	South West	73% (B)	73% (B)	→ 0

GFA Park					PQS	PQS	Trend	
Rank	+/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2022	2023	+ / -	
38=	-19	Station Road Park 	Community	North West	75% (B)	73% (B)	↓	-2
48=	-9	Braid Hills	Natural	South East	72% (B)	72% (B)	↔	0
48=	-18	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 	LNR	South East	73% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-1
48=	+7	Davidson's Mains Park	Garden	North West	70% (B)	72% (B)	↑	+2
48=	+19	Fauldburn Park	Community	North West	69% (C)	72% (B)	↑	+3
48=	-9	Hailes Quarry Park 	Community	South West	72% (B)	72% (B)	↔	0
48=	-25	King George V Park (Eyre Place) 	Garden	North West	74% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-2
48=	+7	Liberton Park	Community	South East	70% (B)	72% (B)	↑	+2
48=	-25	Murieston Park	Community	South West	74% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-2
48=	-9	Newcraighall Park	Community	North East	72% (B)	72% (B)	↔	0
57=	-2	Bauks View	Natural	South East	70% (B)	71% (B)	↑	+1
57=	-6	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural	North West	71% (B)	71% (B)	↔	0
57=	+10	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	South East	69% (C)	71% (B)	↑	+2
57=	-27	London Road Gardens 	Garden	South East	73% (B)	71% (B)	↓	-2
61=	-6	Atholl Crescent	Garden	South East	70% (B)	70% (B)	↔	0
61=	+23	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
61=	-6	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	70% (B)	70% (B)	↔	0
61=	+34	King George V Park (Sth Queensferry)	Community	North West	66% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+4
61=	-6	Meadowfield Park	Community	North East	70% (B)	70% (B)	↔	0
61=	-6	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	South West	70% (B)	70% (B)	↔	0
61=	+23	Redhall Park	Community	South West	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
61=	-22	Rocheid Path	Natural	North West	72% (B)	70% (B)	↓	-2
69=	+3	Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
69=	+3	Deaconess	Garden	South East	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
69=	+15	Drum Park	Community	South East	67% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+2
69=	+3	Marchbank Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
69=	+49	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	63% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+6
69=	+26	Pentland View Park	Community	South West	66% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+3
69=	+3	Pike's Pool Heritage Park	Natural	North West	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
69=	-18	Regent Road Park	Community	South East	71% (B)	69% (C)	↓	-2
69=	+31	Sighthill Park	Community	South West	65% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+4
78=	-11	Baronscourt Park	Community	North East	69% (C)	68% (C)	↓	-1
78=	+6	Clermiston Park	Community	North West	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
78=	+6	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	North West	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
78=	+22	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	South West	65% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+3
78=	+28	Magdalene Glen	Community	North East	64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
78=	New	Malleny Park	Rec ground	South West	n/a	68% (C)	↑	New
78=	-23	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	South East	70% (B)	68% (C)	↓	-2
78=	+28	Redbraes Park	Community	North East	64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
78=	+6	St Patrick Square	Garden	South East	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
78=	+6	Taylor Gardens	Garden	North East	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
78=	+17	Union Park	Garden	North West	66% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+2
78=	-6	White Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	68% (C)	↔	0
90=	-6	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	North West	67% (C)	67% (C)	↔	0
90=	-35	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	North East	70% (B)	67% (C)	↓	-3
90=	-18	Ratho Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	67% (C)	↓	-1
93=	+2	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	South East	66% (C)	66% (C)	↔	0
93=	-21	Brighton Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-2

GFA Park					PQS	PQS	Trend	
Rank	+/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2022	2023	+ / -	
93=	-9	Brunstane Mill	Natural	North East	67% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-1
93=	+7	East Pilton Park	Community	North West	65% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+1
93=	+13	Hunter's Hall Park	Garden	North East	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
93=	+13	Inchcolm Park	Community	North West	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
93=	+13	Meadows Yard	LNR	North East	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
93=	-21	Meadowspot Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-2
93=	-63	Montgomery Street Park	Community	North East	73% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-7
93=	-26	Pilrig Park	Community	North East	69% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-3
93=	+13	St Mark's Park	Community	North West	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
104=	+2	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec ground	South East	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+1
104=	+2	Parkside	Community	North West	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+1
104=	+14	Ratho Station Park	Community	North West	63% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+2
104=	+14	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	63% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+2
104=	-32	Whinhill Park	Community	South West	68% (C)	65% (C)	↓	-3
109=	-3	Barony Community Garden	Community	South East	64% (C)	64% (C)	→	0
109=	-14	Bingham Park	Community	North East	66% (C)	64% (C)	↓	-2
109=	-9	Moredun Park	Community	South East	65% (C)	64% (C)	↓	-1
109=	+13	Silverknowes Park	Rec ground	North West	62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	+2
109=	+13	West Pilton Park	Community	North West	62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	+2
114=	+15	Drumbrae Park	Community	North West	59% (D)	63% (C)	↑	+4
114=	-30	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec ground	South East	67% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-4
114=	-59	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	North West	70% (B)	63% (C)	↓	-7
114=	-14	Keddie Park	Community	North East	65% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-2
114=	+8	Orchard (Brae) Park North & South	Community	North West	62% (C)	63% (C)	↑	+1
114=	-47	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	69% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-6
120=	-14	Blinkbonny Park	Community	South West	64% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-2
120=	+9	Glendevon Park	Community	North West	59% (D)	62% (C)	↑	+3
120=	+2	Granny's Green	Garden	South East	62% (C)	62% (C)	→	0
120=	+7	Haugh Park	Community	North West	61% (C)	62% (C)	↑	+1
120=	-48	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-6
125=	-41	Allison Park	Community	North West	67% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-6
125=	-19	Gayfield Square	Garden	South East	64% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-3
125=	+3	Granton Crescent Park	Community	North West	60% (C)	61% (C)	↑	+1
125=	-7	Jewel Park	Community	North East	63% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-2
129=	-7	Cairntow's Park	Community	North East	62% (C)	60% (C)	↓	-2
129=	0	Straiton Place Park	Community	North East	59% (D)	60% (C)	↑	+1
131=	+2	Balgreen Park	Community	North West	58% (D)	59% (D)	↑	+1
131=	-25	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	64% (C)	59% (D)	↓	-5
133	+3	Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	Community	North West	57% (D)	58% (D)	↑	+1
134=	-62	Gracemount Community Park	Community	South East	68% (C)	57% (D)	↓	-11
134=	+5	Hays Park	Community	North East	53% (D)	57% (D)	↑	+4
134=	-1	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	58% (D)	57% (D)	↓	-1
134=	-5	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	59% (D)	57% (D)	↓	-2
138	-2	Riverside Park	Community	North West	57% (D)	55% (D)	↓	-2
139	-6	Curriemuirend Park	Community	South West	58% (D)	54% (D)	↓	-4
140	-2	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec ground	North East	54% (D)	51% (D)	↓	-3
141	-1	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec ground	North West	48% (E)	49% (E)	↑	+1

4.2 Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

GFA Park					PQS	PQS	Trend	
Rank	+/-	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2022	2023	+ / -	
38=	+62	Leith Links	Premier	North East	65% (C)	73% (B)	↑	+8
29=	+43	Gyle Park	Garden	North West	68% (C)	74% (B)	↑	+6
69=	+49	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	63% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+6
12=	+27	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	South East	72% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+5
18=	+37	Rosefield Park	Community	North East	70% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+5
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114=	-47	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	69% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-6
120=	-48	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	68% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-6
125=	-41	Allison Park	Community	North West	67% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-6
93=	-63	Montgomery Street Park	Community	North East	73% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-7
114=	-59	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	North West	70% (B)	63% (C)	↓	-7
134=	-62	Gracemount Community Park	Community	South East	68% (C)	57% (D)	↓	-11

Long Term (Five Year Average) – Sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	Loc	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Silverknowes Park	NE	48% (E)	58% (D)	↑ 60% (C)	↑ 62% (C)	↑ 64% (C)	+16	+6
Redbraes Park	NE	55% (D)	61% (C)	↑ 66% (C)	↑ 64% (C)	↓ 68% (C)	+13	+5
Henderson Gardens	NE	44% (E)	46% (E)	↑ 58% (D)	↑ 58% (D)	↓ 57% (D)	+13	+4
Pike's Pool Heritage Pk	NW	n/a	56% (D)	↑ 62% (C)	↑ 68% (C)	↑ 69% (C)	+13	+5
Fauldburn Park	NW	60% (C)	63% (C)	↑ 65% (C)	↑ 69% (C)	↑ 72% (B)	+12	+6
Campbell Park	SW	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑ 72% (B)	↑ 73% (B)	↑ 75% (B)	+11	+5
King George V Pk (SQ)	NW	59% (D)	62% (C)	↑ 65% (C)	↑ 66% (C)	↑ 70% (B)	+11	+6
Clermiston Park	NW	58% (D)	60% (C)	↑ 65% (C)	↑ 67% (C)	↑ 68% (C)	+10	+4
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Mortonhall Com. Park	SE	61% (C)	66% (C)	↑ 63% (C)	↓ 59% (D)	↓ 57% (D)	-4	-4
Regent Road Park	SE	73% (B)	70% (B)	↓ 70% (B)	↓ 71% (B)	↑ 69% (C)	-4	-2
Morgan Playing Fields	SE	70% (B)	70% (B)	↓ 66% (C)	↓ 64% (C)	↑ 65% (C)	-5	-2
Gypsy Brae Rec. Gr	NW	68% (C)	70% (B)	↑ 71% (B)	↑ 70% (B)	↓ 63% (C)	-5	-5
Pentland Hills	SW	87% (A)	87% (A)	↓ 85% (A)	↓ 83% (A)	↓ 82% (A)	-5	-3
Fountainbridge Green	SW	65% (C)	68% (C)	↑ 71% (B)	↑ 64% (C)	↓ 59% (D)	-6	-6
Seven Acre Park	SE	84% (A)	84% (A)	↓ 82% (A)	↓ 80% (A)	↓ 77% (B)	-7	-4
Gracemount Com Park	SE	66% (C)	69% (C)	↑ 72% (B)	↑ 68% (C)	↓ 57% (D)	-9	-9

4.3 Criteria Average Score Summary

Criteria average scores are useful in highlighting which aspects are improving or worsening year on year or over a set number of years which can be used to evidence whether or not strategic actions are having the desired effect.

Over the short term, **10** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **eight** fell and longer term, **17** improved and **eight** showed drops.

Over both the short and long term **Dog Control & Fouling, Waste Minimisation, Chemical Use, Conservation of Landscape** and **Community Involvement** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Welcoming, Signage, Horticultural Maintenance, Information Provision and Educational** and **Interpretative Provision** saw the biggest drops.

In total, there were **543** instances where criteria scores improved, **2431** stayed the same and **505** 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 Citywide 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.6	6.6 →	6.7 ↑	6.6 ↓	6.4 ↓	↓	26	72	43
Good & Safe Access	6.9	6.9 →	6.9 →	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	↔	22	96	23
Signage	6.7	6.7 →	6.7 →	6.6 ↓	6.4 ↓	↓	23	81	37
Equal Access	6.2	6.4 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	↔	25	93	23
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.3	7.2 ↓	7.2 →	7.1 ↓	7.0 ↓	↓	16	101	24
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.9	6.8 ↓	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	↔	20	99	22
Personal Security	7.2	7.3 ↑	7.3 →	7.2 ↓	7.3 ↑	↔	23	94	24
Dog Control & Fouling	7.5	7.4 ↓	7.6 ↑	7.3 ↓	7.5 ↑	↔	47	66	28
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	6.9 ↑	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	7.0 ↓	↔	29	77	35
Horticultural Maintenance	6.2	6.1 ↓	6.3 ↑	6.4 ↑	6.1 ↓	↓	29	59	53
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	7.0 ↑	7.2 ↑	7.2 →	7.3 ↑	↔	29	91	19
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.5	6.5 →	6.6 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	↔	24	94	23
Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.8 ↑	6.8 →	6.7 ↓	6.7 →	↓	28	85	28
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.5	7.0 ↑	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	7.2 ↑	↔	10	129	2
Waste Minimisation	6.0	6.4 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	7.0 ↑	↔	2	138	1
Chemical Use	6.4	6.5 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.5 ↑	8.0 ↑	↔	32	107	2
Peat Use	9.6	9.6 →	9.6 →	9.6 →	9.6 →	→	36	102	3
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	6.3	6.4 ↑	6.4 →	↔	1	139	1
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.7	6.9 ↑	7.1 ↑	7.0 ↓	6.9 ↓	↓	23	89	29
Conservation Landscape	6.4	7.6 ↑	7.5 ↓	7.5 →	7.7 ↑	↔	6	44	0
Conservation Buildings	6.9	7.1 ↑	6.9 ↓	7.0 ↑	7.1 ↑	↔	8	32	7
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	5.5	5.8 ↑	6.0 ↑	6.1 ↑	6.4 ↑	↔	27	111	3
Community Provision	6.4	6.5 ↑	6.5 →	6.6 ↑	6.7 ↑	↔	14	125	2
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	5.9	6.4 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	6.6 →	↔	7	132	2
Information Provision	6.1	6.3 ↑	6.4 ↑	6.3 ↓	6.0 ↓	↓	16	88	37
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	5.4	5.7 ↑	5.9 ↑	5.9 →	5.7 ↓	↓	20	87	34

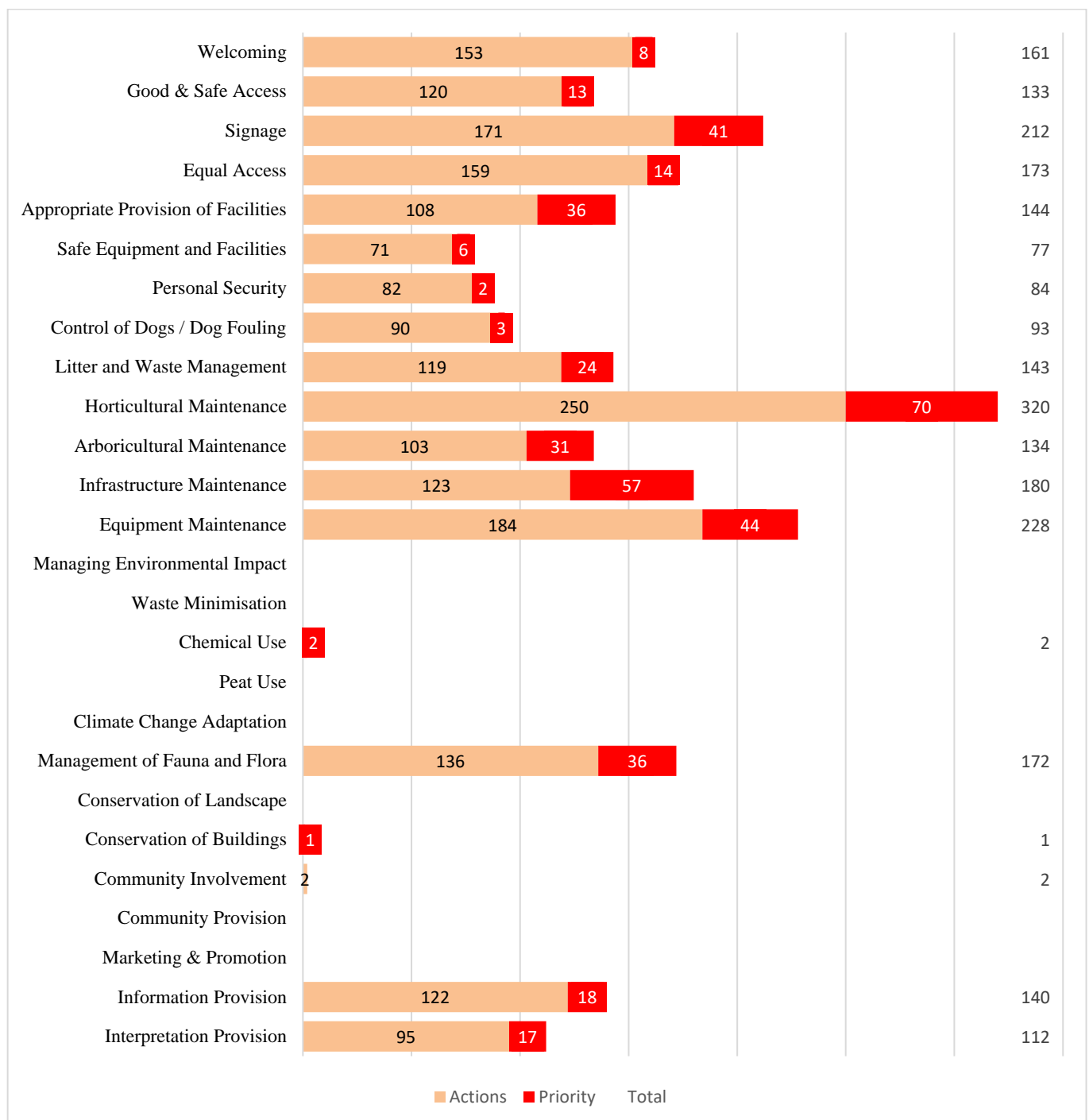
4.4 Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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 GFA criteria to give a broader view of where issues lie. The data provided here excludes actions identified from Cemetery assessments.

In total, **2511** actions were identified through the 141 park assessments 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 priority recommendations for each of the GFA categories.



4.5 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 4.4 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.

4.6 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. GFA latest updates
- 1.2. Discussion regarding recent GFA results.
- 1.3. 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.

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.
- 2.2. PQA Next round of assessments
 - Agree sites, methodology and personnel to be involved.
 - Judge guidance/training updates.
 - Agree desktop guidance, scoring and site updates.
 - Agree EMS target.

5 Area Results – North East Edinburgh

5.1 North East Edinburgh – 32 Parks Assessed

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the scores & grades over the last five assessments with a year on year score indicator, a long-term* score trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

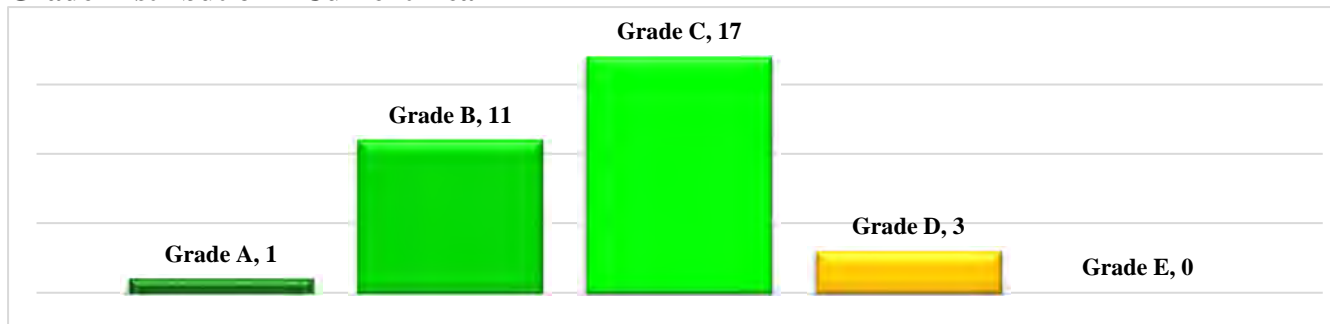
* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Abercorn Park	68% (C)	67% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Baronscourt Park	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Bingham Park	60% (C)	61% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Brighton Park	67% (C)	67% (C) →	71% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Brunstane Mill	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Cairntows Park	58% (D)	52% (D) ↓	60% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↑	60% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Craigmillar Castle Park 	74% (B)	72% (B) ↓	78% (B) ↑	79% (B) ↑	76% (B) ↓	↗	✓
Dalmeny Street Park	60% (C)	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Figgate Burn Park 	78% (B)	78% (B) →	81% (A) ↑	79% (B) ↓	80% (A) ↑	↗	✓
Hays Park	51% (D)	48% (E) ↓	55% (D) ↑	53% (D) ↓	57% (D) ↑	↗	✗
Henderson Gardens Park	44% (E)	46% (E) ↑	58% (D) ↑	58% (D) →	57% (D) ↓	↗	✗
Hillside Crescent Gardens	70% (B)	71% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	70% (B) →	↘	✓
Hopetoun Crescent Gdns 	78% (B)	78% (B) →	77% (B) ↓	77% (B) →	79% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Hunter's Hall Park (JKC)	60% (C)	64% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Jewel Park	55% (D)	57% (D) ↑	63% (C) ↑	63% (C) →	61% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Joppa Quarry Park	60% (C)	59% (D) ↓	68% (C) ↑	68% (C) →	62% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Keddie Park	54% (D)	55% (D) ↑	59% (D) ↑	65% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Leith Links	67% (C)	60% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	73% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Little France Park	n/a	65% (C)	73% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	74% (B) →	↗	✓
Lochend Park 	73% (B)	74% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	70% (B) ↓	73% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Magdalene Glen	62% (C)	58% (D) ↓	65% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Meadowfield Park	64% (C)	62% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	70% (B) →	↗	✓
Meadows Yard	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	71% (B) ↑	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	↘	✓
Montgomery Street Park	65% (C)	69% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	66% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Newcraighall Park	68% (C)	68% (C) →	68% (C) →	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	↗	✓
Pilrig Park	69% (C)	66% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	66% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Portobello Comm. Gdn 	69% (C)	70% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Redbraes Park	55% (D)	61% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Rosefield Park 	76% (B)	70% (B) ↓	70% (B) →	70% (B) →	75% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Seafield Recreation Ground	52% (D)	51% (D) ↓	54% (D) ↑	54% (D) →	51% (D) ↓	↘	✗
Straiton Place Park	63% (C)	61% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↑	59% (D) ↓	60% (C) ↑	↘	✓
Taylor Gardens	64% (C)	63% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓

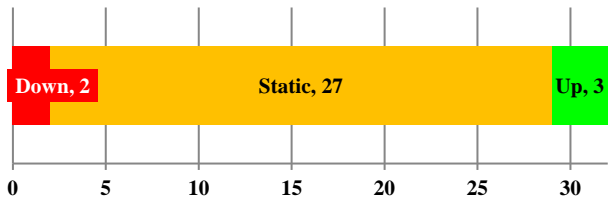
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5.1.1 North East Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

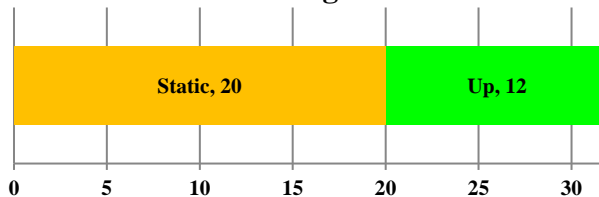
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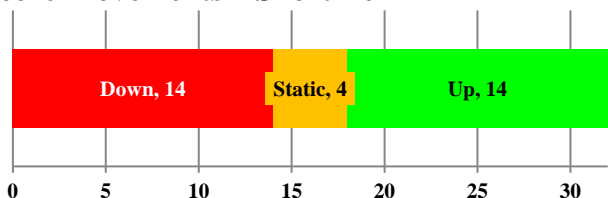
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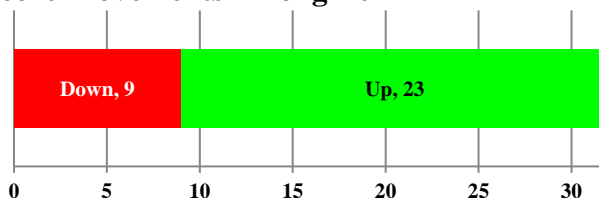
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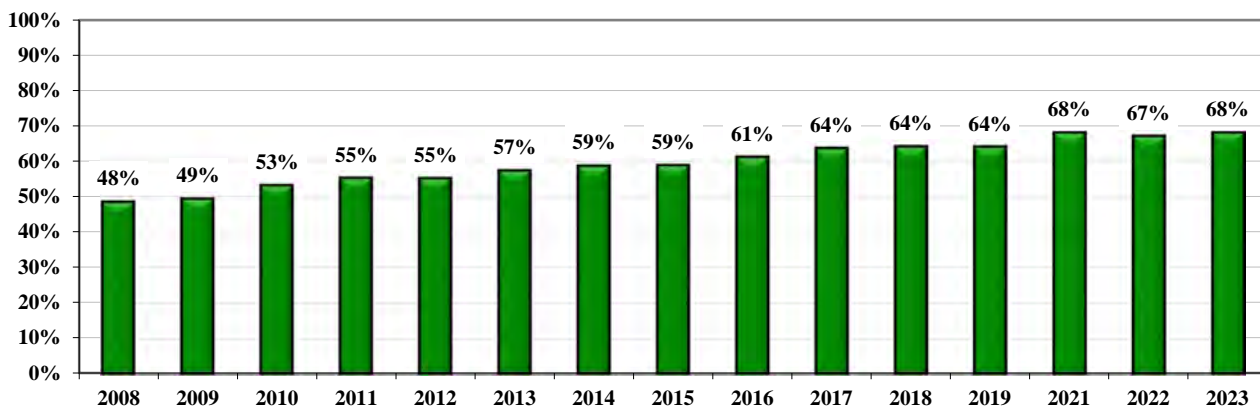
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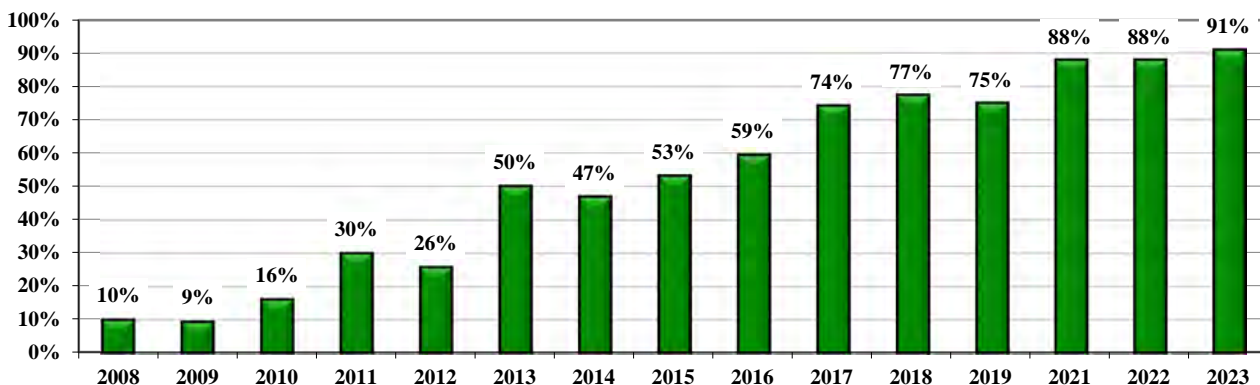
Score Movements – Long Term



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, **nine** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **nine** fell and longer term, **18** improved and **six** showed drops.

Over both the short and long term **Dog Control & Fouling, Community Involvement** and **Community Provision** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Welcoming** and **Signage** saw the biggest drops.


In total, there were **131** instances where criteria scores improved, **546** stayed the same and **112** 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.2	6.1 ↓	6.3 ↑	6.2 ↓	6.0 ↓	↓	9	11	12
Good & Safe Access	6.9	6.8 ↓	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	6.8 ↓	↓	5	21	6
Signage	5.8	6.0 ↑	6.0 →	5.9 ↓	5.7 ↓	↓	7	14	11
Equal Access	6.2	6.3 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.4 ↓	6.5 ↑	↔	6	23	3
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.0	6.9 ↓	6.9 →	6.8 ↓	6.7 ↓	↓	4	23	5
Safe Equipment & Facilities	7.0	6.7 ↓	6.7 →	6.8 ↑	6.7 ↓	↓	3	25	4
Personal Security	7.2	7.0 ↓	7.1 ↑	7.0 ↓	7.1 ↑	↔	9	17	6
Dog Control & Fouling	6.9	7.0 ↑	7.2 ↑	6.9 ↓	7.3 ↑	↔	15	12	5
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	5.9	6.0 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	↔	9	17	6
Horticultural Maintenance	5.8	5.5 ↓	5.9 ↑	6.2 ↑	6.0 ↓	↔	8	11	13
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	6.7 ↓	7.0 ↑	7.1 ↑	7.2 ↑	↔	7	19	4
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.5	6.2 ↓	6.4 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.6 ↓	↔	4	18	10
Equipment Maintenance	6.4	6.3 ↓	6.4 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.5 →	↔	7	18	7
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.4	7.1 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.3 →	7.3 →	↔	1	31	0
Waste Minimisation	6.1	5.3 ↓	6.2 ↑	6.2 →	6.2 →	↔	0	32	0
Chemical Use	7.1	5.4 ↓	8.9 ↑	8.9 →	8.9 →	↔	0	32	0
Peat Use	10	10 →	10 →	10 →	10 →	→	1	30	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a →	6.9 ↓	6.9 →	6.9 →	→	1	31	0
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.4	6.4 →	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	6.8 ↑	↔	9	19	4
Conservation Landscape	6.0	7.6 ↑	7.6 →	7.6 →	7.6 →	↔	0	14	0
Conservation Buildings	6.5	7.0 ↑	6.8 ↓	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	↔	0	8	1
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	5.6	5.8 ↑	6.2 ↑	6.2 →	6.5 ↑	↔	7	25	0
Community Provision	6.5	6.3 ↓	6.4 ↑	6.4 →	6.7 ↑	↔	7	25	0
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	5.5	6.4 ↑	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	6.9 ↓	↔	1	30	1
Information Provision	5.1	5.3 ↑	5.6 ↑	5.3 ↓	5.2 ↓	↓	6	17	9
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	4.2	4.6 ↑	5.0 ↑	4.7 ↓	4.7 →	↔	5	23	4

5.1.3 North East Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2023 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality		Citywide		 GFA Park	Park		2022	2023	ST	PQS
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-	Park Name	Type				Trend	+ / -
1	0	4=	+4	Figgate Burn Park 	Comm		79% (B)	80% (A)	↑	+1
2	+1	7=	+7	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 	Garden		77% (B)	79% (B)	↑	+2
3	-2	16=	-8	Craigmillar Castle Park 	Natural		79% (B)	76% (B)	↓	-3
4=	+2	18=	+21	Abercorn Park	Comm		72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+3
4=	+5	18=	+37	Rosefield Park 	Comm		70% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+5
6	-2	29=	-6	Little France Park	Natural		74% (B)	74% (B)	→	0
7=	+14	38=	+62	Leith Links	Premier		65% (C)	73% (B)	↑	+8
7=	+2	38=	+17	Lochend Park 	Comm		70% (B)	73% (B)	↑	+3
7=	-1	38=	+1	Portobello Community Gdn 	Comm		72% (B)	73% (B)	↑	+1
10	-4	48=	-9	Newcraighall Park	Comm		72% (B)	72% (B)	→	0
11=	-2	61=	-6	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden		70% (B)	70% (B)	→	0
11=	-2	61=	-6	Meadowfield Park	Comm		70% (B)	70% (B)	→	0
13=	+1	78=	-11	Baronscourt Park	Comm		69% (C)	68% (C)	↓	-1
13=	+10	78=	+28	Magdalene Glen	Comm		64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
13=	+10	78=	+28	Redbraes Park	Comm		64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
13=	+5	78=	+6	Taylor Gardens	Garden		67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
17	-8	90=	-35	Dalmeny Street Park	Comm		70% (B)	67% (C)	↓	-3
18=	-2	93=	-21	Brighton Park	Comm		68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-2
18=	0	93=	-9	Brunstane Mill	Natural		67% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-1
18=	+5	93=	+13	Hunter's Hall Park	Garden		64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
18=	+5	93=	+13	Meadows Yard LNR	LNR		64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
18=	-13	93=	-63	Montgomery Street Park	Comm		73% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-7
18=	-4	93=	-26	Pilrig Park	Comm		69% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-3
24	-4	109=	-14	Bingham Park	Comm		66% (C)	64% (C)	↓	-2
25	-4	114=	-14	Keddie Park	Comm		65% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-2
26	-10	120=	-48	Joppa Quarry Park	Comm		68% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-6
27	0	125=	-7	Jewel Park	Comm		63% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-2
28=	0	129=	-7	Cairntow's Park	Comm		62% (C)	60% (C)	↓	-2
28=	+1	129=	0	Straiton Place Park	Comm		59% (D)	60% (C)	↑	+1
30=	+2	134=	+5	Hays Park	Comm		53% (D)	57% (D)	↑	+4
30=	0	134=	-1	Henderson Gardens Park	Comm		58% (D)	57% (D)	↓	-1
32	-1	140	-2	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec. Gr.		54% (D)	51% (D)	↓	-3

 = Green Flag Park

5.1.4 North East Edinburgh - Highest Scoring Park



Figgate Park was the highest scoring park in the North East with a PQS of 80%.

5.1.5 North East Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
7=	+14	38=	+62	Leith Links	Premier	65% (C)	73% (B)	↑	+8
4=	+5	18=	+37	Rosefield Park	Comm	70% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+5
13=	+10	78=	+28	Magdalene Glen	Comm	64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
13=	+10	78=	+28	Redbraes Park	Comm	64% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+4
30=	+2	134=	+5	Hays Park	Comm	53% (D)	57% (D)	↑	+4
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18=	-4	93=	-26	Pilrig Park	Comm	69% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-3
3	-2	16=	-8	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	79% (B)	76% (B)	↓	-3
32	-1	140	-2	Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec. Gr.	54% (D)	51% (D)	↓	-3
26	-10	120=	-48	Joppa Quarry Park	Comm	68% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-6
18=	-13	93=	-63	Montgomery Street Park	Comm	73% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-7

Long Term (Five Year Average) – sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Redbraes Park	55% (D)	61% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	+13	+5
Henderson Gardens Park	44% (E)	46% (E) ↑	58% (D) ↑	58% (D) →	57% (D) ↓	+13	+4
Keddie Park	54% (D)	55% (D) ↑	59% (D) ↑	65% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	+9	+4
Little France Park	n/a	65% (C)	73% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	74% (B) →	+9	+2
Dalmeny Street Park	60% (C)	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	+7	+1
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Seafield Recreation Ground	52% (D)	51% (D) ↓	54% (D) ↑	54% (D) →	51% (D) ↓	-1	-1
Brunstane Mill	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↓	-3	-2
Meadows Yard LNR	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	71% (B) ↑	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	-3	-2
Pilrig Park	69% (C)	66% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	66% (C) ↓	-3	-2
Straiton Place Park	63% (C)	61% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↑	59% (D) ↓	60% (C) ↑	-3	-1

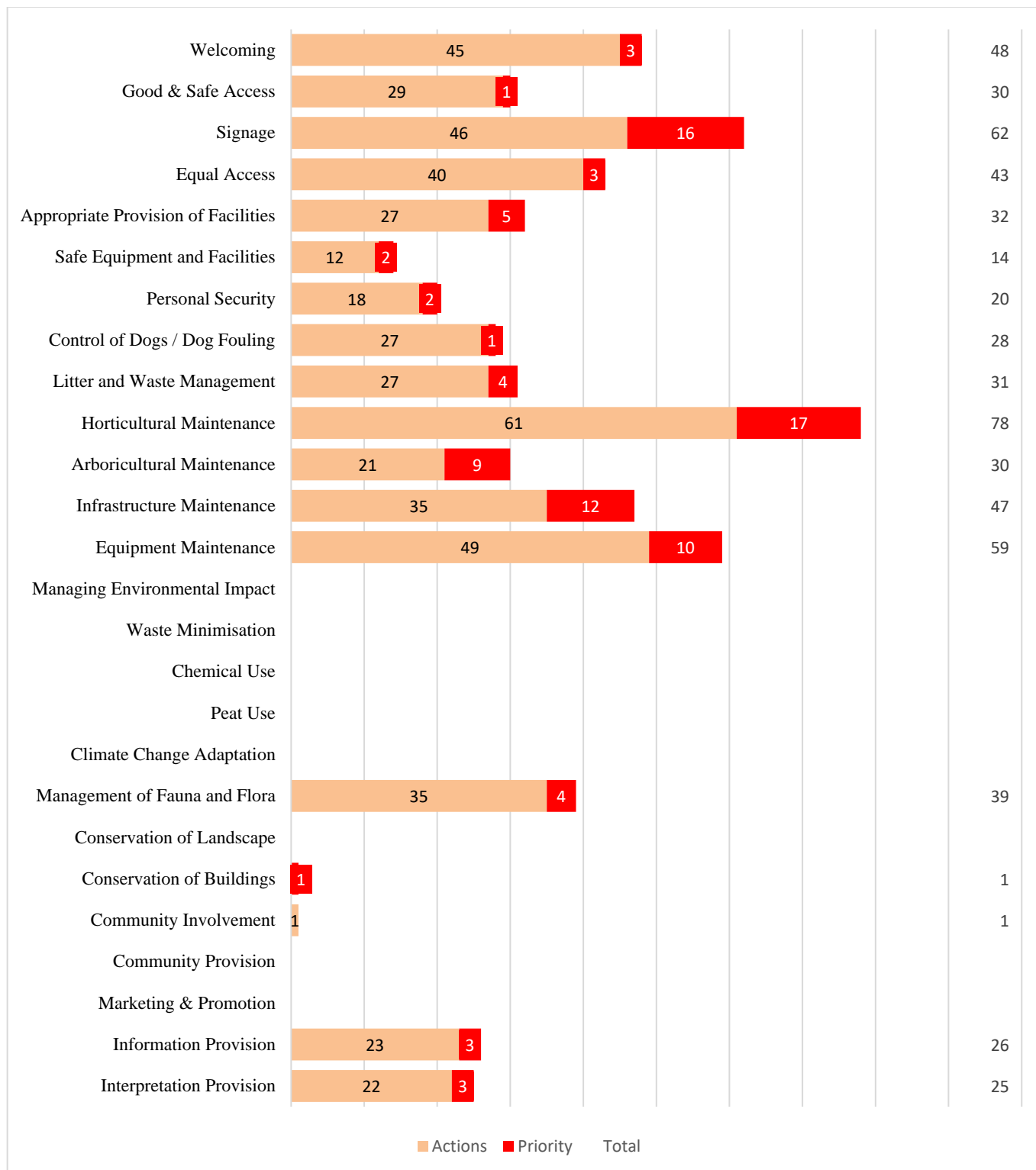
5.1.6 North East Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **614** actions were identified through the assessments in North East Edinburgh including **96** priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of **19** 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 Assessed

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.

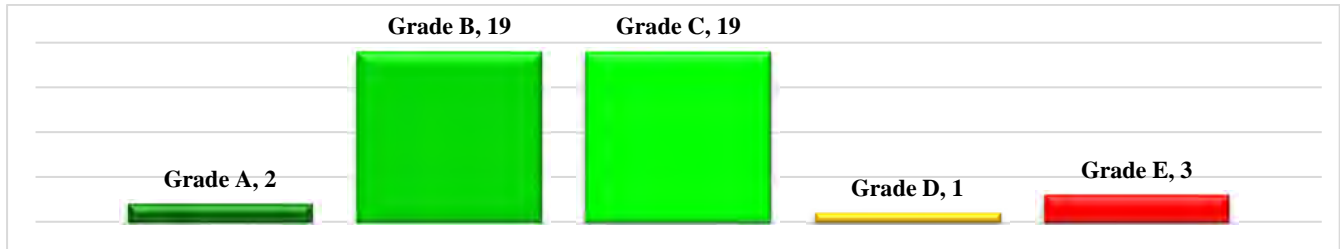
Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Allison Park	63% (C)	63% (C) →	62% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	61% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Balgreen Park	58% (D)	59% (D) ↑	61% (C) ↑	58% (D) ↓	59% (D) ↑	→	✗
Buttercup Farm Park	66% (C)	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	73% (B) →	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Cammo Estate	77% (B)	77% (B) →	78% (B) ↑	79% (B) ↑	80% (A) ↑	↗	✓
Clermiston Park	58% (D)	60% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Corstorphine Hill 	76% (B)	74% (B) ↓	78% (B) ↑	81% (A) ↑	78% (B) ↓	↗	✓
Cramond Foreshore	72% (B)	77% (B) ↑	78% (B) ↑	78% (B) →	75% (B) ↓	↘	✓
Cramond Walled Garden	65% (C)	68% (C) ↑	68% (C) →	67% (C) ↓	67% (C) →	→	✓
Davidson's Mains Park	72% (B)	72% (B) →	72% (B) →	70% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Drumrae Park	57% (D)	58% (D) ↑	61% (C) ↑	59% (D) ↓	63% (C) ↑	↗	✓
East Pilton Park	62% (C)	63% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	65% (C) →	66% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Easter Drylaw Park	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	67% (C) →	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Fauldburn Park	60% (C)	63% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	66% (C)	61% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	71% (B) →	↗	✓
Glendevon Park	60% (C)	60% (C) →	62% (C) ↑	59% (D) ↓	62% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Granton Crescent Park	61% (C)	62% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↑	60% (C) ↓	61% (C) ↑	↘	✓
Gyle Park	67% (C)	68% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	68% (C)	70% (B) ↑	71% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	63% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Haugh Park	59% (D)	60% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↑	61% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	66% (C)	64% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↓	64% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Inverleith Park 	77% (B)	77% (B) →	78% (B) ↑	77% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↓	↘	✓
King George V (Eyre Pl) 	68% (C)	74% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	→	✓
King George V (SQ)	59% (D)	62% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Lauriston Castle 	69% (C)	70% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	72% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Muirhouse Millennium Park	53% (D)	52% (D) ↓	57% (D) ↑	57% (D) →	58% (D) ↑	↗	✗
Orchard (Brae) Park	62% (C)	60% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↑	62% (C) →	63% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Parkside, Newbridge	58% (D)	61% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Pike's Pool Heritage Park	n/a	56% (D)	62% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Ratho Station Flyover Park	48% (E)	53% (D) ↑	53% (D) →	48% (E) ↓	49% (E) ↑	↘	✗
Ratho Station Park	63% (C)	64% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↓	63% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Ravelston Park 	71% (B)	70% (B) ↓	67% (C) ↓	71% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Ravelston Woods 	73% (B)	74% (B) ↑	77% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↑	↗	✓
River Almond Walkway	74% (B)	78% (B) ↑	77% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↓	77% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Riverside Park	55% (D)	57% (D) ↑	60% (C) ↑	57% (D) ↓	55% (D) ↓	↘	✗
Rocheid Path	72% (B)	70% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	70% (B) ↓	↘	✓
Roseburn Park	65% (C)	63% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Silverknowes Park	48% (E)	58% (D) ↑	60% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	↗	✓

St Margaret's Park 	73% (B)	71% (B) ↓	71% (B) →	75% (B) ↑	77% (B) ↑	↗	☑
St Mark's Park	59% (D)	58% (D) ↓	65% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	↗	☑
Starbank Park 	86% (A)	88% (A) ↑	89% (A) ↑	87% (A) ↓	87% (A) →	↘	☑
Station Road Park 	74% (B)	73% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	↘	☑
Union Park	61% (C)	60% (C) ↓	63% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	↗	☑
Victoria Park 	72% (B)	74% (B) ↑	76% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	↗	☑
West Pilton Park	62% (C)	63% (C) ↑	63% (C) →	62% (C) ↓	64% (C) ↑	↗	☑

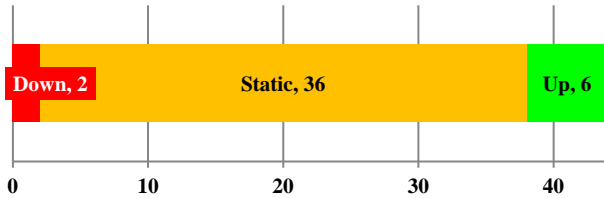
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5.2.2 North West Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

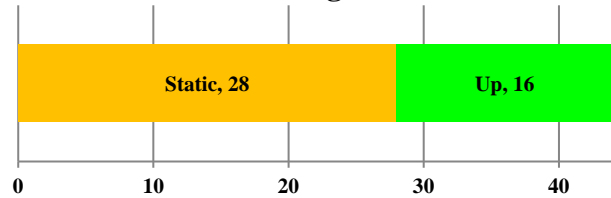
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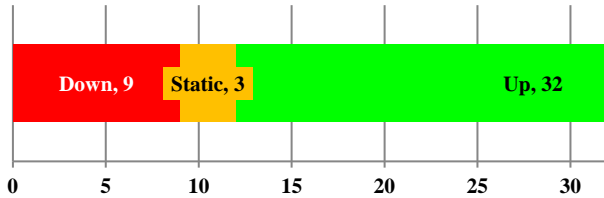
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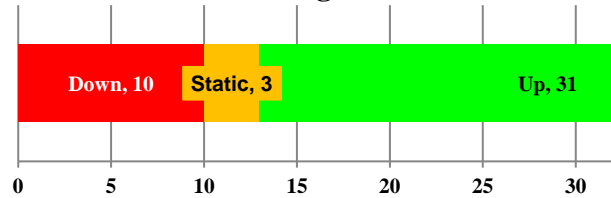
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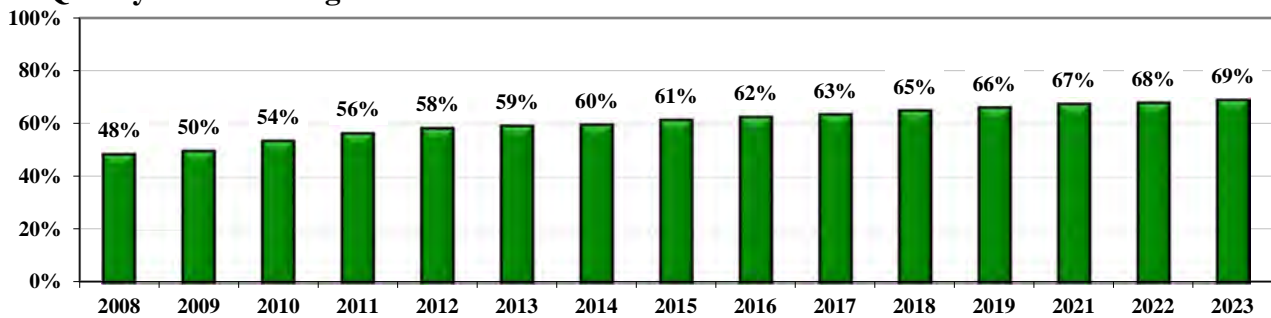
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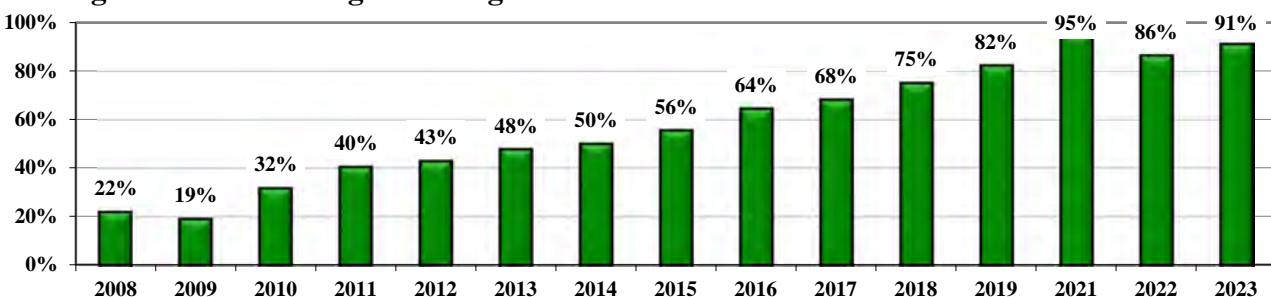
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Park Quality Score Averages



Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



5.2.3 North West Edinburgh - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, **seven** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **seven** fell and longer term, **18** improved and **four** showed drops.













Over both the short and long term **Arboricultural Maintenance, Waste Minimisation, Chemical Use, Conservation of Buildings and Community Involvement** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Litter & Waste Management, Management of Flora & Fauna and Information Provision** saw the biggest drops.

In total, there were **180** instances where criteria scores improved, **776** stayed the same and **124** 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.4	6.4 →	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.7 ↓	↗	7	30	7
Good & Safe Access	6.7	6.6 ↓	6.8 ↑	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	↗	6	31	6
Signage	6.6	6.6 →	6.6 →	6.6 →	6.6 →	→	7	32	5
Equal Access	6.1	6.3 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.5 →	6.5 →	↗	7	30	7
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.2	7.0 ↓	7.2 ↑	7.0 ↓	7.0 →	↘	5	35	4
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.6	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	↗	8	29	7
Personal Security	7.1	7.3 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.4 →	7.3 ↓	→	5	32	7
Dog Control & Fouling	7.6	7.3 ↓	7.4 ↑	7.3 ↓	7.4 ↑	→	14	22	8
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	6.9	7.0 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.4 →	7.1 ↓	↘	4	26	14
Horticultural Maintenance	6.0	5.8 ↓	6.2 ↑	6.4 ↑	6.3 ↓	↗	10	21	13
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	7.0 ↑	7.2 ↑	7.2 →	7.5 ↑	↗	12	30	2
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.3	6.3 →	6.4 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	↗	6	32	6
Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.8 ↑	6.7 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.8 →	↗	7	30	7
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.5	6.7 ↑	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	↗	0	44	0
Waste Minimisation	5.6	6.1 ↑	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	7.1 ↑	↗	0	44	0
Chemical Use	6.1	6.2 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	8.4 ↑	↗	25	19	0
Peat Use	9.7	9.8 ↑	9.9 ↑	9.9 →	9.9 →	↗	32	11	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	6.3	6.3 →	6.3 →	→	0	44	0
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.6	7.0 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.9 →	6.7 ↓	↘	7	27	10
Conservation Landscape	6.7	8.0 ↑	8.2 ↑	8.2 →	8.2 →	↗	0	12	0
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.9 ↑	6.7 ↓	7.0 ↑	7.3 ↑	↗	5	6	2
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	4.9	5.1 ↑	5.4 ↑	5.4 →	5.6 ↑	↗	4	40	0
Community Provision	6.4	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	6.6 →	↗	0	44	0
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.9 ↑	6.0 ↑	6.0 →	6.0 →	↗	0	44	0
Information Provision	5.8	6.0 ↑	6.1 ↑	6.2 ↑	6.0 ↓	↘	4	32	8
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	5.0	5.2 ↑	5.5 ↑	5.7 ↑	5.5 ↓	↗	5	29	10

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

Locality		Citywide		 GFA Park	Park		2022	2023	ST	PQS
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-	Park Name	Type				Trend	+ / -
1	0	1	0	Starbank Park 	Comm		87% (A)	87% (A)	➔	0
2	+1	4=	+4	Cammo Estate LNR	LNR		79% (B)	80% (A)	↑	+1
3	-1	8=	-4	Corstorphine Hill LNR 	LNR		81% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-3
4=	+2	12=	+4	River Almond Walkway	Natural		76% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+1
4=	+3	12=	+7	St Margaret's Park 	Comm		75% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+2
6	+3	16=	+7	Ravelston Woods LNR 	LNR		74% (B)	76% (B)	↑	+2
7=	-3	18=	-7	Cramond Foreshore	Natural		78% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-3
7=	+4	18=	+12	Victoria Park 	Garden		73% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+2
9=	+2	29=	+1	Buttercup Farm Park	Comm		73% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+1
9=	+12	29=	+43	Gyle Park	Garden		68% (C)	74% (B)	↑	+6
9=	-4	29=	-15	Inverleith Park 	Premier		77% (B)	74% (B)	↓	-3
9=	+4	29=	+10	Lauriston Castle 	Garden		72% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+2
9=	+6	29=	+22	Roseburn Park	Garden		71% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+3
14=	+1	38=	+13	Ravelston Park 	Comm		71% (B)	73% (B)	↑	+2
14=	-7	38=	-19	Station Road Park 	Comm		75% (B)	73% (B)	↓	-2
16=	+2	48=	+7	Davidson's Mains Park	Garden		70% (B)	72% (B)	↑	+2
16=	+4	48=	+19	Fauldburn Park	Comm		69% (C)	72% (B)	↑	+3
16=	-7	48=	-25	King George V Pk (Eyre Pl.) 	Garden		74% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-2
19	-4	57=	-6	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 	Natural		71% (B)	71% (B)	➔	0
20=	+7	61=	+34	King George V Park (SQ)	Comm		66% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+4
20=	-7	61=	-22	Rocheid Path	Natural		72% (B)	70% (B)	↓	-2
22	-1	69=	+3	Pike's Pool Heritage Park	Natural		68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
23=	0	78=	+6	Clermiston Park	Comm		67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
23=	0	78=	+6	Easter Drylaw Park	Comm		67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
23=	+4	78=	+17	Union Park	Garden		66% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+2
26	-3	90=	-6	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden		67% (C)	67% (C)	➔	0
27=	+2	93=	+7	East Pilton Park	Comm		65% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+1
27=	+3	93=	+13	Inchcolm Park	Comm		64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
27=	+3	93=	+13	St Mark's Park	Comm		64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
30=	0	104=	+2	Parkside	Comm		64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+1
30=	+3	104=	+14	Ratho Station Park	Comm		63% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+2
32=	+2	109=	+13	Silverknowes Park	Rec.Grđ		62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	+2
32=	+2	109=	+13	West Pilton Park	Comm		62% (C)	64% (C)	↑	+2
34=	+5	114=	+15	Drumbrae Park	Comm		59% (D)	63% (C)	↑	+4
34=	-16	114=	-59	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden		70% (B)	63% (C)	↓	-7
34=	0	114=	+8	Orchard (Brae) Park North & South	Comm		62% (C)	63% (C)	↑	+1
37=	+2	120=	+9	Glendevon Park	Comm		59% (D)	62% (C)	↑	+3
37=	0	120=	+7	Haug Park	Comm		61% (C)	62% (C)	↑	+1
39=	-16	125=	-41	Allison Park	Comm		67% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-6
39=	-1	125=	+3	Granton Crescent Park	Comm		60% (C)	61% (C)	↑	+1
41	0	131=	+2	Balgreen Park	Comm		58% (D)	59% (D)	↑	+1
42	0	133	+3	Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	Comm		57% (D)	58% (D)	↑	+1
43	-1	138	-2	Riverside Park	Comm		57% (D)	55% (D)	↓	-2
44	0	141	-1	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec.Grđ		48% (E)	49% (E)	↑	+1



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%. Starbank was judged to be the best park in Edinburgh for the fourth year running.

5.2.6 North West Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Year on Year – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	Park		ST	PQS
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-			2022	2023	Trend	+ / -
9=	+12	29=	+43	Gyle Park	Garden	68% (C)	74% (B)	↑	+6
34=	+5	114=	+15	Drumbrae Park	Comm	59% (D)	63% (C)	↑	+4
20=	+7	61=	+34	King George V Park (SQ)	Comm	66% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+4
9=	+6	29=	+22	Roseburn Park	Garden	71% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+3
16=	+4	48=	+19	Fauldburn Park	Comm	69% (C)	72% (B)	↑	+3
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3	-1	8=	-4	Corstorphine Hill LNR 	LNR	81% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-3
7=	-3	18=	-7	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	78% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-3
9=	-4	29=	-15	Inverleith Park 	Premier	77% (B)	74% (B)	↓	-3
39=	-16	125=	-41	Allison Park	Comm	67% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-6
34=	-16	114=	-59	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	Garden	70% (B)	63% (C)	↓	-7

Long Term (Five Year Average) – sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Silverknowes Park	48% (E)	58% (D) ↑	60% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	+16	+6
Pike's Pool Heritage Park	n/a	56% (D)	62% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	+13	+5
Fauldburn Park	60% (C)	63% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	+12	+6
King George V Park (SQ)	59% (D)	62% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	+11	+6
Clermiston Park	58% (D)	60% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	+10	+4
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Station Road Park	74% (B)	73% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	-1	0
Allison Park	63% (C)	63% (C) →	62% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	61% (C) ↓	-2	-2
Rocheid Path	72% (B)	70% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	70% (B) ↓	-2	-1
Inverleith Park 	77% (B)	77% (B) →	78% (B) ↑	77% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↓	-3	-3
Gypsy Brae Rec Ground	68% (C)	70% (B) ↑	71% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	63% (C) ↓	-5	-5

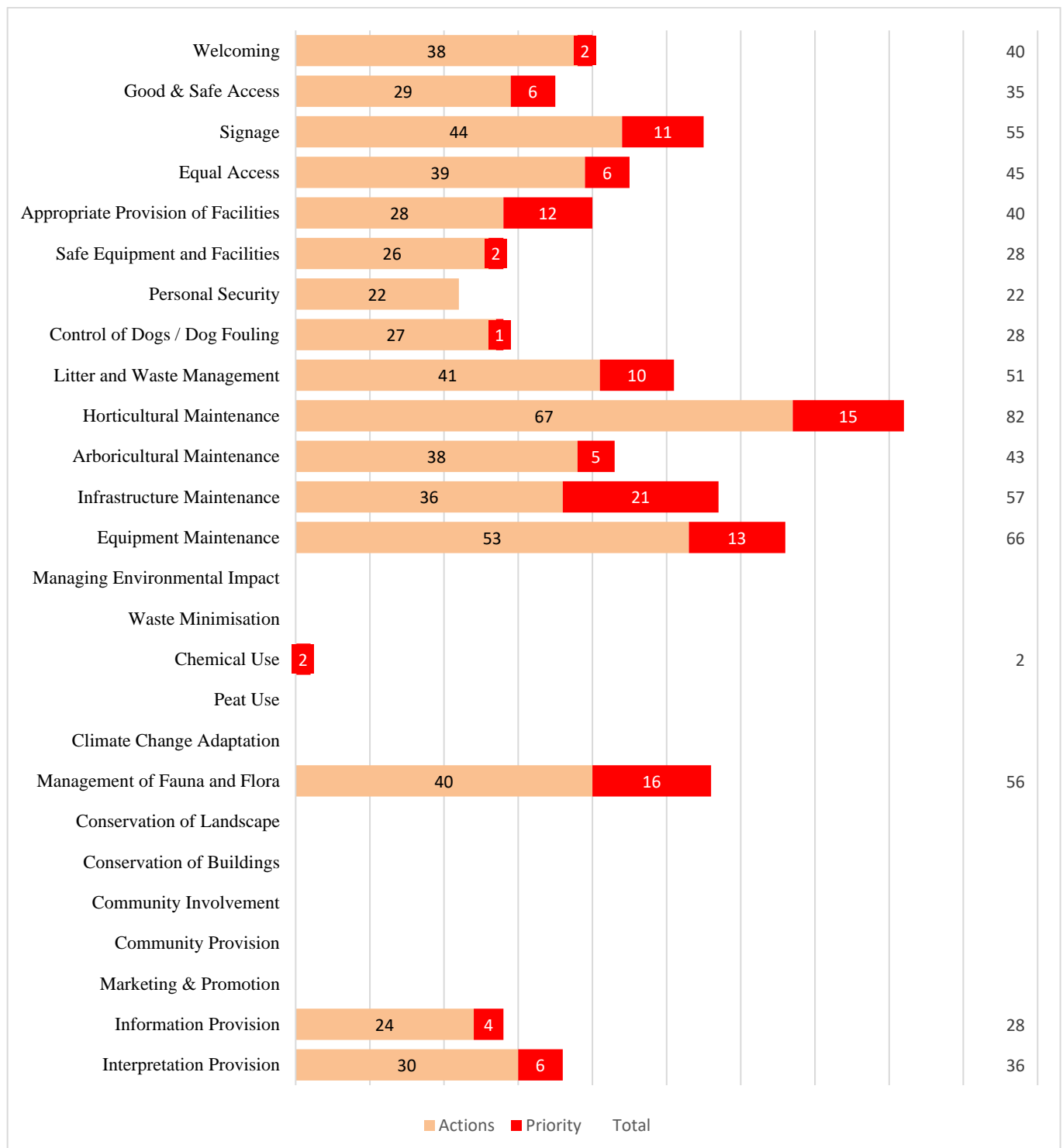
5.2.7 North West Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **714** actions were identified through the assessments in North West Edinburgh including **132** 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 categories.













5.3 Area Results – South East Edinburgh

5.3.1 South East Edinburgh – 35 Parks Assessed

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the scores & grades over the last five assessments with a year on year score indicator, a long-term* score trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

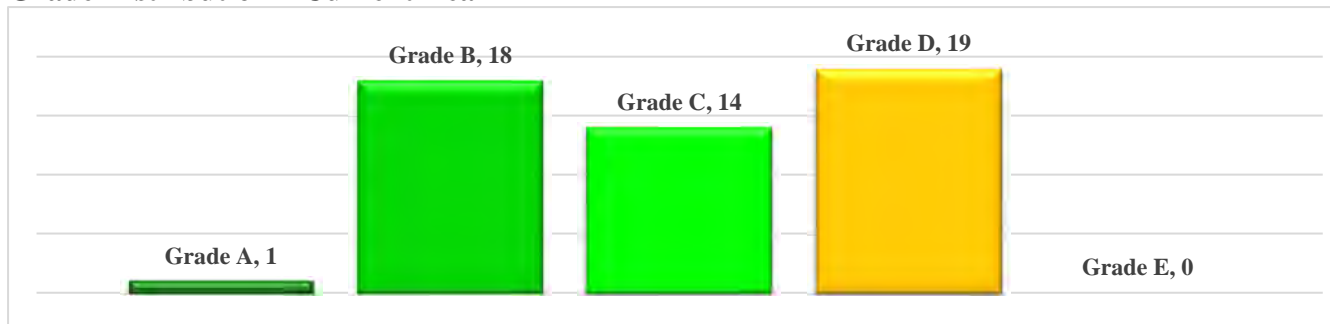
* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Atholl Crescent	71% (B)	72% (B) ↑	69% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	70% (B) →	↓	✓
Barony Community Garden	n/a	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	64% (C) →	↓	✓
Bauks View	75% (B)	74% (B) ↓	70% (B) ↓	70% (B) →	71% (B) ↑	↓	✓
Bellevue Crescent Gardens	66% (C)	66% (C) →	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	66% (C) →	↗	✓
Braid Hills	70% (B)	70% (B) →	70% (B) →	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	↗	✓
Braidburn Valley Park 	75% (B)	76% (B) ↑	76% (B) →	80% (A) ↑	80% (A) →	↗	✓
Burdiehouse Burn Valley 	66% (C)	69% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	↗	✓
Calton Hill	76% (B)	71% (B) ↓	71% (B) →	72% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Coates Crescent	72% (B)	73% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	68% (C) →	69% (C) ↑	↓	✓
Deaconess	70% (B)	71% (B) ↑	69% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	↓	✓
Drum Park	66% (C)	71% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	67% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	↓	✓
Dunbar's Close Garden	70% (B)	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	72% (B) →	77% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Ferniehill Comm Park 	74% (B)	78% (B) ↑	78% (B) →	78% (B) →	78% (B) →	↗	✓
Fernieside Recreation Ground	60% (C)	60% (C) →	64% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Gardner's Crescent	73% (B)	73% (B) →	72% (B) ↓	69% (C) ↓	71% (B) ↑	↓	✓
Gayfield Square	65% (C)	64% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↓	64% (C) ↑	61% (C) ↓	↓	✓
Gracemount Community Park	66% (C)	69% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	57% (D) ↓	↓	✗
Granny's Green	62% (C)	66% (C) ↑	62% (C) ↓	62% (C) →	62% (C) →	↓	✓
H'tage of Braid / B'ford 	79% (B)	79% (B) →	80% (A) ↑	80% (A) →	78% (B) ↓	↓	✓
Inch Park	70% (B)	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	73% (B) →	74% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Liberton Park	69% (C)	70% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↑	↗	✓
London Road Gardens 	72% (B)	75% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	73% (B) →	71% (B) ↓	↓	✓
Moredun Park	63% (C)	62% (C) ↓	63% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Morgan Playing Fields	70% (B)	70% (B) →	66% (C) ↓	64% (C) ↓	65% (C) ↑	↓	✓
Morningside Park 	76% (B)	77% (B) ↑	76% (B) ↓	73% (B) ↓	73% (B) →	↓	✓
Mortonhall Community Park	61% (C)	66% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	59% (D) ↓	57% (D) ↓	↓	✗
Nicolson Square	69% (C)	75% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	63% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	↓	✓
Prestonfield Park 	78% (B)	79% (B) ↑	78% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↓	78% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Prestonfield War Memorial	71% (B)	70% (B) ↓	68% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	↓	✓
Princes Street Gardens 	72% (B)	71% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↑	78% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	↓	✓
Regent Road Park	73% (B)	70% (B) ↓	70% (B) →	71% (B) ↑	69% (C) ↓	↓	✓
Seven Acre Park 	84% (A)	84% (A) →	82% (A) ↓	80% (A) ↓	77% (B) ↓	↓	✓
St Katharine's Park 	73% (B)	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	→	✓
St Patrick Square	69% (C)	64% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	67% (C) →	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
The Meadows & B'field Links	76% (B)	76% (B) →	74% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	↗	✓

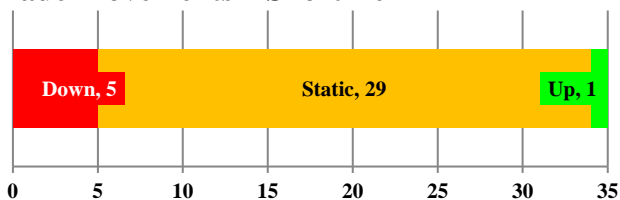
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5.3.2 South East Edinburgh - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

Grade Distribution – Current Year



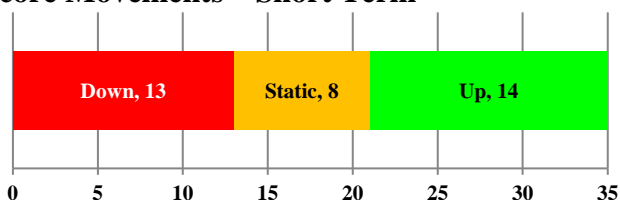
Grade Movements – Short Term



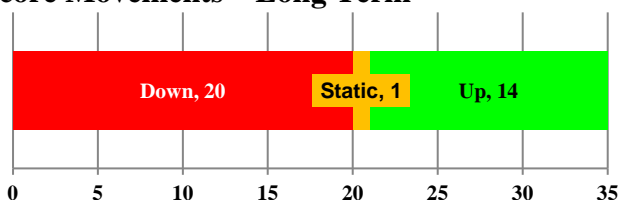
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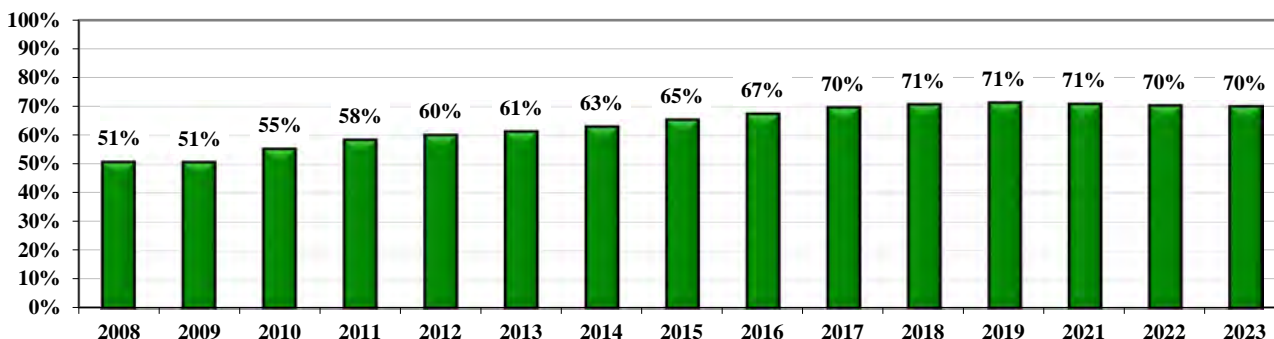
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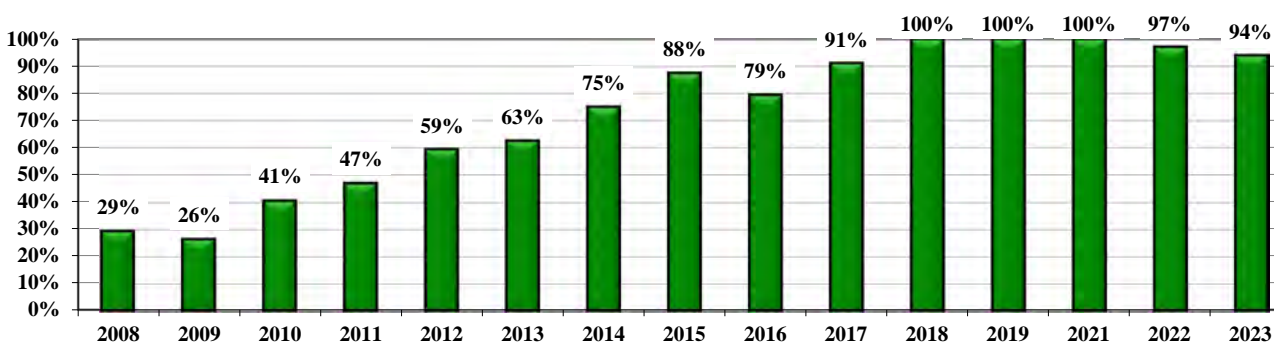
Score Movements – Long Term



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, **10** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **10** fell and longer term, **13** improved and **12** showed drops.











Over both the short and long term **Waste Minimisation, Conservation of Landscape, Community Involvement, Community Provision and Marketing** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Welcoming, Signage, Horticultural Maintenance and Information Provision** saw the biggest drops.


In total, there were **132** instances where criteria scores improved, **604** stayed the same and **141** 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.9	7.0 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.7 ↓	6.3 ↓	↓	5	13	17
Good & Safe Access	7.0	7.0 →	6.9 ↓	7.0 ↑	7.1 ↑	↗	7	23	5
Signage	7.4	7.3 ↓	7.3 →	7.1 ↓	6.7 ↓	↓	4	19	12
Equal Access	6.3	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	↗	7	21	7
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.6	7.6 →	7.4 ↓	7.3 ↓	7.1 ↓	↓	3	23	9
Safe Equipment & Facilities	7.1	7.2 ↑	7.2 →	7.3 ↑	7.3 →	↗	5	25	5
Personal Security	7.4	7.6 ↑	7.5 ↓	7.3 ↓	7.3 →	↓	2	25	8
Dog Control & Fouling	7.8	7.7 ↓	7.9 ↑	7.7 ↓	7.8 ↑	↗	10	20	5
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	7.1	7.2 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.1 →	7.0 ↓	↓	11	14	10
Horticultural Maintenance	6.9	7.0 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.5 ↓	6.1 ↓	↓	7	14	14
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.3	7.2 ↓	7.3 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.4 →	↗	3	27	5
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.9	7.0 ↑	6.9 ↓	6.9 →	6.9 →	↓	7	23	5
Equipment Maintenance	7.0	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	6.8 ↓	6.7 ↓	↓	6	21	8
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.6	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	6.7 →	6.8 ↑	↗	3	32	0
Waste Minimisation	6.4	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	7.1 →	7.3 ↑	↗	2	33	0
Chemical Use	7.0	6.6 ↓	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.9 ↑	↗	7	28	0
Peat Use	9.0	9.0 →	9.0 →	9.0 →	9.1 ↑	↗	3	32	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	6.1	6.1 →	6.1 →	→	0	35	0
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.9	7.2 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.3 ↓	7.0 ↓	↓	3	24	8
Conservation Landscape	6.6	6.9 ↑	6.9 →	6.9 →	7.3 ↑	↗	6	14	0
Conservation Buildings	7.5	7.3 ↓	7.0 ↓	7.0 →	6.9 ↓	↓	2	13	2
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	6.1	6.2 ↑	6.3 ↑	6.4 ↑	6.9 ↑	↗	9	26	0
Community Provision	6.5	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	6.7 ↑	7.1 ↑	↗	7	28	0
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	6.8	6.8 →	6.8 →	6.8 →	7.0 ↑	↗	6	29	0
Information Provision	7.2	7.2 →	7.2 →	7.0 ↓	6.6 ↓	↓	3	21	11
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	7.2	7.1 ↓	7.1 →	7.1 →	6.8 ↓	↓	4	21	10

5.3.4 South East Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2023 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
1	0	4=	+1	Braidburn Valley Park 	Comm	80% (A)	80% (A)	→	0
2=	+2	8=	+3	Ferniehill Community Park 	Comm	78% (B)	78% (B)	→	0
2=	-1	8=	-3	Hermitage of Braid /Bl'ford 	LNR	80% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-2
2=	+5	8=	+11	Prestonfield Park 	Comm	75% (B)	78% (B)	↑	+3
5=	+7	12=	+27	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	72% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+5
5=	-4	12=	-7	Seven Acre Park 	Comm	80% (A)	77% (B)	↓	-3
7=	-1	18=	-2	St Katharine's Park 	Comm	76% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-1
7=	+5	18=	+21	The Meadows & Bruntsfield Links	Premier	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+3
9=	+3	29=	+10	Calton Hill	Premier	72% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+2
9=	-1	29=	+1	Inch Park	Garden	73% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+1
11=	-3	38=	-8	Morningside Park 	Comm	73% (B)	73% (B)	→	0
11=	-7	38=	-27	Princes Street Gardens 	Premier	78% (B)	73% (B)	↓	-5
13=	-1	48=	-9	Braid Hills	Natural	72% (B)	72% (B)	→	0
13=	-5	48=	-18	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 	LNR	73% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-1
13=	+4	48=	+7	Liberton Park	Comm	70% (B)	72% (B)	↑	+2
16=	+1	57=	-2	Bauks View	Natural	70% (B)	71% (B)	↑	+1
16=	+5	57=	+10	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	69% (C)	71% (B)	↑	+2
16=	-8	57=	-27	London Road Gardens 	Garden	73% (B)	71% (B)	↓	-2
19	-2	61=	-6	Atholl Crescent	Garden	70% (B)	70% (B)	→	0
20=	+2	69=	+3	Coates Crescent	Garden	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
20=	+2	69=	+3	Deaconess	Garden	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
20=	+5	69=	+15	Drum Park	Comm	67% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+2
20=	+13	69=	+49	Nicolson Square	Garden	63% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+6
20=	-4	69=	-18	Regent Road Park	Comm	71% (B)	69% (C)	↓	-2
25=	-8	78=	-23	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	70% (B)	68% (C)	↓	-2
25=	0	78=	+6	St Patrick Square	Garden	67% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+1
27	+1	93=	+2	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	66% (C)	66% (C)	→	0
28	+2	104=	+2	Morgan Playing Fields	Rec. Gr	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+1
29=	+1	109=	-3	Barony Community Garden	Comm	64% (C)	64% (C)	→	0
29=	0	109=	-9	Moredun Park	Comm	65% (C)	64% (C)	↓	-1
31	-6	114=	-30	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec. Gr	67% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-4
32	+2	120=	+2	Granny's Green	Garden	62% (C)	62% (C)	→	0
33	-3	125=	-19	Gayfield Square	Garden	64% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-3
34=	-12	134=	-62	Gracemount Community Park	Comm	68% (C)	57% (D)	↓	-11
34=	+1	134=	-5	Mortonhall Community Park	Comm	59% (D)	57% (D)	↓	-2

 = 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%.

5.3.6 South East Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Year on Year – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST	PQS
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-					Trend	+ / -
20=	+13	69=	+49	Nicolson Square	Garden	63% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+6
5=	+7	12=	+27	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	72% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+5
2=	+5	8=	+11	Prestonfield Park	Comm	75% (B)	78% (B)	↑	+3
7=	+5	18=	+21	The Meadows and B'field Links	Premier	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+3
9=	+3	29=	+10	Calton Hill	Premier	72% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+2
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5=	-4	12=	-7	Seven Acre Park	Comm	80% (A)	77% (B)	↓	-3
33	-3	125=	-19	Gayfield Square	Garden	64% (C)	61% (C)	↓	-3
31	-6	114=	-30	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec Gr	67% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-4
11=	-7	38=	-27	Princes Street Gardens	Premier	78% (B)	73% (B)	↓	-5
34=	-12	134=	-62	Gracemount Community Park	Comm	68% (C)	57% (D)	↓	-11

Long Term (Five Year Average) – sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Dunbar's Close Garden	70% (B)	72% (B) ↑	72% (B) →	72% (B) →	77% (B) ↑	+7	+4
Burdiehouse Burn Valley	66% (C)	69% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	+6	+2
Braidburn Valley Park	75% (B)	76% (B) ↑	76% (B) →	80% (A) ↑	80% (A) →	+5	+3
Ferniehill Community Pk	74% (B)	78% (B) ↑	78% (B) →	78% (B) →	78% (B) →	+4	+1
Inch Park	70% (B)	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	73% (B) →	74% (B) ↑	+4	+2
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Mortonhall Community Park	61% (C)	66% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	59% (D) ↓	57% (D) ↓	-4	-4
Regent Road Park	73% (B)	70% (B) ↓	70% (B) →	71% (B) ↑	69% (C) ↓	-4	-2
Morgan Playing Fields	70% (B)	70% (B) →	66% (C) ↓	64% (C) ↓	65% (C) ↑	-5	-2
Seven Acre Park	84% (A)	84% (A) →	82% (A) ↓	80% (A) ↓	77% (B) ↓	-7	-4
Gracemount Community Park	66% (C)	69% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	57% (D) ↓	-9	-9

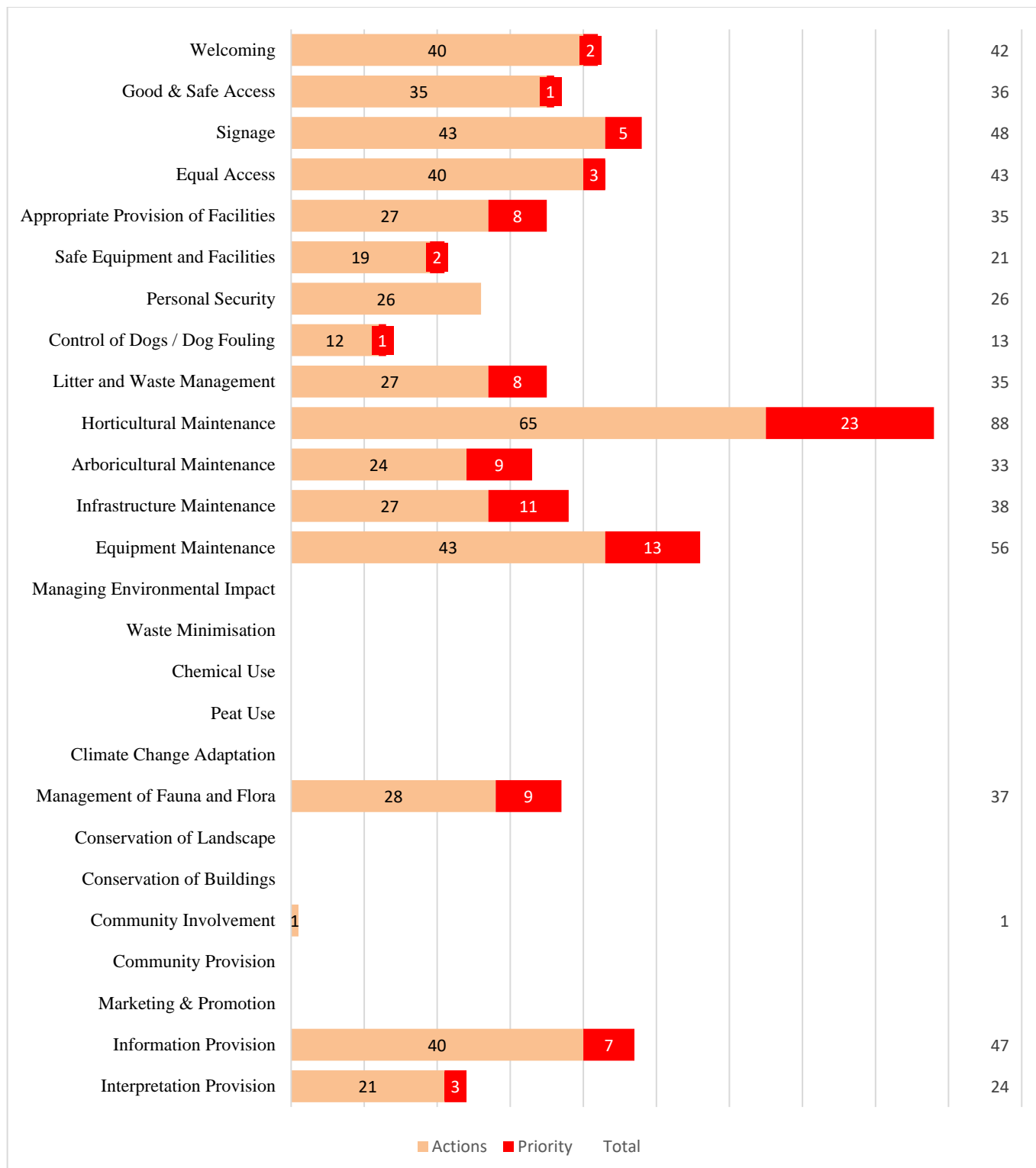
5.3.7 South East Edinburgh - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **623** actions were identified through the assessments in South East Edinburgh including **105** 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.





5.4 Area Results – South West Edinburgh

5.4.1 South West Edinburgh – 30 Parks Assessed

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.

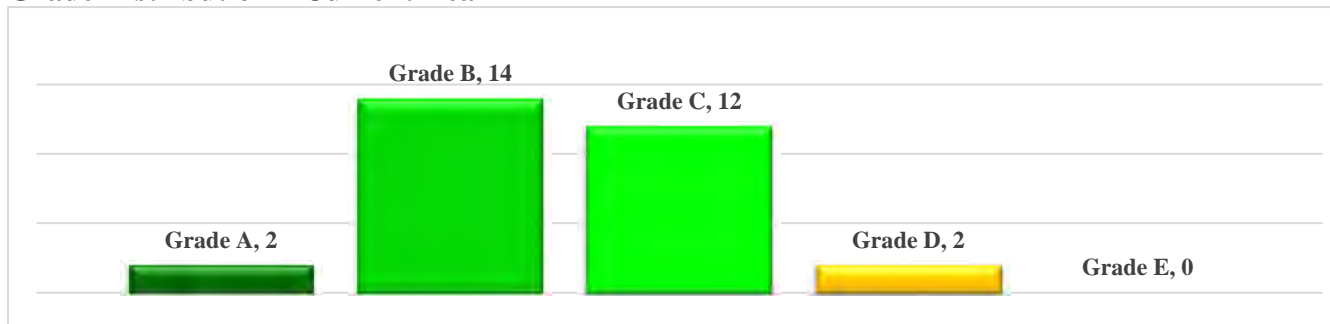
* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Blinkbonny Park	64% (C)	66% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↓	↓	✓
Bloomiehall Park 	72% (B)	77% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Campbell Park	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	75% (B)	79% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	↘	✓
Colinton Mains Park	69% (C)	70% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	73% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Curriemuirend Park	46% (E)	54% (D) ↑	57% (D) ↑	58% (D) ↑	54% (D) ↓	↗	✗
Dovecot Park	65% (C)	70% (B) ↑	62% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	81% (A)	87% (A) ↑	86% (A) ↓	86% (A) →	85% (A) ↓	→	✓
Fairmilehead Park 	70% (B)	73% (B) ↑	73% (B) →	74% (B) ↑	74% (B) →	↗	✓
Fountainbridge Green	65% (C)	68% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	64% (C) ↓	59% (D) ↓	↘	✗
Gorgie Dalry Community Park	57% (D)	63% (C) ↑	59% (D) ↓	55% (D) ↓	n/a		
Hailes Quarry Park 	70% (B)	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	72% (B) →	↗	✓
Harrison Park 	73% (B)	75% (B) ↑	75% (B) →	74% (B) ↓	73% (B) ↓	↘	✓
King George V Park (Currie)	62% (C)	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Malleny Park	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	68% (C)		✓
Marchbank Park	65% (C)	66% (C) ↑	66% (C) →	68% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Meadowspot Park	62% (C)	66% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	↗	✓
Muir Wood Park 	75% (B)	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	→	✓
Murieston Park	64% (C)	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	↘	✓
Paties Road Recreation Ground	65% (C)	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	70% (B) ↑	70% (B) →	↗	✓
Pentland Hills Reg Park 	87% (A)	87% (A) →	85% (A) ↓	83% (A) ↓	82% (A) ↓	↘	✓
Pentland View Park	63% (C)	67% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Ratho Park	68% (C)	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	68% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Redford Wood	64% (C)	70% (B) ↑	71% (B) ↑	63% (C) ↓	65% (C) ↑	↘	✓
Redhall Park	66% (C)	67% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	↗	✓
Saughton Park 	n/a	76% (B)	77% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	75% (B) →	↘	✓
Sighthill Park	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	65% (C) →	65% (C) →	69% (C) ↑	↗	✓
Spylaw Park 	71% (B)	72% (B) ↑	71% (B) ↓	73% (B) ↑	73% (B) →	↗	✓
Stenhouse Place East Park	58% (D)	63% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	69% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↓	↘	✓
Whinhill Park	59% (D)	64% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↓	↗	✓
White Park	64% (C)	68% (C) ↑	68% (C) →	68% (C) →	68% (C) →	↗	✓

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

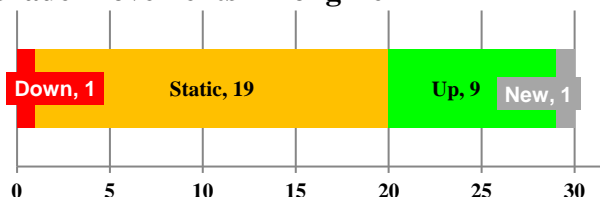
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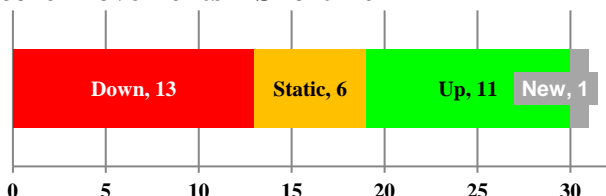
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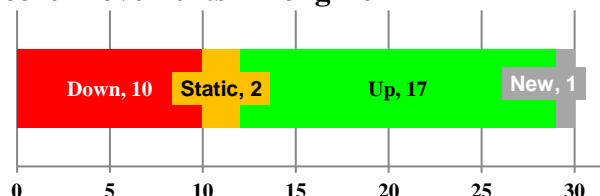
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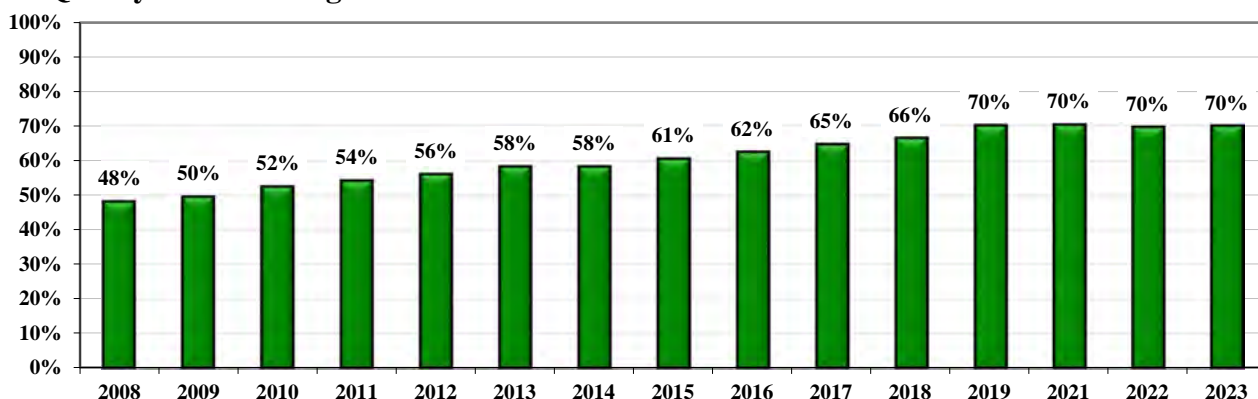
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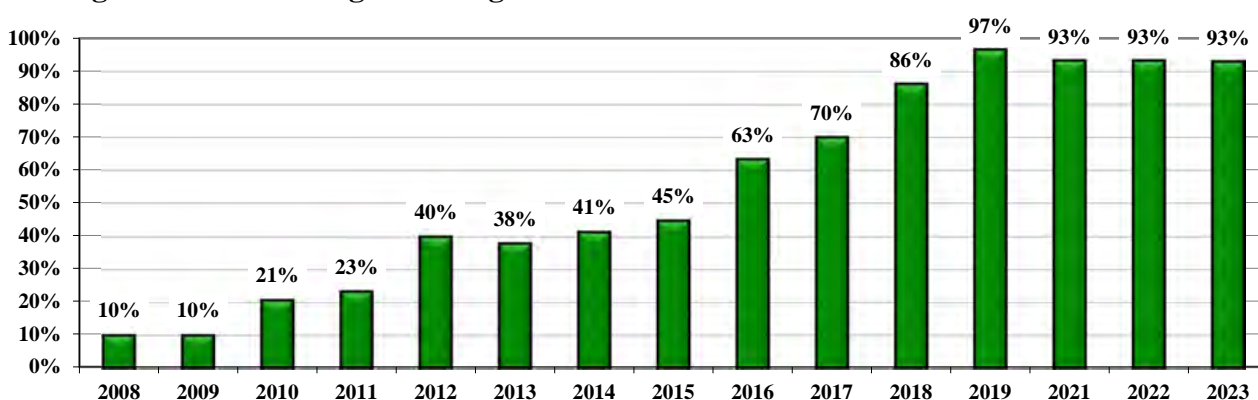
Score Movements – Long Term



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, **eight** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **seven** fell and longer term, **16** improved and **10** showed drops.

Over both the short and long term **Personal Security, Building & Infrastructure Maintenance, Managing Environmental Impact** and **Community Involvement** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Horticultural Maintenance, Conservation of Buildings** and **Information Provision** saw the biggest drops.

In total, there were **100** instances where criteria scores improved, **505** stayed the same and **127** 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.8	6.7 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.5 ↓	6.5 →	↓	5	18	7
Good & Safe Access	7.1	7.0 ↓	6.9 ↓	6.9 →	7.0 ↑	↗	4	21	5
Signage	6.6	6.8 ↑	6.8 →	6.7 ↓	6.6 ↓	↓	5	16	9
Equal Access	6.3	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	6.6 →	↗	5	19	6
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.2	7.1 ↓	7.2 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.1 →	↓	4	20	6
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.9	6.8 ↓	6.8 →	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	↗	4	20	6
Personal Security	7.1	7.3 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.2 ↑	7.5 ↑	↗	7	20	3
Dog Control & Fouling	7.6	7.6 →	7.7 ↑	7.5 ↓	7.5 →	↓	8	12	10
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	7.1	7.2 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.1 →	7.3 ↑	↗	5	20	5
Horticultural Maintenance	6.3	6.3 →	6.4 ↑	6.4 →	6.1 ↓	↓	4	13	13
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.9	7.2 ↑	7.1 ↓	7.1 →	7.2 ↑	↗	7	15	8
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.4	6.6 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.6 ↓	6.9 ↑	↗	7	21	2
Equipment Maintenance	6.9	6.9 →	6.9 →	6.6 ↓	6.8 ↑	↓	8	16	6
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.6	7.5 ↑	7.7 ↑	7.7 →	7.9 ↑	↗	6	22	2
Waste Minimisation	5.9	7.2 ↑	7.2 →	7.2 →	7.1 ↓	↗	0	29	1
Chemical Use	5.6	7.9 ↑	7.9 →	7.9 →	7.9 →	↗	0	28	2
Peat Use	9.7	9.5 ↓	9.5 →	9.5 →	9.5 →	↓	0	29	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a →	6.1 ↓	6.2 ↑	6.2 →	↗	0	29	1
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	6.9	7.1 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.2 ↓	7.1 ↓	↓	4	19	7
Conservation Landscape	6.3	9.3 ↑	8.8 ↓	8.8 →	8.8 →	↗	0	4	0
Conservation Buildings	7.1	7.0 ↓	7.0 →	7.2 ↑	7.0 ↓	↓	1	5	2
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	5.3	6.5 ↑	6.5 →	6.5 →	6.9 ↑	↗	7	20	3
Community Provision	6.3	6.5 ↑	6.5 →	6.5 →	6.5 →	↗	0	28	2
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	6.8 ↑	6.8 →	6.8 →	6.7 ↓	↗	0	29	1
Information Provision	6.2	6.5 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.5 ↓	6.3 ↓	↓	3	18	9
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	5.2	5.7 ↑	6.1 ↑	5.8 ↓	5.8 →	↗	6	14	10

5.4.4 South West Edinburgh - Parks Ranked in Order of 2023 Park Quality Score with Locality and Citywide Rankings.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
1	0	2	0	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	LNR	86% (A)	85% (A)	↓	-1
2	0	3	0	Pentland Hills Regional Park 	Regional	83% (A)	82% (A)	↓	-1
3=	+8	18=	+21	Bloomiehall Park 	Comm	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+3
3=	+6	18=	+12	Campbell Park	Comm	73% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+2
3=	0	18=	-2	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	76% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-1
3=	+2	18=	+5	Muir Wood Park 	Comm	74% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+1
3=	+1	18=	+1	Saughton Park 	Premier	75% (B)	75% (B)	→	0
8	-3	29=	-6	Fairmilehead Park 	Comm	74% (B)	74% (B)	→	0
9=	+2	38=	+1	Colinton Mains Park	Garden	72% (B)	73% (B)	↑	+1
9=	-4	38=	-15	Harrison Park 	Comm	74% (B)	73% (B)	↓	-1
9=	0	38=	-8	Spylaw Park 	Comm	73% (B)	73% (B)	→	0
12=	-1	48=	-9	Hailes Quarry Park 	Comm	72% (B)	72% (B)	→	0
12=	-7	48=	-25	Murieston Park	Comm	74% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-2
14=	+7	61=	+23	Dovecot Park	Comm	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
14=	0	61=	-6	Paties Road Recreation Ground	Garden	70% (B)	70% (B)	→	0
14=	+7	61=	+23	Redhall Park	Comm	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
17=	-1	69=	+3	Marchbank Park	Comm	68% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+1
17=	+6	69=	+26	Pentland View Park	Comm	66% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+3
17=	+7	69=	+31	Sighthill Park	Comm	65% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+4
20=	+4	78=	+22	King George V Park (Currie)	Comm	65% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+3
20=	New	78=	New	Malleny Park	Rec. Gr	n/a	68% (C)	↓	New
20=	-4	78=	-6	White Park	Comm	68% (C)	68% (C)	→	0
23	-7	90=	-18	Ratho Park	Comm	68% (C)	67% (C)	↓	-1
24	-8	93=	-21	Meadowspot Park	Comm	68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-2
25=	+3	104=	+14	Redford Wood	Natural	63% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+2
25=	-9	104=	-32	Whinhill Park	Comm	68% (C)	65% (C)	↓	-3
27	-12	114=	-47	Stenhouse Place East Park	Comm	69% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-6
28	-2	120=	-14	Blinkbonny Park	Comm	64% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-2
29	-3	131=	-25	Fountainbridge Green	Comm	64% (C)	59% (D)	↓	-5
30	-1	139	-6	Curriemuirend Park	Comm	58% (D)	54% (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 85% and is ranked 2nd in the city.

5.4.6 South West Edinburgh - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Year on Year – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
17=	+7	69=	+31	Sighthill Park	Comm	65% (C)	69% (C)	↑	+4
3=	+8	18=	+21	Bloomiehall Park 	Comm	72% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+3
20=	+4	78=	+22	King George V Park (Currie)	Comm	65% (C)	68% (C)	↑	+3
14=	+7	61=	+23	Dovecot Park	Comm	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
14=	+7	61=	+23	Redhall Park	Comm	67% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+3
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28	-2	120=	-14	Blinkbonny Park	Comm	64% (C)	62% (C)	↓	-2
25=	-9	104=	-32	Whinhill Park	Comm	68% (C)	65% (C)	↓	-3
30	-1	139	-6	Curriemuirend Park	Comm	58% (D)	54% (D)	↓	-4
29	-3	131=	-25	Fountainbridge Green	Comm	64% (C)	59% (D)	↓	-5
27	-12	114=	-47	Stenhouse Place East Park	Comm	69% (C)	63% (C)	↓	-6

Long Term (Five Year Average) – sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Campbell Park	64% (C)	65% (C) ↑	72% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↑	+11	+5
Curriemuirend Park	46% (E)	54% (D) ↑	57% (D) ↑	58% (D) ↑	54% (D) ↓	+8	0
Murieston Park	64% (C)	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	74% (B) ↓	72% (B) ↓	+8	0
King George V Park (Currie)	62% (C)	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↓	68% (C) ↑	+6	+2
Whinhill Park	59% (D)	64% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↓	+6	+1
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Ratho Park	68% (C)	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	68% (C) ↓	67% (C) ↓	-1	-1
Saughton Park 	n/a	76% (B)	77% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	75% (B) →	-1	-1
Blinkbonny Park	64% (C)	66% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	62% (C) ↓	-2	-3
Pentland Hills Reg Park 	87% (A)	87% (A) →	85% (A) ↓	83% (A) ↓	82% (A) ↓	-5	-3
Fountainbridge Green	65% (C)	68% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	64% (C) ↓	59% (D) ↓	-6	-6

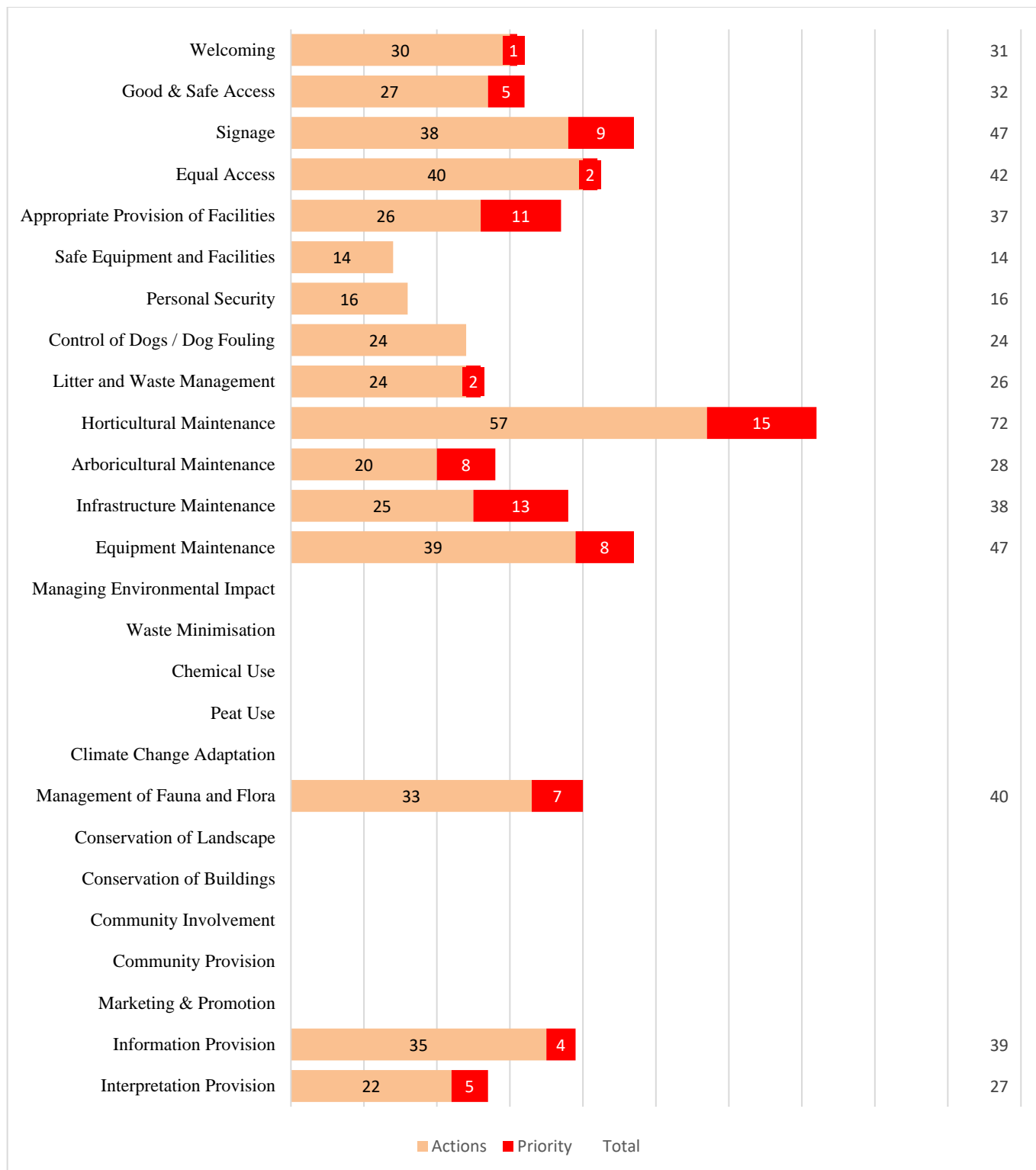
5.4.7 South West Edinburgh – Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **560** actions were identified through the assessments in South West Edinburgh including **90** priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of **19** 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 Assessed

Parks are listed in alphabetical order and show the scores & grades over the last five assessments with a year on year score indicator, a long-term* score trend indicator and whether the park currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

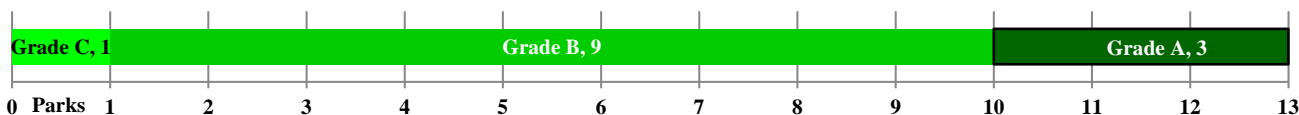
* = Long Term is described as the five-year average but as no assessments took place in 2020, the last five assessments (where available) are used instead.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Burdiehouse Burn Valley 	66% (C)	69% (C) 	70% (B) 	73% (B) 	72% (B) 		
Cammo Estate	77% (B)	77% (B) 	78% (B) 	79% (B) 	80% (A) 		
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	75% (B)	79% (B) 	75% (B) 	76% (B) 	75% (B) 		
Corstorphine Hill 	76% (B)	74% (B) 	78% (B) 	81% (A) 	78% (B) 		
Craigmillar Castle Park 	74% (B)	72% (B) 	78% (B) 	79% (B) 	76% (B) 		
Cramond Foreshore	72% (B)	77% (B) 	78% (B) 	78% (B) 	75% (B) 		
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 	81% (A)	87% (A) 	86% (A) 	86% (A) 	85% (A) 		
Hermitage Braid / B'ford 	79% (B)	79% (B) 	80% (A) 	80% (A) 	78% (B) 		
Little France Park	n/a	65% (C)	73% (B) 	74% (B) 	74% (B) 		
Meadows Yard	69% (C)	68% (C) 	71% (B) 	64% (C) 	66% (C) 		
Pentland Hills Reg. Pk 	87% (A)	87% (A) 	85% (A) 	83% (A) 	82% (A) 		
Ravelston Woods 	73% (B)	74% (B) 	77% (B) 	74% (B) 	76% (B) 		
River Almond Walkway	74% (B)	78% (B) 	77% (B) 	76% (B) 	77% (B) 		

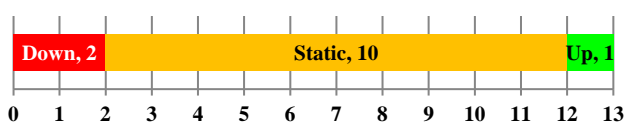
 = Green Flag Award park

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

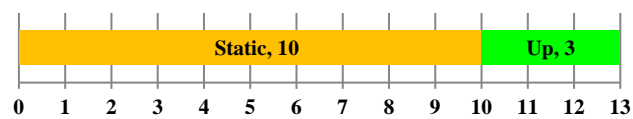
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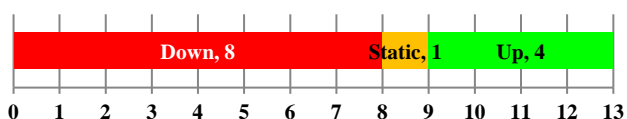
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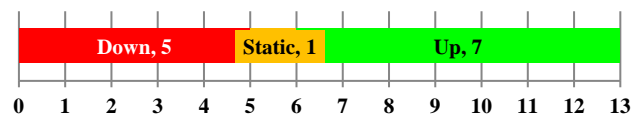
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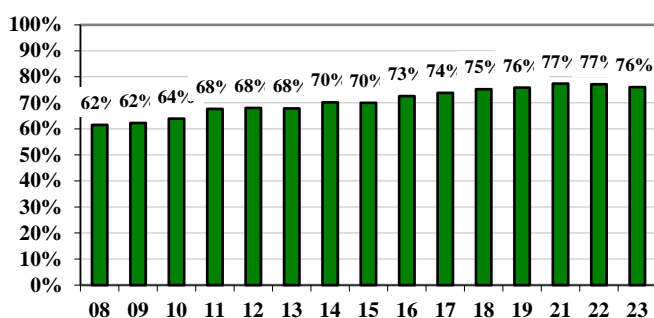
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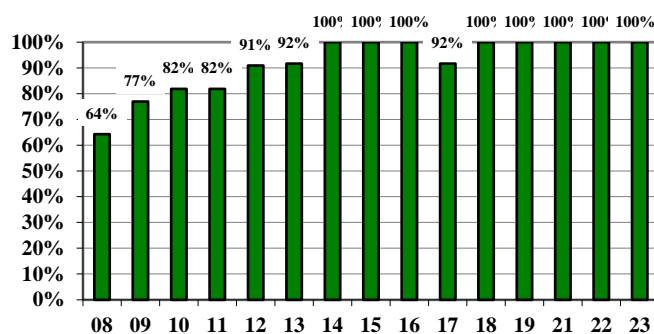
Score Movements – Long Term



Park Quality Score Averages



% Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



5.5.3 Natural Heritage Service – Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, **six** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst **nine** fell and longer term, **13** improved and **12** showed drops.

Over both the short and long term **Safe Equipment & Facilities, Dog Control & Fouling, Building & Infrastructure Maintenance** and **Marketing** showed the biggest increases year on year whilst **Welcoming, Litter & Waste Management, Information Provision** and **Educational & Interpretative Provision** saw the biggest drops.

In total, there were **35** instances where criteria scores improved, **244** stayed the same and **54** 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 parks showed criteria scores increasing, remaining static or deteriorating.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	7.6	7.2 ↓	7.4 ↑	7.2 ↓	6.8 ↓	↓	1	6	6
Good & Safe Access	7.1	7.0 ↓	7.1 ↑	7.2 ↑	7.2 →	↗	1	11	1
Signage	7.1	7.4 ↑	7.6 ↑	7.3 ↓	7.1 ↓	↓	2	6	5
Equal Access	6.1	6.5 ↑	6.7 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.6 ↓	↗	1	9	3
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	7.3	7.3 →	7.2 ↓	7.0 ↓	7.1 ↑	↓	2	10	1
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.6	6.4 ↓	6.7 ↑	6.7 →	6.8 ↑	↗	4	7	2
Personal Security	6.7	6.7 →	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	7.0 ↓	↗	1	10	2
Dog Control & Fouling	6.6	7.0 ↑	7.2 ↑	6.7 ↓	7.2 ↑	↗	8	3	2
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	7.3	7.3 →	7.5 ↑	7.7 ↑	7.4 ↓	↓	2	5	6
Horticultural Maintenance	6.5	6.6 ↑	7.0 ↑	7.0 →	7.0 →	↗	3	7	3
Arboricultural Maintenance	7.6	7.6 →	7.5 ↓	7.2 ↓	7.3 ↑	↓	1	11	1
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.7	6.7 →	6.9 ↑	6.7 ↓	6.8 ↑	↗	2	10	1
Equipment Maintenance	6.8	6.9 ↑	6.8 ↓	6.8 →	6.7 ↓	↓	1	9	3
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	7.8	8.6 ↑	8.8 ↑	8.9 ↑	8.9 →	↗	0	13	0
Waste Minimisation	8.4	8.1 ↓	8.1 →	8.0 ↓	8.0 →	↓	0	13	0
Chemical Use	9.0	8.3 ↓	8.4 ↑	9.0 ↑	9.0 →	↗	0	13	0
Peat Use	10.0	10.0 →	10.0 →	10.0 →	10.0 →	→	0	13	0
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a →	7.5 ↓	7.8 ↑	7.8 →	↗	1	12	0
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	8.5	8.5 →	8.5 →	8.2 ↓	8.0 ↓	↓	2	7	4
Conservation Landscape	8.4	8.5 ↑	8.4 ↓	8.4 →	8.4 →	↓	0	13	0
Conservation Buildings	7.3	7.3 →	7.3 →	7.0 ↓	7.0 →	↓	2	4	2
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	8.6	8.2 ↓	8.8 ↑	9.0 ↑	9.0 →	↗	0	13	0
Community Provision	7.6	8.2 ↑	8.4 ↑	8.5 ↑	8.5 →	↗	0	12	1
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	8.4	8.7 ↑	8.8 ↑	8.9 ↑	9.0 ↑	↗	1	12	0
Information Provision	7.3	7.3 →	7.8 ↑	7.6 ↓	6.7 ↓	↓	0	7	6
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	7.4	7.3 ↓	7.8 ↑	7.8 →	7.4 ↓	↓	0	8	5

5.5.4 Natural Heritage Service - Parks Ranked in Order of 2023 Park Quality Score with Service Area and Citywide Rankings.

Area		Citywide		GFA Park	Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-							
1	0	2	0		Easter Craiglockhart Hill	LNR	86% (A)	85% (A)	↓	-1
2	0	3	0		Pentland Hills Regional Park	Regional	83% (A)	82% (A)	↓	-1
3	+2	4=	+4		Cammo Estate	LNR	79% (B)	80% (A)	↑	+1
4=	-1	8=	-4		Corstorphine Hill	LNR	81% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-3
4=	0	8=	-3		Hermitage of Braid / B'ford	LNR	80% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-2
6	+2	12=	+4		River Almond Walkway	Natural	76% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+1
7=	-2	16=	-8		Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	79% (B)	76% (B)	↓	-3
7=	+3	16=	+7		Ravelston Woods	LNR	74% (B)	76% (B)	↑	+2
9=	-1	18=	-2		Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	76% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-1
9=	-2	18=	-7		Cramond Foreshore	Natural	78% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-3
11	-1	29=	-6		Little France Park	Natural	74% (B)	74% (B)	→	0
12	0	48=	-18		Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk	LNR	73% (B)	72% (B)	↓	-1
13	0	93=	+13		Meadows Yard LNR	LNR	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2

5.5.5 Natural Heritage Service - Most Improved and Deteriorated Parks

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
7=	+3	16=	+7	Ravelston Woods	LNR	74% (B)	76% (B)	↑	+2
13	0	93=	+13	Meadows Yard	LNR	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
3	+2	4=	+4	Cammo Estate	LNR	79% (B)	80% (A)	↑	+1
6	+2	12=	+4	River Almond Walkway	Natural	76% (B)	77% (B)	↑	+1
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4=	0	8=	-3	Hermitage of Braid / B'ford	LNR	80% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-2
4=	-1	8=	-4	Corstorphine Hill	LNR	81% (A)	78% (B)	↓	-3
7=	-2	16=	-8	Craigmillar Castle Park	Natural	79% (B)	76% (B)	↓	-3
9=	-2	18=	-7	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	78% (B)	75% (B)	↓	-3

Long Term (Five Year Average) – sorted by comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 (or next available) score plus the difference compared with the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2023 v 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Little France Park		65% (C)	73% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	74% (B) →	+9	+2
Burdiehouse	66% (C)	69% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↑	72% (B) ↓	+6	+2
East Cr'lockhart	81% (A)	87% (A) ↑	86% (A) ↓	86% (A) →	85% (A) ↓	+4	0
Cammo Estate LNR	77% (B)	77% (B) →	78% (B) ↑	79% (B) ↑	80% (A) ↑	+3	+2
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Col & Craig Dells	75% (B)	79% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	76% (B) ↑	75% (B) ↓	0	-1
H'tage of Braid	79% (B)	79% (B) →	80% (A) ↑	80% (A) →	78% (B) ↓	-1	-1
Meadows Yard LNR	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	71% (B) ↑	64% (C) ↓	66% (C) ↑	-3	-2
Pentland Hills	87% (A)	87% (A) →	85% (A) ↓	83% (A) ↓	82% (A) ↓	-5	-3

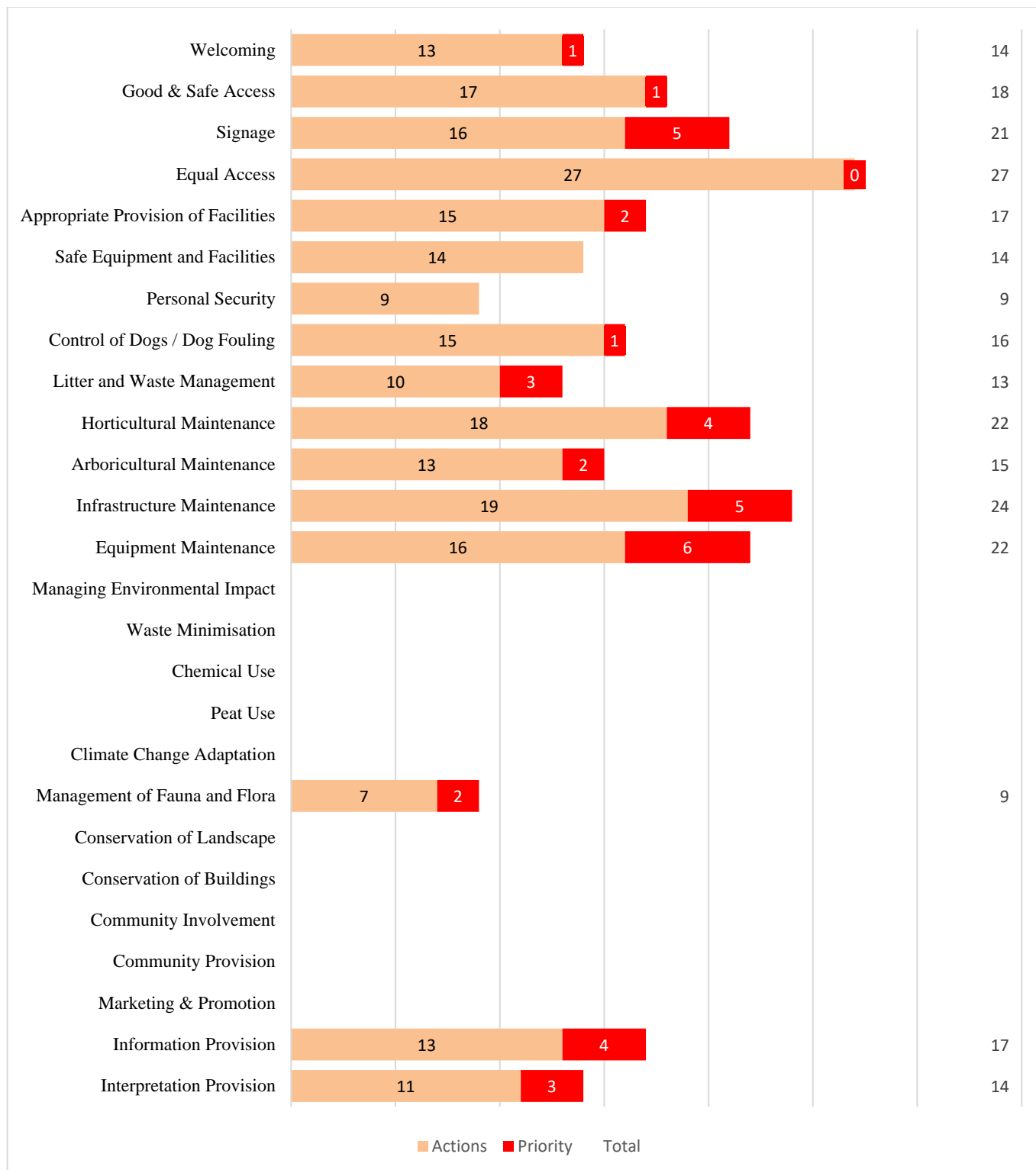
5.5.6 Natural Heritage Service - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **272** actions were identified through the assessments of Natural Heritage managed sites including **39** priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of **21** 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 –17 Sites Assessed

Please note that Cemeteries are not included in any citywide or locality performance results.

All cemeteries (except Gogar) were assessed between 2010 and 2012 but then paused until 2018 when six cemeteries were re-selected for assessment, this was increased to 16 between 2019 and 2022 and 17 in 2023.

The table below shows all sites that were assessed in 2023 listed in alphabetical order and show the grades & scores over the last five assessments (where available), Short-Term (year on year) and Long-Term (current year score compared against the five-assessment average, 2018-2023) score trend indicators and whether the cemetery currently meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	EMS Met
Canongate Kirkyard	n/a	53% (D)	64% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	↗	☑
Colinton Churchyard	n/a	77% (B)	72% (B) ↓	68% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	↘	☑
Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	61% (C)	58% (D) ↓	58% (D) →	63% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	↗	☑
C'millar Castle Park Cem.	68% (C)	70% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	73% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	↗	☑
Cramond Churchyard	n/a	68% (C)	68% (C) →	70% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	☑
Currie Kirkyard	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	70% (B) ↑	↗	☑
Dalry Cemetery	44% (E) *	n/a	n/a	n/a	67% (C)		☑
Grange Cemetery	n/a	66% (C)	67% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	74% (B) ↑	↗	☑
Greyfriar's Churchyard	n/a	62% (C)	67% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	↗	☑
Kirkliston Cemetery	n/a	50% (D)	55% (D) ↑	62% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↑	↗	☑
Liberton Cemetery	n/a	63% (C)	68% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↓	65% (C) ↑	→	☑
Morningside Cemetery	57% (D)	58% (D) ↑	64% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	↗	☑
Mortonhall Cemetery	72% (B)	74% (B) ↑	73% (B) ↓	70% (B) ↓	75% (B) ↑	↗	☑
Portobello Cemetery	62% (C)	59% (D) ↓	61% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↑	↗	☑
Ratho Cemetery	n/a	61% (C)	64% (C) ↑	65% (C) ↑	67% (C) ↑	↗	☑
South Queensferry Cem.	n/a	64% (C)	67% (C) ↑	70% (B) ↑	66% (C) ↓	↘	☑
St Cuthbert's Cemetery	n/a	58% (D)	61% (C) ↑	64% (C) ↑	64% (C) →	↗	☑

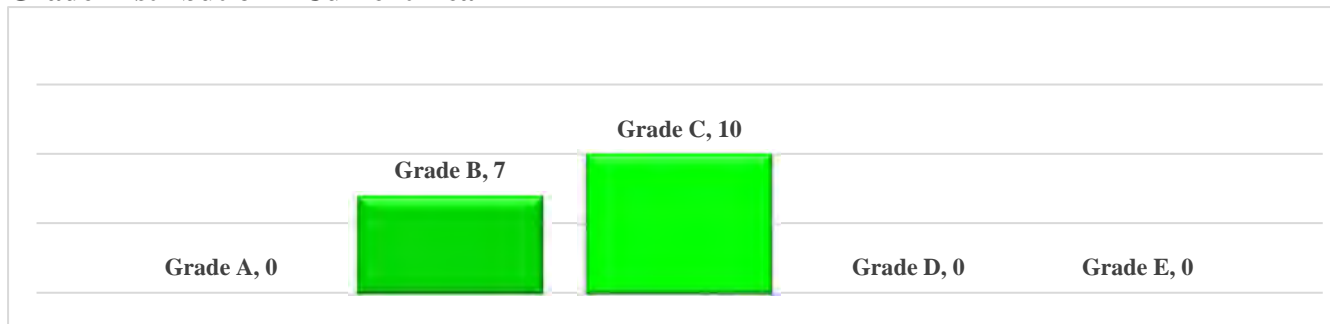
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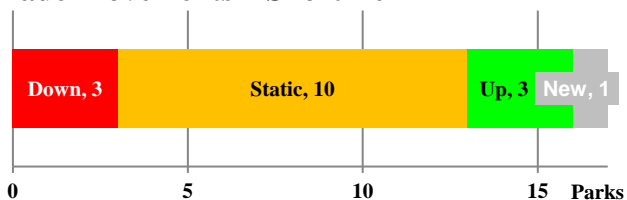
Craigmillar Castle
Park Cemetery

5.6.2 Cemeteries Service - Grades, Scores & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

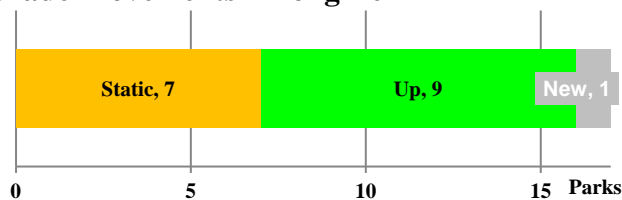
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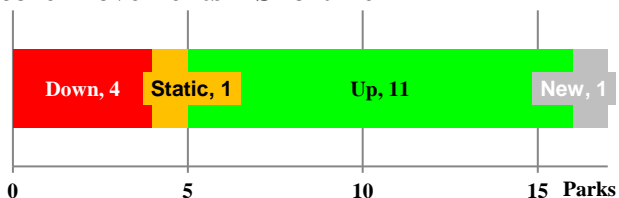
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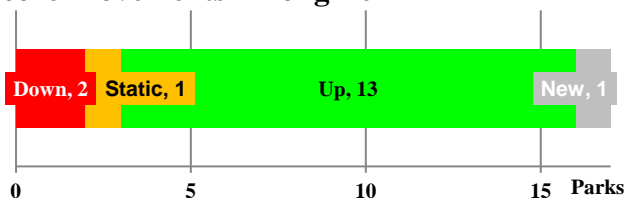
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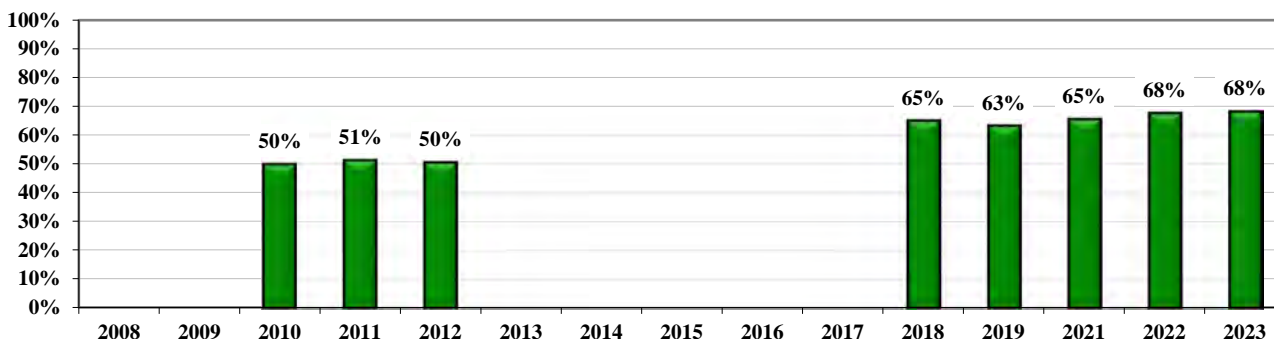
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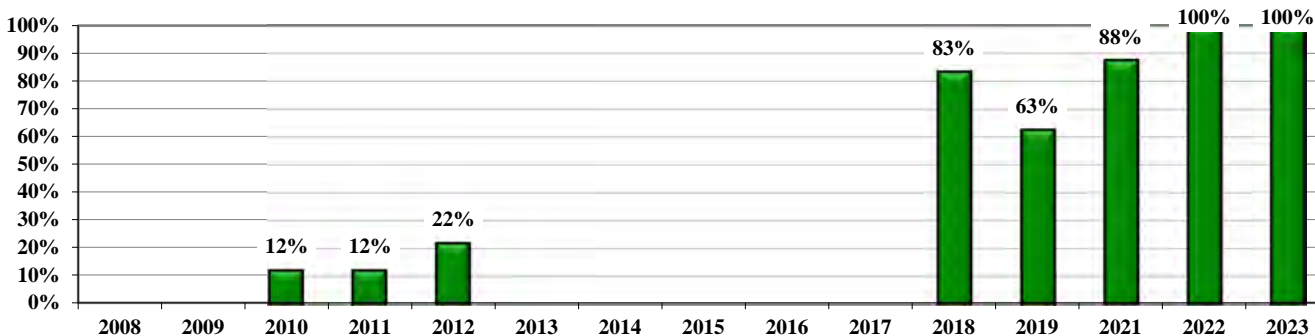
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Park Quality Score Averages



Percentage of Parks Meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



5.6.3 Cemeteries Service - Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Over the short term, **seven** out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst only **nine** fell but longer term, **20** improved whilst **three** showed a drop.

Over both the short and long term **Good & Safe Access, Appropriate Provision of Facilities, Arboricultural Maintenance, Management of Flora & Fauna, Conservation of Buildings, Community Involvement and Marketing** all showed improvement, but **Dog Fouling** and **Building & Infrastructure Maintenance** dropped scores.

In total, there were **58** instances where criteria scores improved, **297** stayed the same and **71** 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 five assessments along with an indication of the Short-Term trend (year on year) and Long-Term trend (comparing the current year against the five-assessment average) and how many park criteria scores improved, remained static or deteriorated in 2023.

Criteria	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	LT Tr	No of Parks		
							↑	→	↓
Welcoming									
Welcoming	6.5	6.9 ↑	7.2 ↑	7.6 ↑	7.1 ↓	↗	1	10	6
Good & Safe Access	6.7	6.4 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.9 ↑	7.0 ↑	↗	3	13	1
Signage	6.8	6.2 ↓	6.8 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.2 ↓	↗	1	13	3
Equal Access	5.8	6.4 ↑	6.3 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.7 ↓	↗	1	13	3
Healthy, Safe & Secure									
App. Provision of Facilities	6.7	6.3 ↓	6.3 →	6.6 ↑	6.8 ↑	↗	3	13	1
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.3 ↓	6.6 ↑	6.6 →	6.6 →	↗	4	9	4
Personal Security	7.3	6.9 ↓	7.1 ↑	7.4 ↑	7.4 →	↗	2	11	4
Dog Control & Fouling	8.5	8.0 ↓	8.3 ↑	8.1 ↓	7.9 ↓	↘	1	12	4
Clean & Well Maintained									
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	6.6 ↓	7.5 ↑	7.8 ↑	7.8 →	↗	4	9	4
Horticultural Maintenance	6.5	6.3 ↓	6.8 ↑	7.3 ↑	6.9 ↓	↗	3	8	6
Arboricultural Maintenance	6.8	6.8 →	7.1 ↑	7.3 ↑	7.5 ↑	↗	4	11	2
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.8	6.6 ↓	6.4 ↓	6.8 ↑	6.5 ↓	↘	3	9	5
Equipment Maintenance	6.2	6.7 ↑	6.6 ↓	7.1 ↑	7.1 →	↗	2	12	3
Environmental Management									
Managing Environmental Impact	6.0	6.0 →	6.0 →	6.0 →	6.0 →	→	0	16	1
Waste Minimisation	5.7	6.9 ↑	6.9 →	6.9 →	6.9 →	↗	0	16	1
Chemical Use	7.0	6.4 ↓	6.4 →	6.4 →	6.4 →	↘	0	16	1
Peat Use	9.5	9.6 ↑	9.6 →	9.6 →	9.6 →	↗	0	16	1
Climate Change Adaptation	n/a	n/a	6.0	6.0 →	6.0 →	→	0	16	1
Conservation & Heritage									
Management of Flora & Fauna	5.8	5.4 ↓	6.2 ↑	6.3 ↑	6.4 ↑	↗	3	12	2
Conservation Landscape	5.6	6.4 ↑	6.4 →	6.4 →	6.3 ↓	↗	0	4	0
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.8 ↑	6.9 ↑	↗	3	10	1
Community Involvement									
Community Involvement	5.0	6.0 ↑	6.0 →	6.0 →	6.1 ↑	↗	0	16	1
Community Provision	6.0	6.0 →	6.0 →	6.0 →	6.0 →	→	0	16	1
Marketing & Promotion									
Marketing & Promotion	5.2	3.0 ↓	3.3 ↑	3.3 →	6.0 ↑	↗	15	0	2
Information Provision	6.7	5.5 ↓	6.5 ↑	6.6 ↑	6.5 ↓	↗	3	7	7
Educ. & Interpretation Provision	3.6	3.8 ↑	4.4 ↑	5.6 ↑	5.3 ↓	↗	2	9	6

5.6.4 Cemeteries Ranked in Order of 2023 PQS with Service Area Rankings. The citywide rankings are an indication of where the cemeteries would rank out of 158 sites if parks were included.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
1	+3	18=	+40	Mortonhall Cemetery	Cemetery	70% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+5
2=	+2	30=	+28	Cramond Churchyard	Cemetery	70% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+4
2=	0	30=	+22	Grange Cemetery	Cemetery	71% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+3
4	+4	60=	+19	Greyfriar's Churchyard	Cemetery	68% (C)	71% (B)	↑	+3
5=	+3	65=	+14	Colinton Churchyard	Cemetery	68% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+2
5=	-4	65=	-35	Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	Cemetery	73% (B)	70% (B)	↓	-3
5=	+2	65=	+8	Currie Kirkyard & Cemetery	Cemetery	69% (C)	70% (B)	↑	+1
8	-6	85=	-33	Canongate Kirkyard	Cemetery	71% (B)	68% (C)	↓	-3
9=	New	98=	New	Dalry Cemetery	Cemetery	n/a	67% (C)	New	New
9=	+2	98=	+12	Ratho Cemetery	Cemetery	65% (C)	67% (C)	↑	+2
11=	-3	103=	-24	Morningside Cemetery	Cemetery	68% (C)	66% (C)	↓	-2
11=	+1	103=	+14	Portobello Cemetery	Cemetery	64% (C)	66% (C)	↑	+2
11=	-7	103=	-45	South Queensferry Cemetery	Cemetery	70% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-4
14	-2	117=	0	Liberton Cemetery	Cemetery	64% (C)	65% (C)	↑	+1
15=	0	123=	+9	Corstorphine Hill Cemetery	Cemetery	63% (C)	64% (C)	↑	+1
15=	-3	123=	-6	St Cuthbert's Cemetery	Cemetery	64% (C)	64% (C)	→	0
17	-1	130=	+7	Kirkliston Cemetery	Cemetery	62% (C)	63% (C)	↑	+1

5.6.5 Most Improved and Deteriorated Cemeteries

Short Term (Year on Year) – comparing the 2023 against the 2022 score.

Locality		Citywide		Park Name	Park Type	2022	2023	ST Trend	PQS +/-
Rank	+/-	Rank	+/-						
1	+3	18=	+40	Mortonhall Cemetery	Cemetery	70% (B)	75% (B)	↑	+5
2=	+2	30=	+28	Cramond Churchyard	Cemetery	70% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+4
2=	0	30=	+22	Grange Cemetery	Cemetery	71% (B)	74% (B)	↑	+3
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8	-6	85=	-33	Canongate Kirkyard	Cemetery	71% (B)	68% (C)	↓	-3
5=	-4	65=	-35	Craigmillar Castle Park Cemetery	Cemetery	73% (B)	70% (B)	↓	-3
11=	-7	103=	-45	South Queensferry Cemetery	Cemetery	70% (B)	66% (C)	↓	-4

Long Term (Five Year Average) – comparing the 2023 score against the 2018 score (or next available) plus the five-year average score.

Park Name	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	Diff since 2018	2023 v 5 Year Avg
Canongate Kirkyard	n/a	53% (D)	64% (C) ↑	71% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	+15	+4
Kirkliston Cemetery	n/a	50% (D)	55% (D) ↑	62% (C) ↑	63% (C) ↑	+13	+5
Morningside Cemetery	57% (D)	58% (D) ↑	64% (C) ↑	68% (C) ↑	66% (C) ↓	+9	+3
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Craigmillar Castle Park Cem.	68% (C)	70% (B) ↑	68% (C) ↓	73% (B) ↑	70% (B) ↓	+2	0
Currie Kirkyard & Cemetery	69% (C)	68% (C) ↓	69% (C) ↑	69% (C) →	70% (B) ↑	+1	+1
Colinton Churchyard	n/a	77% (B)	72% (B) ↓	68% (C) ↓	70% (B) ↑	-7	-2

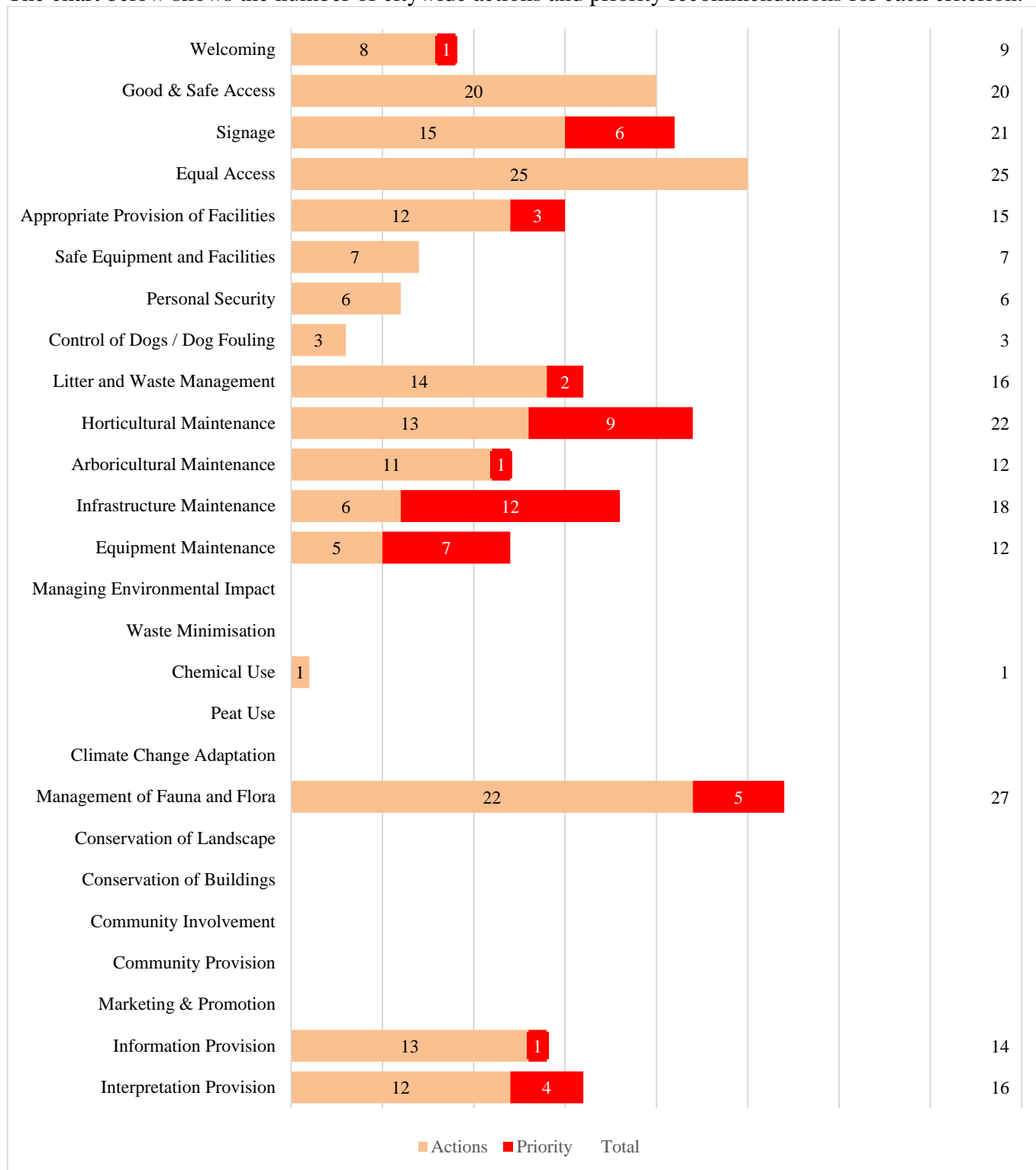
5.6.6 Cemeteries Service - Highlighted Issues, Actions & Recommendations

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, **244** actions were identified from the cemetery assessments including **51** priority recommendations. This amounted to an average of **14** actions/recommendations per park.

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



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 shows the number of Green Flag Award Parks achieved since 2007.

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 will also be subject to full or mystery shop assessments by external Green Flag judges. In addition, two peer judges biennially assess the strategy the authority has to managing its greenspaces and assesses the risk of the authority failing to maintain its Green Flag Award parks to the required standard. The last assessment in 2022 returned a successful 'Low Risk' result.

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.

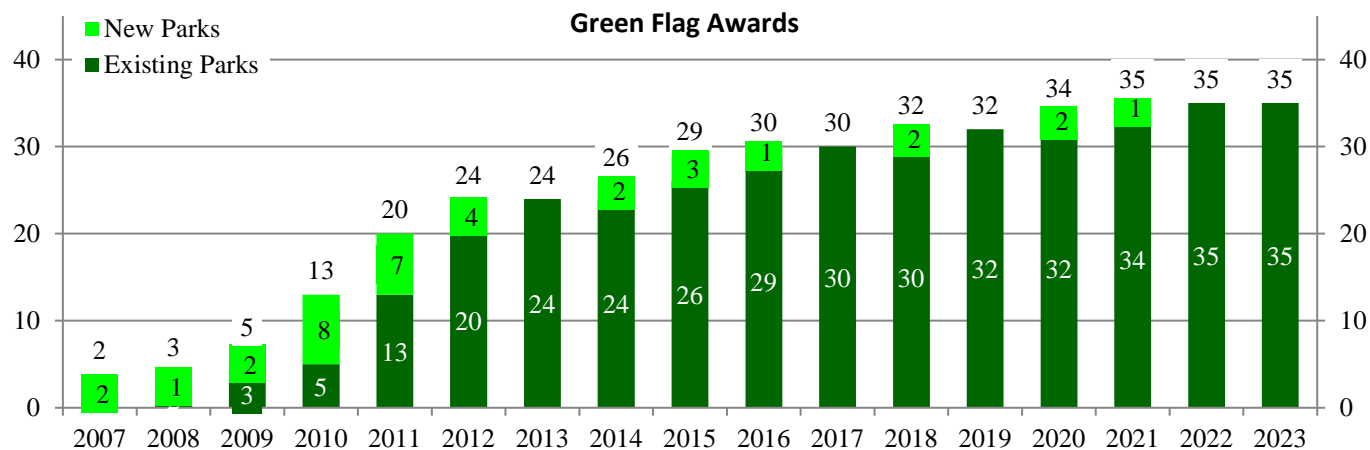
6.2 Green Flag Award 2023 Results

At the Green Flag Forum, it was agreed that **no new parks** would be submitted in 2023 which would allow managers to time to focus on existing sites, therefore **35** sites were submitted for the group award.

Following a round of full and mystery shop assessments, all 35 were successful in achieving the award for another year. A list and map of current Green Flag Award sites and associated data can be found on the following pages.

Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden achieved the Green Flag Community Award for the fourteenth year running.

With regards to the numbers of Green Flag Award sites (excluding GF Community and Green Heritage Awards), City of Edinburgh Council ranks 1st in Scotland with 35 out of the 87 Green Flags awarded and 3rd in the UK with only The London Borough of Hillingdon (67) and The Canal & River Trust (45) having more flags.



6.3 Green Flag Award 2023 Site Results

Full assessments involve judges carrying out a review of management documentation followed by a site visit involving site representatives. Both parts are scored separately and then combined to create an overall score which must total 66 or more to achieve a pass. The final result is returned as a bandwidth.

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 (advisory), Red (fail) or Not Applicable. The judge then uses the same Green, Amber & Red grading to indicate an overall result.

Where a significant issue is found that would normally result in a red/fail, site managers are sometimes allowed an opportunity to rectify the problem. If judges are then satisfied, the result is recorded as an Advisory/Amber * warning signifying remedial action was required.

Full Assessments Park Name	Assessment Type	Desk	Field	Total	Overall Result	2023 PQS & Grade
Braidburn Valley Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	73% (B)
Corstorphine Hill LNR	Full Assessment	20-24	50-54	70-74	Pass	74% (B)
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Pass	72% (B)
Lochend Park	Full Assessment	20-24	50-54	70-74	Pass	75% (B)
Muir Wood Park	Full Assessment	20-24	45-49	66-69	Amber*	75% (B)

Mystery Shop Assessments Park Name	Assessment Type	Green	Amber	Red	Overall Result	2023 PQS & Grade
Bloomiehall Park	Mystery Shop	15	2	1	Pass/Green	75% (B)
Burdiehouse Burn Valley	Mystery Shop	13	4	1	Advisory/Amber	79% (B)
Craigmillar Castle Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Pass/Green	72% (B)
Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	78% (B)
Fairmilehead Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Pass/Green	76% (B)
Ferniehill Community Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Advisory/Amber	85% (A)
Figgate Burn Park	Mystery Shop	16	1	0	Pass/Green	74% (B)
Hailes Quarry Park	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	78% (B)
Harrison Park	Mystery Shop	12	6	0	Advisory/Amber	71% (B)
Hermitage of Braid /Bl'ford	Mystery Shop	11	6	0	Advisory/Amber	80% (A)
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	72% (B)
Inverleith Park	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	73% (B)
King George V Pk Eyre Pl.	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	78% (B)
Lauriston Castle	Mystery Shop	14	3	0	Pass/Green	79% (B)
London Road Gardens	Mystery Shop	13	4	1	Advisory/Amber	74% (B)
Morningside Park	Mystery Shop	16	2	0	Pass/Green	72% (B)
Pentland Hills Regional Pk	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Pass/Green	74% (B)
Portobello Community Gdn	Mystery Shop	12	3	0	Pass/Green	73% (B)
Prestonfield Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Advisory/Amber	71% (B)
Princes Street Gardens	Mystery Shop	14	4	0	Pass/Green	73% (B)
Ravelston Park & Ravelston Woods	Mystery Shop	15	2	1	Pass/Green	73% (B) 76% (B)
Rosefield Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Advisory/Amber	75% (B)
Saughton Park	Mystery Shop	17	0	0	Pass/Green	75% (B)
Seven Acre Park	Mystery Shop	17	1	0	Pass/Green	77% (B)
Spylaw Park	Mystery Shop	14	4	0	Pass/Green	73% (B)
St Katharine's Park	Mystery Shop	10	7	1	Advisory/Amber*	75% (B)
St Margarets Park	Mystery Shop	13	5	0	Pass/Green	77% (B)
Starbank Park	Mystery Shop	18	0	0	Pass/Green	87% (A)
Station Road Park	Mystery Shop	12	5	0	Advisory/Amber	73% (B)
Victoria Park	Mystery Shop	16	2	0	Pass/Green	75% (B)

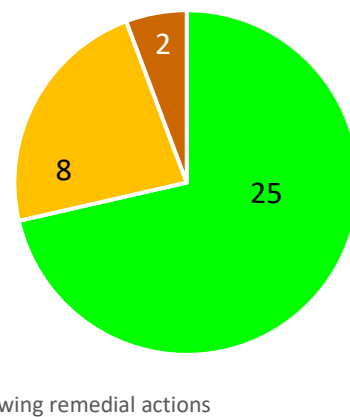
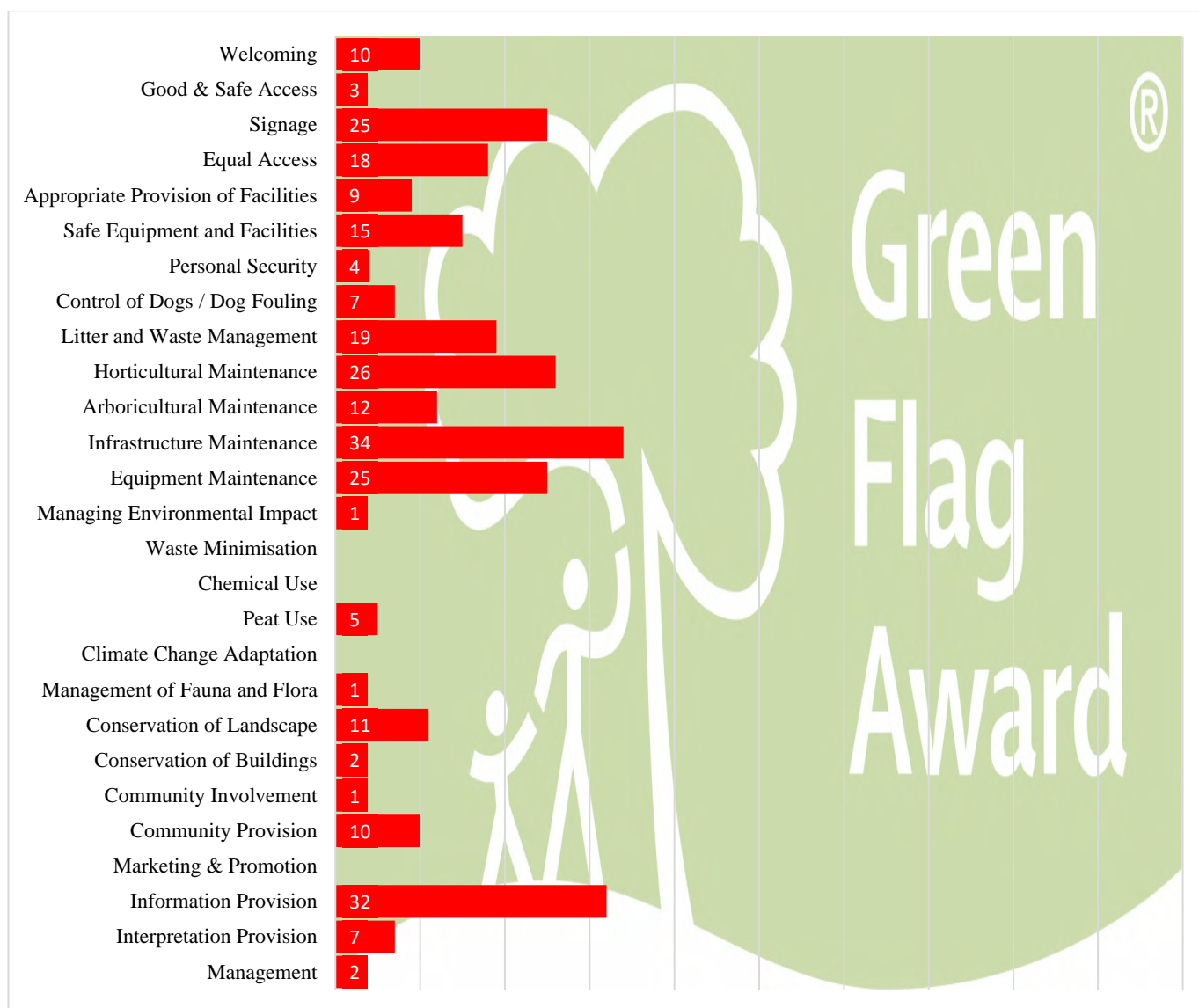
Of the **35** results received, **ten** parks returned an amber warning (one more than last year) with **two** of those requiring remedial actions to prevent judges recording the result as a red/failure.

It is interesting to note that of the **nine** parks that returned amber results in **2022**, all bar **one** (Ferniehill Community Park) received a Pass/Green assessment in 2023.

Some of the sites that received an amber result in 2023 will be recommended for a full assessment by the schemes administrators in 2024 to ensure highlighted issues have been addressed, and processes put in place to prevent the issues recurring in future.

6.4 Green Flag Award Highlighted Issues.

In total **279** highlighted issues were identified by Green Flag judges during full or mystery shop assessments, and which have been aligned to one of the GFA criteria to show where citywide improvements should be targeted. The chart below shows the number of actions against each of the criteria.



6.5 Green Flag Award & Green Flag Community Award Parks

Listed below are the current Green Flag Award parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council, sorted in alphabetical order and showing the year first achieved along with the last five results where green = pass, amber = advisory, brown = advisory following rectification and red = fail. The results also show the overall score for a full assessment or the number of green/amber/red gradings for a mystery shop.

Park	Type	Mgmt	Loc	Year 1 st achieved	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bloomiehall Park	Com	SW	SW	2021			Full 80+	Mystery 16/0/0	Mystery 15/2/1
Braidburn Valley Park	Com	SE	SE	2007	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 15/2/0	Mystery 14/4/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Full 66-69
Burdiehouse Burn Park	LNR	NHS	SE	2010	Full 66-69	Mystery 15/1/1	Mystery 11/5/2	Full 66-69	Mystery 13/4/1
Corstorphine Hill	LNR	NHS	NW	2010	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 16/0/0	Mystery 13/3/0	Mystery 12/5/0	Full 70-74
Craigmillar Castle Park	Nat	NHS	NE	2010	Mystery 17/0/0	Full 75-79	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 18/0/0
Easter Craiglockhart Hill	LNR	NHS	SW	2009	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Full 66-69	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 17/1/0
Fairmilehead Park	Com	SW	SW	2018	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 6/9/3	Mystery 11/6/1	Full 66-69	Mystery 13/5/0
Ferniehill Com. Park	Com	SE	SE	2015	Mystery 11/6/0	Mystery 15/2/0	Full 70-74	Mystery 12/6/0	Mystery 13/5/0
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	Nat	NW	NW	2012	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 11/3/0	Mystery 13/3/0	Mystery 12/4/1	Full 66-69
Figgate Burn Park	Com	NE	NE	2010	Mystery 14/4/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Full 75-79	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 16/1/0
Hailes Quarry Park	Com	SW	SW	2011	Mystery 7/6/5	Full 75-79	Mystery 13/4/0	Mystery 11/5/0	Mystery 17/1/0
Harrison Park	Com	SW	SW	2007	Mystery 11/7/0	Mystery 16/2/0	Full 80+	Mystery 13/5/0	Mystery 12/6/0
Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford	LNR	NHS	SE	2011	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 16/2/0	Mystery 14/3/0	Mystery 11/6/0
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	Garden	NE	NE	2009	Full 70-74	Mystery 13/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 14/1/1	Mystery 17/1/0
Inverleith Park	Prem	NW	NW	2010	Full 66-69	Mystery 16/2/0	Mystery 13/4/1	Mystery 13/5/0	Mystery 17/1/0
King George V Park (Eyre Place)	Com	NW	NW	2014	Mystery 9/4/4	Full 66-69	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 17/1/0
Lauriston Castle	Garden	Bot	NW	2018	Mystery 13/5/0	Mystery 13/2/0	Mystery 11/5/0	Full 66-69	Mystery 14/3/0
Lochend Park	Com	NE	NE	2012	Mystery 15/2/0	Mystery 12/3/0	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 10/8/0	Full 70-74
London Road Gardens	City	SE	SE	2010	Full 70-74	Mystery 16/2/0	Mystery 14/4/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 13/4/1
Morningside Park	Com	SE	SE	2011	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 15/1/0	Mystery 14/3/1	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 16/2/0
Muir Wood Park	Com	SW	SW	2011	Mystery 17/0/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 17/0/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Full 66-69
Pentland Hills Regional Park	Reg	NHS	SW	2008	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 17/0/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 18/0/0
Portobello Community Garden	Garden	NE	NE	2010	Mystery 12/2/2	Mystery 15/1/0	Mystery 12/5/0	Mystery 12/4/0	Mystery 12/3/0

Park	Type	Mgmt	Loc	Year 1 st achieved	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prestonfield Park	Com	SE	SE	2012	Mystery 13/2/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 7/9/2	Full 66-69	Mystery 13/5/0
Princes Street Gardens	City	Bot	SE	2011	Full 75-79	Mystery 15/2/1	Mystery 10/8/0	Mystery 12/5/1	Mystery 14/4/0
Ravelston Park & Woods *	Com LNR	NW NHS	NW	2012	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 15/3/0	Mystery 13/4/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 15/2/1
Rosefield Park	Com	NE	NE	2015	Mystery 11/6/1	Full 70-74	Mystery 10/7/1	Full 66-69	Mystery 13/5/0
Saughton Park	Prem	SW	SW	2020		Full 75-79	Mystery 15/2/1	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 17/0/0
Seven Acre Park	Com	SE	SE	2016	Mystery 15/1/0	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 16/1/0	Mystery 17/1/0
Spylaw Park	Com	SW	SW	2014	Full 75-79	Mystery 16/2/0	Mystery 10/6/1	Mystery 12/6/0	Mystery 14/4/0
St Katharine's Park	Com	SE	SE	2020		Full 80+	Mystery 15/1/1	Mystery 13/4/0	Mystery 10/7/1
St Margaret's Park	Com	NW	NW	2011	Mystery 14/3/1	Mystery 15/2/0	Full 66-69	Mystery 16/2/0	Mystery 13/5/0
Starbank Park	Com	NW	NW	2015	Mystery 16/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 17/1/0	Mystery 18/0/0	Mystery 18/0/0
Station Road Park	Nat	NW	NW	2010	Mystery 14/2/1	Mystery 11/3/1	Mystery 11/5/0	Full 66-69	Mystery 12/5/0
Victoria Park	City	NW	NW	2011	Mystery 13/4/0	Mystery 14/2/0	Mystery 15/1/2	Mystery 14/3/0	Mystery 16/2/0
Green Flag Community Award									
Corstorphine Hill Walled Garden	Com Garden	Friends of Corst. Hill	NW	2009	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Combined for Green Flag Award

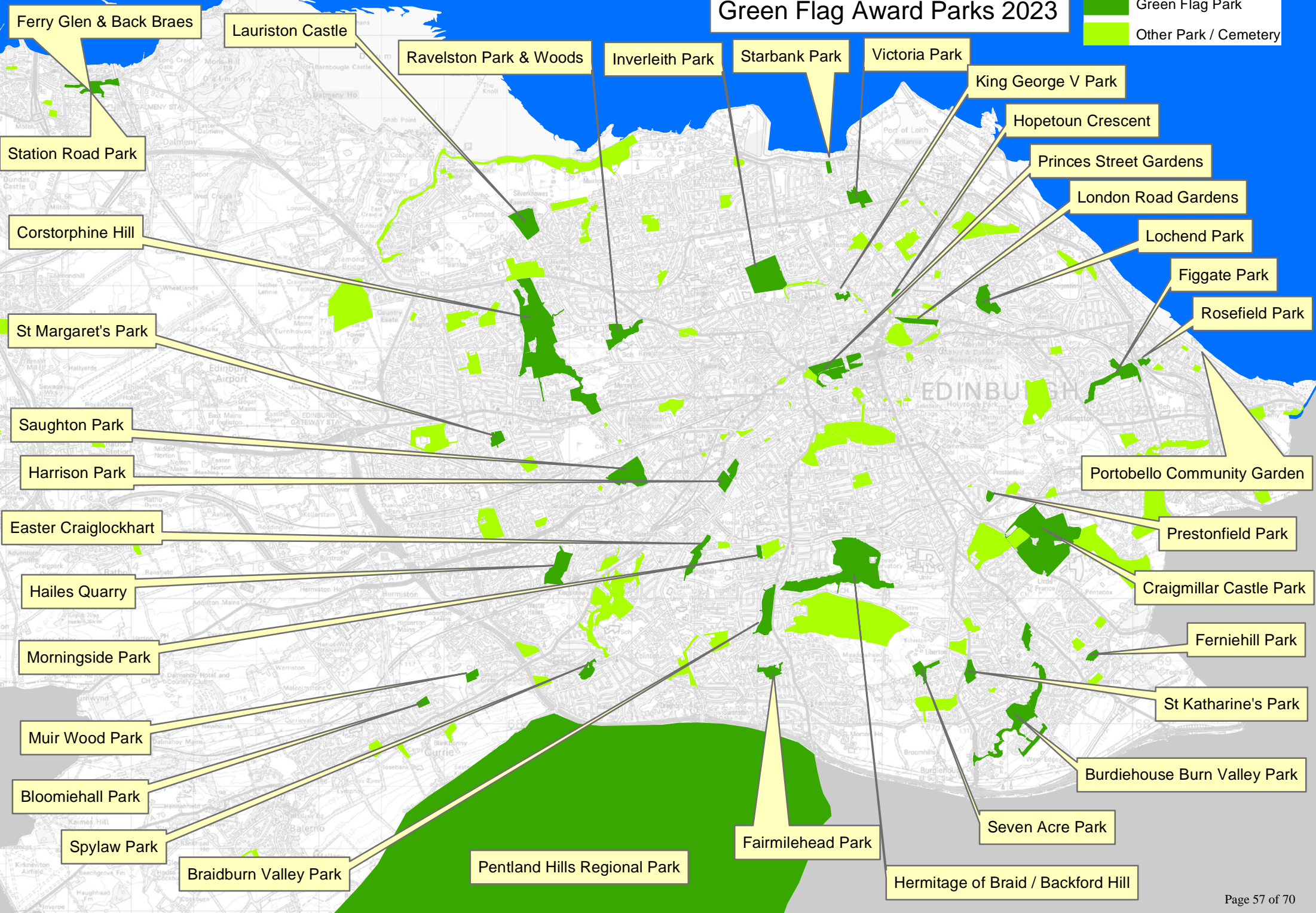


Although not managed by the Council, Edinburgh has a two further Green Flag Awards.

The Lawn & Central Woodlands at Heriot Watt University (pictured) and NHS Lothian's Royal Edinburgh Hospital Grounds.

Green Flag Award Parks 2023

Green Flag Park
Other Park / Cemetery



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
Abercorn	9	9	7	8	8	7	9	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	6	9	10	8	7	8	7	6	6	7	6	5	75%
Baronscourt	5	7	6	6	4	6	7	8	8	6	7	6	6	8	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	5	8	7	7	6	68%
Bingham	6	7	5	6	7	7	7	6	8	5	8	6	7	6	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	3	1	64%
Brighton	6	7	5	8	6	8	7	10	7	5	7	6	6	6	6	9	10	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	4	1	66%
Brunstane	5	7	5	6	5	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	8	6	9	10	7	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	6	6	66%
Cairntows	6	6	4	4	5	6	6	6	5	5	7	6	6	8	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	3	1	60%
Dalmeny St	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	5	6	5	7	7	7	7	6	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	5	3	67%
Figgate	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	9	8	8	8	7	8	8	6	9	10	9	9	7	n/a	9	9	8	7	9	80%
Hays Park	6	6	5	6	6	5	7	5	4	5	7	6	5	6	6	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	7	2	2	57%
Henderson G	6	6	4	7	7	6	6	7	6	3	6	6	7	7	6	7	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	3	1	57%
Hillside Cr	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	9	8	8	8	6	9	10	6	7	8	n/a	8	7	8	6	3	70%
Hopetoun Cr	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	6	8	6	9	10	7	9	9	8	9	8	8	8	9	79%
Hunters Hall	6	7	4	6	7	6	7	7	4	7	5	7	6	7	6	9	10	8	8	8	n/a	8	6	7	4	4	66%
Jewel Park	5	7	4	6	6	7	7	6	7	5	8	6	7	7	6	9	10	7	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	4	3	1	61%
Joppa Quarry	3	5	4	6	7	7	8	8	7	4	7	6	7	7	6	9	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	5	4	62%
Keddie Park	5	6	5	8	5	5	7	7	7	6	6	7	5	7	6	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	5	5	63%
Leith Links	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	9	10	6	8	7	5	8	6	7	7	6	73%
Lochend	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	6	6	7	7	6	8	6	9	10	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	73%
Magdalene	6	7	7	6	8	8	8	10	6	8	8	6	7	8	6	9	10	7	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	68%
Meadowfield	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	9	10	8	6	7	n/a	6	7	7	6	6	70%
Montgomery	4	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	4	7	8	6	5	7	6	9	10	6	8	n/a	7	8	7	7	7	6	66%
Newcraighal	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%
Pilrig Park	4	7	4	8	7	7	5	7	7	5	7	6	5	8	6	9	10	8	6	n/a	6	8	7	7	5	6	66%
Portobello C	7	7	7	8	7	8	9	8	8	6	n/a	7	8	6	6	9	10	7	6	8	8	6	6	7	6	7	73%
Redbraes	6	7	7	7	8	7	6	8	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	5	6	7	7	6	68%

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS
Rosefield	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	4	8	6	7	8	6	9	10	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	75%
Seafield Rec	5	6	3	2	5	5	7	6	5	6	7	5	3	6	6	9	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	3	6	4	2	1	51%
Straiton Pl	5	7	4	7	6	6	8	7	7	5	n/a	7	6	7	6	9	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	6	7	7	2	1	60%
Taylor Gdns	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	8	6	7	7	6	9	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	5	7	7	7	6	68%

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Allison	4	6	5	5	7	7	8	8	6	4	8	5	6	7	7	9	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	6	7	61%
Balgreen	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	4	8	7	6	6	7	9	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	4	1	59%
Buttercup	8	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	9	7	7	7	10	7	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	8	8	74%
Clermiston	8	8	6	6	7	5	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	7	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	5	5	5	68%
Cram Wall	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	7	9	10	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7	5	67%
D' Mains	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	7	7	7	7	72%
Drumbrae	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	5	5	63%
East Pilton	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	6	66%
E. Drylaw	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	7	6	8	6	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	7	6	68%
Fauldburn	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	4	7	5	8	7	72%
Ferry Glen	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	6	7	71%
Glendevon	7	7	6	4	7	7	7	9	8	5	8	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	3	6	2	5	1	62%

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Granton Cr	6	6	5	4	6	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	4	5	61%
Gyle Park	8	8	7	7	9	9	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	6	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	9	6	5	8	5	74%
Gypsy Brae	4	7	5	7	7	7	6	6	5	6	8	6	5	7	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	4	6	63%
Haugh Park	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	9	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	1	6	2	4	3	62%
Inchcolm	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	8	4	8	6	7	6	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	5	6	5	66%
Inverleith	7	9	6	9	8	7	9	7	8	5	8	6	6	8	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	9	8	8	6	7	74%
KGV Eyre Pl	6	7	6	7	8	7	8	8	8	5	7	7	7	7	7	9	10	6	6	8	8	8	7	8	5	8	72%
KGV (SQ)	7	7	7	6	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	5	70%
Lauriston	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	9	7	6	7	9	7	7	7	8	7	8	74%
Muirhouse	4	5	6	7	8	8	6	7	4	4	8	6	5	6	7	9	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	4	3	58%
Orchard Park	6	5	5	5	5	5	8	9	7	5	8	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	8	6	5	6	3	63%
Parkside	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	3	2	65%
Pikes Pool	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	4	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	7	6	69%
Ratho St Fly	3	4	3	2	3	6	7	5	5	4	7	4	3	6	7	8	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	49%
Ratho St	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	6	8	7	8	6	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	1	6	5	4	3	65%
Ravelston	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	6	8	7	8	7	6	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	7	7	7	73%
Riverside	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	7	6	4	7	5	5	6	7	9	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	1	6	3	5	2	55%
Rocheid Path	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	8	4	8	6	7	9	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	9	6	8	6	5	70%
Roseburn	8	9	9	9	7	8	8	6	7	7	7	9	9	6	7	9	10	8	5	n/a	7	7	6	5	6	7	74%
Silverknowes	7	7	6	5	6	5	6	7	6	7	7	5	5	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	7	6	64%
St Margarets	8	8	8	7	8	7	9	9	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	9	10	6	7	7	8	7	6	8	8	8	77%
St Marks	7	7	6	6	7	6	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	2	6	5	6	5	66%
Starbank	9	8	9	8	8	8	9	8	9	10	9	8	9	8	7	9	10	6	9	9	8	10	9	10	9	9	87%
Station Road	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	6	6	73%
Union Park	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	5	7	5	6	5	68%
Victoria Park	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	5	7	8	6	8	6	7	75%
West Pilton	5	5	5	6	7	6	6	7	5	6	7	5	6	7	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	8	7	5	4	64%

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Atholl Cr	6	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	8	6	n/a	6	6	6	7	7	70%
Barony Com	6	8	7	8	7	7	7	9	6	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	7	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	7	6	5	3	64%
Bauks View	7	7	8	5	8	6	8	4	8	8	8	7	7	8	9	6	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	9	6	6	6	6	71%
Bellevue Cr	6	7	6	5	6	7	7	8	8	5	7	7	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	6	n/a	4	6	6	7	7	66%
Braid Hills	7	6	7	5	7	6	7	8	8	7	7	6	7	8	8	6	10	6	9	9	n/a	8	8	6	7	7	72%
Braidburn V	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	6	6	8	8	6	10	6	9	8	7	10	10	9	7	8	79%
Calton Hill	7	7	6	6	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	6	10	6	8	10	7	9	9	8	6	8	74%
Coates Cr	6	8	6	8	8	8	7	8	7	6	8	7	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	8	69%
Deaconess	8	7	7	6	8	8	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	n/a	n/a	4	6	6	6	8	69%
Drum Park	6	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	8	6	69%
Dunbars Cl	7	8	8	9	8	8	6	8	9	9	9	8	8	6	7	8	7	6	8	7	9	8	6	8	8	8	77%
Ferniehill	8	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	8	6	n/a	6	8	8	8	9	78%
Fernieside	4	7	4	5	4	8	6	8	8	5	8	7	6	6	7	6	10	6	4	n/a	n/a	7	6	5	7	7	63%
Gardners Cr	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	4	7	8	7	6	6	6	10	6	6	9	8	6	6	7	7	8	71%
Gayfield Sq	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	6	6	8	6	8	5	5	61%
Gracemount	4	6	5	7	5	7	4	9	6	4	6	6	4	6	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	3	1	57%
Grannys Gr	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	4	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	10	6	6	8	6	7	6	6	6	6	62%
Inch Park	6	8	8	8	9	8	7	8	7	5	8	7	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	6	7	9	6	8	8	6	74%
Liberton	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	7	6	7	7	72%
London Rd	5	5	8	7	7	7	6	8	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	6	10	6	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	71%
Moredund	6	7	6	5	7	8	7	9	7	4	7	7	7	7	7	6	10	6	3	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	6	6	64%
Morgan Play	4	6	6	7	7	8	7	8	7	6	8	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	6	5	5	6	65%
Morningside	6	8	8	8	9	8	7	9	6	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	5	8	9	7	8	73%
Mortonhall	4	4	5	2	3	7	6	8	8	3	7	6	5	6	8	10	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	5	5	4	57%
Nicolson Sq	7	7	6	8	6	7	7	8	6	6	8	7	6	6	7	6	10	6	7	6	7	8	6	6	7	8	69%
Prestonfield	8	9	8	9	9	8	9	9	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	10	6	7	6	n/a	6	8	8	8	8	78%
P'field War	6	7	8	4	6	7	9	7	8	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	7	8	8	6	6	6	68%

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PSG	7	7	5	5	8	8	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	9	8	6	9	7	6	6	73%
Regent Road	6	8	7	7	8	8	7	6	4	6	8	7	6	6	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	6	6	7	7	7	8	69%
Seven Acre	7	8	8	7	9	8	8	7	5	4	7	7	7	8	9	8	10	6	9	n/a	n/a	9	8	9	8	9	77%
St Katharines	6	8	7	8	7	7	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	8	9	10	10	6	8	n/a	7	8	8	8	8	8	75%
St Patrick Sq	6	8	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	6	5	7	5	7	6	7	7	68%
Meadows	8	8	6	8	9	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	6	8	8	6	9	9	9	7	7	75%

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Facilities Provision	Safe Facilities	Personal Security	Dog Fouling	Litter Management	Horticulture	Arboriculture	Building Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Management	Waste Minimisation	Chemical Use	Peat Use	Climate Change	Biodiversity	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Interpretative Provision	PQS
Blinkbonny	5	6	4	6	6	7	6	6	7	5	7	6	6	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	4	2	62%
Bloomiehall	7	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	7	6	8	75%
Campbell Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	8	8	8	7	7	9	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	7	8	6	6	6	6	75%
Colinton Main	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	7	8	7	8	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	8	6	6	6	6	73%
Curriemuirend	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	6	4	6	5	4	4	8	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	5	4	54%
Dovecot Park	7	6	7	4	6	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	70%
Fairmilehead	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	9	9	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	7	7	7	74%
Fountainbridge	3	7	4	7	8	8	7	7	5	2	6	6	5	6	7	9	7	6	4	n/a	n/a	7	7	6	4	3	59%
Hailes Quarry	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	9	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	7	7	72%
Harrison Park	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	7	9	7	6	8	n/a	6	8	6	8	7	8	73%

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KGV Currie	7	7	6	7	8	6	6	8	7	6	6	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	7	7	6	6	7	7	68%	
Malleny Park	6	6	6	6	6	7	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	3	6	4	6	1	68%	
Marchbank	6	7	6	6	7	7	8	7	8	5	8	7	8	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	6	5	69%	
Meadowspot	7	7	7	5	6	7	8	8	8	5	7	6	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	4	6	4	7	4	66%	
Muir Wood	8	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	8	6	8	8	8	75%	
Murieston	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	8	6	7	7	4	72%	
Paties Road	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	6	7	7	6	7	9	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	5	70%	
Pentland V	7	7	6	6	7	8	8	9	7	6	8	6	7	8	7	7	10	6	5	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	6	69%	
Ratho Park	6	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	8	7	8	7	5	6	7	9	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	6	67%	
Redford	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	7	9	10	6	8	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	5	65%	
Redhall Park	7	6	7	7	7	8	7	8	8	5	6	5	8	9	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	6	8	6	6	7	6	70%	
Saughton	5	8	6	8	9	8	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	7	5	7	6	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	7	8	75%
Sighthill	8	7	7	6	6	7	8	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	6	69%	
Spylaw Park	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	6	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	n/a	7	7	6	8	7	7	73%	
Stenhouse Pl	5	7	6	7	4	7	8	8	8	4	7	7	5	8	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	4	6	63%	
Whinhill	6	8	7	7	6	7	8	6	5	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	3	6	6	6	3	65%	
White Park	5	7	6	6	8	7	8	8	7	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	6	68%	

7.5 Natural Heritage 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
BBVP	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	8	9	10	8	7	7	n/a	10	8	10	4	6	72%
Cammo Est	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	6	8	10	8	9	10	8	9	10	6	10	9	9	7	7	80%
The Dells	7	7	5	6	6	6	7	7	8	6	8	7	6	9	8	9	10	8	8	7	7	10	9	10	6	7	75%
Corst Hill	7	7	8	7	7	8	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	9	10	8	8	9	8	10	9	10	7	7	78%
Craigmillar	6	8	7	7	8	7	7	8	6	6	8	8	7	9	8	9	10	8	8	8	n/a	9	8	8	5	7	76%
Cram Fore	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	5	7	6	7	7	6	8	8	9	10	8	7	8	7	9	8	7	7	8	75%
ECH	8	8	9	7	8	7	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	9	10	8	9	9	n/a	10	10	10	8	9	85%
HOB	6	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	6	6	9	8	9	10	8	9	9	6	9	9	9	8	8	78%
Little France	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%
Meadows Yd	6	5	6	3	5	5	4	7	8	7	6	5	6	9	8	9	10	8	7	7	n/a	6	6	9	7	7	66%
PHRP	8	7	8	8	9	7	8	8	7	9	7	8	7	10	8	9	10	8	7	10	8	10	9	10	7	7	82%
Ravelston W	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	9	10	7	9	9	6	7	8	8	6	7	76%
RAW	7	7	8	6	7	6	7	8	7	6	7	5	7	9	8	9	10	7	8	9	8	9	9	9	8	8	77%

7.6 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	
Canongate	7	8	7	8	7	6	5	7	8	6	7	7	8	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	68%
Colinton Ch	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	7	8	5	7	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	6	70%	
Corst Hill	7	5	8	5	6	5	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	64%	
Craigmillar	7	8	7	7	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	6	2	70%	
Cramond Ch	9	8	8	7	8	8	8	9	9	8	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	8	6	6	6	7	6	74%	
Currie Kirk	6	7	8	7	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	6	8	6	6	6	7	3	70%	
Dalry Cem	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	5	7	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	7	n/a	n/a	7	6	6	7	6	67%	
Grange Cem	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	9	8	8	8	8	7	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	8	6	6	6	8	9	74%	
Greyfriars	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	9	7	8	5	9	6	7	6	10	6	8	n/a	4	6	6	6	8	7	71%	
Kirkliston	7	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	6	7	5	6	6	7	6	10	6	3	n/a	7	6	6	6	6	4	63%	
Liberton	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	6	6	6	6	6	5	65%	
Morningside	7	6	7	6	5	6	7	6	7	5	7	6	6	6	7	10	10	6	6	n/a	n/a	6	6	6	7	7	66%	
Mortonhall	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	6	7	6	7	6	8	7	8	6	6	6	8	7	75%	
Portobello	6	7	7	5	4	4	6	7	8	8	7	8	8	6	7	6	10	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	66%	
Ratho	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	7	6	5	n/a	8	6	6	6	5	2	67%	
S Q'ferry	8	7	6	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	4	7	6	7	6	10	6	5	n/a	6	6	6	6	6	5	66%	
St Cuthberts	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	8	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	10	6	6	n/a	7	6	6	6	5	6	64%	

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

Community Involvement

The following guidance 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

