Park Quality Assessments 2018



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1 Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

To this end our vision is:

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



Easter Drylaw Park

2 Methodology

2.1 Green Flag

The Green Flag Award is the national 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 was also seen as a way of encouraging others to achieve the same high environmental standards, creating a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas.



2.2 Criteria used

Whilst the Green Flag Award contains both desk and field research, this project was limited to site based 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.

Although some criteria are difficult to assess during a field visit, the Green Flag Forum evaluated certain criteria in a desktop exercise and provided guidance for allocating scores. Site managers are asked to score the 'desktop' criteria on an annual basis.

Listed below are the criteria that were used in the quality assessments:

A Welcoming Park

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

Healthy, Safe and Secure

- Safe equipment facilities
- Personal security in park
- Dog fouling
- Appropriate provision of facilities
- Quality of facilities

Clean and Well Maintained

- Litter and waste management
- Grounds maintenance and horticulture
- Buildings and infrastructure maintenance
- Equipment maintenance

Sustainability

- Environmental sustainability energy and natural resource conservation, pollution (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Pesticides (Desktop Assessment)
- Peat use (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Waste minimisation (Desktop Assessment)
- Arboriculture and woodland management

Conservation and Heritage

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

Community Involvement

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

Marketing

- Marketing and promotion (*Desktop Assessment*)
- Provision of appropriate information
- Provision of appropriate educational interpretation/information

Management (not currently used)

• Implementation of the management plan

2.3 Scoring of Criteria

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

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

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

2.4 Park Quality Score

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

2.5 Variance

In an attempt to ensure that a consistent and accurate score for each site was achieved, assessment teams are led by an experienced officer who in most cases is also a formal Green Flag Award judge. There was also additional guidance included in the assessment documentation. Scores and comments from the previous year's assessment, along with improvements carried out over the last 12 months were also provided to assessors so as to provide a starting point, with improvements and deterioration in quality reflected in the scoring.

Each site was assessed once by a team of assessors.

2.6 Bandwidth Scoring & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

The system used in 2009 saw the introduction of bandwidths to accommodate the natural variance of assessors both in terms of reliability and repeatability with a 10% variance between different assessors deemed acceptable.

Up until 2018, bandwidth scores were set for different park classifications due to the expected levels of quality on such with each displaying a textual description of the park quality, ranging from Excellent to Poor. The Edinburgh Minimum Standard (EMS) was set as Good/Good+ for all parks but the EMS score was different for each park type. Initially, this approach was useful in describing a parks quality without the need to explain the scoring but the mechanics were considered difficult to understand.

As improvements in parks have been made, especially in more strategic elements like Waste Minimisation and Marketing & Promotion, scores have also increased over the years to the point that in some parks, the more visual elements of park quality i.e. Litter Management and Grounds Maintenance do not match the resulting terminology used to describe the park. Coupled with the fact that only four parks didn't meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard in 2017, it was felt that the bandwidth system needed reviewed.

In 2018, a simplified version (see table below) was agreed, making it both easier to understand and explain and the Edinburgh Minimum Standard is now set at Grade C (PQS of 60%) for all park types. All previous data has been retrospectively amended to show the data in the new format to enable year on year analysis.

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	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Std	Grade D	Grade E
All Parks & Cemeteries	100%-80%	79% - 70%	69% - 60%	60%	59% - 50%	49% - 0%

2.7 Localities

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

Previous results were also grouped by Neighbourhood Partnership Areas but recent changes to boundaries now see some parks fall into two or even three NP areas. Because the 'whole' park is judged, this has made the reporting of parks data at this level difficult so it was agreed to omit this level of data from the report.

There was a small change to Locality boundaries in 2017 that meant St Mark's Park is now included in North West and Gardner's Crescent in South East Edinburgh and as a result has impacted on all four Localities. Locality performance results have been retrospectively amended to provide year on year analysis.

Natural Heritage and Botanical Sites continue to be included within Locality figures due to the geographical aspects of the sites along with the continued support these sites obtain from the Locality.

2.8 Sites

Due to the ongoing restoration works at Saughton Park, the site has been temporarily removed from the assessment list in 2018.

In total 138 sites were identified to be assessed in 2018

2.9 Assessors

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

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

In total 39 assessors were used to carry out this year's assessments and since 2008, over 140 assessors have taken part with many being involved for two or more years.

Assessor Totals

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



3 Performance Results

3.1 Bandwidth Summary

	No of					
Partnership Area	Parks	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
North East Edinburgh	31	0 0%	6 19%	18 <i>58%</i>	6 19%	1 3%
North West Edinburgh	44	1 2%	12 27%	20 45%	9 20%	2 5%
South East Edinburgh	34	1 3%	21 62%	12 35%	0 0%	0 0%
South West Edinburgh	29	2 7%	7 24%	16 55%	3 10%	1 3%
Citywide	138	4 3%	46 33%	66 48%	18 13%	4 3%

The table below show a summary of the bandwidths for 2018.

3.2 Short Term Trend

The table below shows a summary of the site bandwidth trends against the 2017 or last know site results.

Locality	No of Parks	Improved	Deteri	orated	Sta	tic
North East Edinburgh	31	2 6%	5	16%	24	77%
North West Edinburgh	44	8 18%	4	9%	32	73%
South East Edinburgh	34	6 18%	1	3%	27	79%
South West Edinburgh	29	6 21%	0	0%	23	79%
Citywide	138	22 16%	10	7%	106	77%

3.3 Park Quality Score Averages

The table below shows the average PQS score over the last five years.

Locality	No of Parks	2014 Avg PQS	2015 Avg PQS	2016 Avg PQS	2017 Avg PQS	2018 Avg PQS	Trend
North East Edinburgh	31	59%	59%	61%	64%	64%	\Leftrightarrow
North West Edinburgh	44	60%	61%	62%	63%	65%	1
South East Edinburgh	34	63%	65%	67%	70%	71%	1
South West Edinburgh	29	58%	61%	62%	65%	66%	1
Citywide	138	60%	62%	63%	65%	66%	1

3.4 Edinburgh Minimum Standard

Performance indicators have been developed to show the percentage of sites in each Locality that meet this standard with targets set to drive improvement. The targets through to 2018 are listed below.

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

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

The previous year's data below has been retrospectively amended to allow year on year analysis following the change to the bandwidths and Edinburgh Minimum Standard score as explained on page 5. Previous year's data ignores changes to boundaries and shows performance based in which locality parks current lie.

Locality	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Target Met
North East Edinburgh	15/32 47%	17/32 53%	19/32 59%	23/31 74%	24/31 77%	①	No
North West Edinburgh	22/44 50%	25/45 56%	29/45 64%	30/44 68%	33/44 75%	仓	No
South East Edinburgh	24/32 75%	28/32 88%	27/34 79%	31/34 91%	34/34 100%	仓	Yes
South West Edinburgh	12/29 41%	13/29 45%	19/30 63%	21/30 70%	25/29 86%	仓	No
Citywide	73/137 53%	83/138 60%	94/141 67%	105/139 76%	116/138 84%	仓	No

Edinburgh Minimum Standard Met Target 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% North East North West South East South West Citywide



Leith Links

4 Area Results

The following pages are split into Localities showing each site score and bandwidth results since 2008, the short-term trend and whether or not the park meets the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.

In addition, graphs are included to demonstrate an area's average park quality score, percentage of parks meeting the Edinburgh Minimum Standard, bandwidths, short term trend and criteria averages.

A list of all parks in the area sorted by the 2018 Parks Quality Score is also provided with the most improved and deteriorated parks highlighted.

Finally, a summary of which criteria the judges feel improvement should be targeted is also included.

Additional pages are included to list Natural Heritage and Green Flag Award parks with similar information.



Figgate Park



London Road Gardens



Station Road Park



Harrison Park

4.1 North East Edinburgh

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Abercorn Park	Com	D (43%)	D (61%)	D (64%)	C (70%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	B (65%)	B (68%)	C (70%)	B (67%)	C (68%)	Û	
Baronscourt Park	Com	E (36%)	F (54%)	E (59%)	E (59%)	E (61%)	F (62%)	D (62%)	D (64%)	D (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	¢	
Bingham Park	Com	E (46%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (66%)	E (66%)	D (64%)	D (64%)	E (63%)	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	¢	
Brighton Park	Com	D (44%)	D (52%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	D (62%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	¢	
Brunstane Mill	Nat	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	C (70%)	C (72%)	C (69%)	¢	
Cairntows Park	Com	F (29%)	F (34%)	E (44%)	E (48%)	E (45%)	D (54%)	E (46%)	E (47%)	E (48%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	¢	×
Craigmillar Castle Park 🗺	Nat	C (67%)	C (58%)	B (67%)	B (68%)	B (67%)	C (59%)	B (66%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	
Dalmeny Street Park	Com	E (47%)	D (47%)	D (45%)	C (53%)	C (53%)	C (59%)	C (58%)	C (58%)	D (56%)	C (56%)	C (60%)	¢	
Figgate Burn Park 🗺	Com	D (51%)	D (56%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	¢	
Hays Park	Com	N/A	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	E (48%)	E (43%)	F (39%)	E (48%)	E (49%)	D (51%)	Û	×
Henderson Gardens Park	Com	F (37%)	E (42%)	E (48%)	E (48%)	F (38%)	E (45%)	E (48%)	E (42%)	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (44%)	¢	×
Hillside Crescent Gardens	Gdn	E (55%)	D (48%)	D (45%)	E (52%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	D (60%)	D (65%)	C (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	¢	
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 🔝	Gdn	B (52%)	C (56%)	B (62%)	B (70%)	B (65%)	B (66%)	B (66%)	B (73%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	¢	
Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	City	F (29%)	E (44%)	E (49%)	E (53%)	E (49%)	E (52%)	E (53%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (59%)	C (60%)	¢	
Jewel Park	Com	F (31%)	F (32%)	F (27%)	E (42%)	E (47%)	E (48%)	D (55%)	D (53%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	D (55%)	¢	×
Joppa Quarry Park	Com	E (28%)	E (48%)	E (43%)	E (44%)	E (46%)	D (49%)	D (48%)	D (54%)	D (60%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	¢	
Keddie Park	Com	E (46%)	F (35%)	F (38%)	F (39%)	E (42%)	E (42%)	E (44%)	E (49%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	¢	×
Leith Links	Prem	D (52%)	E (59%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	¢	
Lochend Park 🗺	Com	F (64%)	D (68%)	C (69%)	D (69%)	C (70%)	C (72%)	C (73%)	C (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	¢	
Magdalene Glen	Com	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	E (44%)	D (55%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	仓	
Meadowfield Park	Com	D (52%)	E (54%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	D (53%)	C (56%)	C (55%)	C (53%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	¢	
Meadows Yard	Nat	D (68%)	D (64%)	D (69%)	D (67%)	D (65%)	C (61%)	C (58%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	Û	
Montgomery Street Park	Com	E (39%)	D (41%)	D (41%)	C (51%)	C (52%)	C (51%)	C (50%)	C (55%)	C (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	¢	
Newcraighall Park	Com	D (57%)	D (54%)	D (56%)	D (60%)	D (63%)	C (65%)	D (70%)	C (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	Û	
Pilrig Park	Com	E (49%)	E (32%)	D (38%)	D (51%)	D (55%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	D (65%)	D (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	Û	
Portobello Community Garden 🗺	Com	C (59%)	C (55%)	D (63%)	C (64%)	B (63%)	B (60%)	B (68%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (63%)	C (69%)	Û	
Redbraes Park	Com	D (57%)	D (51%)	C (62%)	D (59%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	¢	×
Rosefield Park 🗺	Com	D (56%)	E (47%)	D (59%)	D (56%)	D (59%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	\$	

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Seafield Recreation Ground	Rec	E (42%)	E (45%)	D (54%)	D (52%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	E (48%)	E (47%)	D (51%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	\$	×
Straiton Place Park	Com	D (55%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	¢	V
Taylor Gardens	Gard	D (38%)	D (45%)	D (47%)	D (46%)	D (52%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (57%)	C (59%)	C (64%)	(V

Filler = Green Flag Award park



North East Edinburgh



Average Park Quality Score

% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

North East Edinburgh Locality – 31 Parks

torth East Euniburgh Eocan	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	f criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	^	→ ←	
Welcoming	6.2	6.2	→←	3	8	8	16	7
Good Safe Access	6.8	6.9	•	5	8	6	19	6
Signage	6.1	5.8	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	3	9	2	21	8
Equal Access	6.1	6.2	1	2	8	7	19	5
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.9	7.0	1	5	9	11	14	6
Personal Security in Park	7.1	7.2	•	4	9	3	26	2
Dog Fouling	6.5	6.9	1	1	9	14	10	7
Facility Provision	6.8	7.0	1	2	9	8	19	4
Quality of Facilities	7.0	7.2	1	5	8	6	24	1
Litter & Waste Management	5.7	5.9	•	1	8	10	14	7
Grounds Maintenance	5.9	5.8	↓	1	8	10	12	9
Building Maintenance	6.3	6.5	•	5	8	7	23	1
Equipment Maintenance	6.5	6.4	↓	4	8	4	20	7
Environmental Sustainability	6.4	6.4	→←	6	8	0	31	0
Pesticides	7.1	7.1	→←	6	10	0	30	1
Peat Use	10	10	→←	10	10	0	31	0
Waste Minimisation	6.1	6.1	→←	4	9	0	31	0
Woodland Management	6.8	6.8	→←	3	8	6	20	5
Conservation Fauna & Flora	6.4	6.4	→←	3	9	5	20	6
Conservation Landscape	6.0	6.0	→←	3	9	0	31	0
Conservation Buildings	6.6	6.5	↓	5	8	2	26	3
Community Involvement	5.5	5.6	•	1	9	2	29	0
Community Provision	6.4	6.5	1	6	9	1	30	0
Marketing & Promotion	5.5	5.5	→←	3	8	0	31	0
Information Provision	4.9	5.1	1	2	8	8	19	4
Interpretative Provision	4.1	4.2	1	1	9	6	19	6

Locality	Citywide	gn parks ranked in order of 20.				+/-
Rank	Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2017	2018	%
1=	6=	Figgate Park 🗺	Community	78%	78%	0%
1=	6=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 🗺	Garden	78%	78%	0%
3	11=	Rosefield Park 🗺	Community	78%	76%	-2%
4	20=	Craigmillar Castle Park 🗺	Natural	72%	74%	+2%
5	24=	Lochend Park 🗺	Community	73%	73%	0%
6	43=	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	70%	70%	0%
7=	51=	Meadows Yard	Natural	72%	69%	-3%
7=	51=	Brunstane Mill	Natural	67%	69%	+2%
7=	51=	Portobello Community Gdn 🗺	Community	74%	69%	-5%
7=	51=	Pilrig Park	Community	73%	69%	-4%
11=	60=	Newcraighall Park	Community	71%	68%	-3%
11=	60=	Abercorn Park	Community	71%	68%	-3%
13=	65=	Leith Links	Premier	65%	67%	+2%
13=	65=	Brighton Park	Community	65%	67%	+2%
15	76=	Montgomery Street Park	Community	64%	65%	+1%
16=	84=	Meadowfield Park	Community	62%	64%	+2%
16=	84=	Taylor Gardens	Garden	60%	64%	+4%
16=	84=	Baronscourt Park	Community	60%	64%	+4%
19	94=	Straiton Place Park	Community	61%	63%	+2%
20	99=	Magdalene Glen	Community	58%	62%	+4%
21=	109=	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	61%	60%	-1%
21=	109=	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	62%	60%	-2%
21=	109=	Bingham Park	Community	60%	60%	0%
21=	109=	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	City	60%	60%	0%
25	121=	Cairntows Park	Community	52%	58%	+6%
26=	128=	Jewel Park	Community	58%	55%	-3%
26=	128=	Redbraes Park	Community	54%	55%	+1%
28	131	Keddie Park	Community	52%	54%	+2%
29	133	Seafield Recreation Ground	Recreation	51%	52%	+1%
30	134	Hays Park	Community	49%	51%	+2%
31	138	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	40%	44%	+4%

Highest and lowest scoring North East Edinburgh parks







Henderson Gardens was the lowest scoring park in the locality and across the city but had improved by 4 points from 2017.

Most improved and deteriorated North East Edinburgh parks



Cairntows Park was the most improved park in North East Edinburgh with an increase of 6 points to 58%, and improving 33 places in the citywide ranking to 76th.



Portobello Community Garden has deteriorated in quality the most falling 5 points to 69% and is now ranked 51st in the city.

Recommendations

Following the park assessment judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality.



4.2 North West Edinburgh

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Allison Park	Com	F (30%)	E (44%)	E (44%)	E (49%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	¢	
Balgreen Park	Com	F (36%)	E (41%)	E (42%)	E (43%)	D (53%)	D (51%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	¢	×
Buttercup Farm Park	Com	N/A	D (59%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	¢							
Cammo Estate	Nat	C (61%)	C (66%)	C (63%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	¢	
Clermiston Park	Com	E (44%)	E (48%)	E (44%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	¢	×
Corstorphine Hill LNR	Nat	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	¢	
Cramond Foreshore	Nat	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	仓	
Cramond Walled Garden	Gdn	D (53%)	E (46%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	¢	
Davidsons Mains Park	City	C (60%)	D (56%)	D (54%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	¢	
Drumbrae Park	Com	N/A	E (46%)	D (54%)	E (49%)	D (52%)	D (53%)	D (56%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	¢	×
Dundas Park	Com	D (51%)	E (48%)	E (49%)	D (52%)	E (49%)	E (49%)	D (52%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	¢	
East Pilton Park	Com	F (29%)	F (36%)	E (44%)	D (51%)	D (59%)	C (62%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	¢	
Easter Drylaw Park	Com	F (39%)	E (41%)	E (44%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	D (59%)	D (53%)	D (58%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	¢	
Fauldburn Park	Com	E (49%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	E (49%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	仓	
Ferry Glen & Back Braes 冠	Nat	F (37%)	D (56%)	D (55%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (60%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	¢	
Glendevon Park	Com	E (47%)	E (47%)	E (45%)	D (53%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	D (58%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	仓	
Granton Crescent Park	Com	E (41%)	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (44%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	仓	
Gyle Park	City	E (44%)	D (52%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	¢	
Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	City	E (47%)	E (47%)	D (55%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	¢	
Haugh Park	Com	D (52%)	D (56%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	C (68%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (61%)	D (59%)	ţ	×
Inchcolm Park, S Queensferry	Com	D (56%)	E (49%)	E (46%)	D (50%)	D (51%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	¢	
Inverleith Park 🗺	Prem	C (65%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (77%)	¢	
King George V Park (Eyre Pl.)	City	E (43%)	C (61%)	C (64%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	¢	
King George V Park (S.Queensferry)	Com	F (32%)	E (40%)	E (44%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (58%)	D (53%)	D (58%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	¢	×
Lauriston Castle	Gdn	C (68%)	C (64%)	C (69%)	C (67%)	C (65%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	₽	
Muirhouse Millennium Linear Park	Com	F (25%)	E (41%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (52%)	¢	X
Orchard Brae Park	Com	E (45%)	E (40%)	E (41%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	¢	
Parkside, Newbridge	Com	F (26%)	F (34%)	E (43%)	E (47%)	D (51%)	D (51%)	D (55%)	E (47%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (58%)	¢	×

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Ratho Station Flyover Park	Rec	F (29%)	F (34%)	F (35%)	F (39%)	E (42%)	E (44%)	E (48%)	E (47%)	E (46%)	D (53%)	E (48%)	Û	×
Ratho Station Park	Com	E (46%)	E (42%)	D (50%)	D (50%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	¢	
Ravelston Park 🗺	Com	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	仓	V
Ravelston Woods LNR	Nat	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C (67%)	B (72%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	¢	
River Almond Walkway	Nat	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	N
Riverside Park	Com	F (38%)	F (36%)	N/A	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (52%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	D (54%)	D (50%)	D (55%)	¢	X
Rocheid Path	Nat	D (53%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	¢	N
Roseburn Park	City	D (55%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (65%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (65%)	仓	
Silverknowes Park	Rec	E (49%)	E (44%)	E (42%)	E (44%)	E (46%)	E (47%)	D (52%)	D (56%)	E (49%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	¢	×
St Margarets Park	Com	C (66%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	B (73%)	仓	
St Marks Park	Com	D (56%)	D (50%)	D (59%)	D (57%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	D (56%)	D (52%)	D (56%)	D (58%)	D (59%)	\$	X
Starbank Park 🗺	Com	D (56%)	E (47%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	D (57%)	D (55%)	C (63%)	B (73%)	B (78%)	A (83%)	A (86%)	¢	
Station Road Park	Com	C (67%)	D (58%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	D (59%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	\$	V
Union Park	City	E (42%)	D (51%)	E (47%)	E (47%)	D (50%)	D (52%)	D (50%)	D (58%)	D (54%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	仓	
Victoria Park 💭	City	D (51%)	D (53%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	⇔	
West Pilton Park	Com	E (44%)	E (48%)	D (52%)	E (48%)	D (52%)	D (57%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	\Leftrightarrow	

Solution = Green Flag Award park



Bandwidth Trend

■Improved ■Static ■Deteriorated

8; 18%

4; 9%

32; 73%





North West Edinburgh



Average Park Quality Score

% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

North West Edinburgh Locality – 44 Parks

	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	of criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	^	→ ←	
Welcoming	6.2	6.4	1	3	9	12	25	7
Good Safe Access	6.5	6.7	1	3	9	8	30	6
Signage	6.6	6.6	→←	4	9	8	29	7
Equal Access	6.1	6.1	→←	2	9	8	28	8
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.4	6.6	1	4	8	15	24	5
Personal Security in Park	7.0	7.1	^	5	10	8	30	6
Dog Fouling	7.6	7.6	→←	5	10	12	20	12
Facility Provision	7.2	7.2	→←	3	9	8	30	6
Quality of Facilities	7.1	7.1	→←	5	8	5	34	5
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	6.9	•	3	10	18	13	13
Grounds Maintenance	5.9	6.0	1	4	9	13	19	12
Building Maintenance	6.2	6.3	^	4	8	12	28	4
Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.7	1	5	9	9	31	4
Environmental Sustainability	6.1	6.5	•	6	9	11	32	1
Pesticides	5.8	6.1	1	4	10	17	19	8
Peat Use	9.6	9.7	^	7	10	2	42	0
Waste Minimisation	4.1	5.6	1	4	9	25	17	2
Woodland Management	6.8	6.8	→←	5	9	6	32	6
Conservation Fauna & Flora	6.6	6.6	→←	3	9	7	31	6
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.7	^	2	9	3	39	2
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.4	→←	5	8	5	36	3
Community Involvement	5.4	4.9	\mathbf{V}	1	10	5	27	12
Community Provision	6.3	6.4	1	6	9	5	38	1
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.7	→←	2	10	16	18	10
Information Provision	5.6	5.8	1	1	9	13	22	9
Interpretative Provision	4.7	5.0	1	1	9	15	23	6

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	rgh parks ranked in order of 20 Park Name	Park Type	2017	2018	+/- %
1	2	Starbank Park 🐨	Community	83%	86%	+3%
2=	9=	Cammo Estate	Natural	78%	77%	-1%
2=	9=	Inverleith Park 👷	Premier	73%	77%	+4%
4	11=	Corstorphine Hill 🗺	Natural	78%	76%	-2%
5=	20=	Station Road Park 🗺	Community	72%	74%	+2%
5=	20=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	72%	74%	+2%
7=	24=	Ravelston Woods 🗺	Natural	73%	73%	0%
7=	24=	St Margarets Park 🗺	Community	68%	73%	+5%
9=	31=	Victoria Park 🗺	City	72%	72%	0%
9=	31=	Rocheid Path	Natural	71%	72%	+1%
9=	31=	Davidsons Mains Park	City	74%	72%	-2%
9=	31=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	69%	72%	+3%
13	39=	Ravelston Park 🗺	Community	69%	71%	+2%
14	51=	Lauriston Castle 👷	Garden	73%	69%	-4%
15=	60=	King George V Pk (Eyre Pl.) 🗺	City	67%	68%	+1%
15=	60=	Gypsy Brae Recreation Ground	City	65%	68%	+3%
17	65=	Gyle Park	City	62%	67%	+5%
18=	68=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 冠	Natural	68%	66%	-2%
18=	68=	Inchcolm Park	Community	62%	66%	+4%
18=	68=	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	63%	66%	+3%
21=	76=	Roseburn Park	City	58%	65%	+7%
21=	76=	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	61%	65%	+4%
23	84=	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	62%	64%	+2%
24=	94=	Allison Park	Community	62%	63%	+1%
24=	94=	Ratho Station Park	Community	60%	63%	+3%
26=	99=	East Pilton Park	Community	60%	62%	+2%
26=	99=	West Pilton Park	Community	60%	62%	+2%
26=	99=	Orchard Brae Park	Community	63%	62%	-1%
29=	106=	Union Park	City	57%	61%	+4%
29=	106=	Granton Crescent Park	Community	55%	61%	+6%
31=	109=	Glendevon Park	Community	56%	60%	+4%
31=	109=	Dundas Park	Community	60%	60%	0%
31=	109=	Fauldburn Park	Community	57%	60%	+3%
34=	117=	Haugh Park	Community	61%	59%	-2%
34=	117=	King George V Park (S.Q)	Community	57%	59%	+2%
34=	117=	St Marks Park	Community	58%	59%	+1%
37=	121=	Balgreen Park	Community	55%	58%	+3%
37=	121=	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	57%	58%	+1%
37=	121=	Clermiston Park	Community	54%	58%	+4%
40	126=	Drumbrae Park	Community	61%	57%	-4%
41	128=	Riverside Park	Community	50%	55%	+5%
42	132	Muirhouse Park	Community	54%	53%	-1%
43=	135=	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Recreation	53%	48%	-5%
43=	135=	Silverknowes Park	Recreation	49%	48%	-1%

Highest and lowest scoring North West Edinburgh parks



Starbank Park was the highest scoring park in the North West and second across the city with a PQS of 86% and with an increase of 3 points from 2017.



Silverknowes Park and Ratho Station Flyover Park were the lowest scoring parks in the North West with a PQS of 48% and both ranked 135th from 138 parks in the city.

Most improved and deteriorated North West Edinburgh parks



Roseburn Park was the most improved park in North West Edinburgh with an increase of 5 points to 65%.



Ratho Station Flyover Park has deteriorated in quality the most falling 5 points to 48% and is now ranked 135th in the city.

Recommendations

Following the park assessment judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality.



4.3 South East Edinburgh

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Atholl Crescent	Gdn	D (51%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	D (58%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	D (56%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	仓	
Bauks View	Nat	N/A	N/A	D (53%)	D (57%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (65%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Gdn	F (39%)	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (42%)	E (40%)	E (40%)	E (42%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Braid Hills	Nat	D (55%)	E (48%)	E (45%)	D (52%)	D (55%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	\$	
Braidburn Valley Park 🗺	Com	B (73%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	¢	
Burdiehouse Burn Valley 冠	Nat	D (51%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	D (56%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	仓	
Calton Hill	Prem	C (66%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (63%)	C (60%)	D (58%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	\$	
Coates Crescent	Gdn	D (50%)	D (53%)	D (54%)	D (53%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	D (53%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	仓	
Deaconess	Gdn	N/A	N/A	C (62%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	仓	
Drum Park	Com	F (32%)	F (38%)	D (51%)	D (57%)	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (66%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Dunbar's Close Garden	Gdn	C (63%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (71%)	B (75%)	B (70%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Ferniehill Community Park 冠	Com	E (48%)	E (46%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (74%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Fernieside Recreation Ground	Rec	F (29%)	E (44%)	E (49%)	D (53%)	E (49%)	D (52%)	D (53%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	仓	
Gardner's Crescent	Gdn	N/A	N/A	N/A	D (50%)	D (59%)	D (59%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Gayfield Square	Gdn	E (48%)	E (48%)	D (53%)	E (48%)	D (51%)	D (50%)	D (51%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	¢	
Gracemount Community Park	Com	E (46%)	F (37%)	E (44%)	E (47%)	D (51%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Granny's Green	Gdn	N/A	E (44%)	F (37%)	E (44%)	D (53%)	D (50%)	E (49%)	D (52%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (62%)	\Leftrightarrow	
H'tage of Braid inc B'ford Hill 冠	Nat	C (62%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Inch Park	City	E (46%)	E (44%)	E (49%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	¢	
Liberton Park	Com	F (38%)	E (49%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (64%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	\Leftrightarrow	
London Road Gardens 🗺	City	E (49%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	\$	
Moredun Park	Com	F (27%)	F (34%)	F (36%)	E (49%)	D (50%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	仓	
Morgan Playing Fields	Recr	F (39%)	E (44%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	C (64%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Morningside Park 🗺	Com	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	¢	
Mortonhall Community Park	Com	E (48%)	F (36%)	E (48%)	E (41%)	D (52%)	D (54%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (61%)	C (61%)	¢	
Nicolson Square	Gdn	D (59%)	D (55%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	C (60%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	\Leftrightarrow	
Prestonfield Park 🗺	Com	D (52%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	B (70%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (73%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	\$	
Prestonfield War Memorial	Gdn	N/A	N/A	N/A	C (64%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	\Leftrightarrow	

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Princes Street Gardens	Prem	A (81%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	¢	V
Regent Road Park	Com	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (59%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	¢	
Seven Acre Park 🐨	Com	D (54%)	D (50%)	D (50%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	A (83%)	A (85%)	A (84%)	¢	V
St Katharine's Park	Com	E (47%)	D (54%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (73%)	¢	
St Patrick's Square	Gdn	E (49%)	F (32%)	F (38%)	D (51%)	D (55%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	C (65%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	C (69%)	Û	$\mathbf{\overline{\mathbf{A}}}$
The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	Prem	B (70%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	\$	

Real = Green Flag Award park



South East Edinburgh





Average Park Quality Score

Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

South East Edinburgh Locality – 34 Parks

outil East Edinburgh Locan	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	of criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max		→ ←	
Welcoming	6.6	6.9	1	5	9	10	21	3
Good Safe Access	6.9	7.0	^	5	9	7	24	3
Signage	7.1	7.4	1	6	9	12	19	3
Equal Access	6.2	6.3	1	3	9	5	26	3
Safe Equipment & Facilities	7.0	7.1	1	5	9	10	16	8
Personal Security in Park	7.2	7.4	•	5	9	8	20	6
Dog Fouling	8.1	7.8	\mathbf{V}	5	9	5	19	10
Facility Provision	7.4	7.6	1	5	9	10	22	2
Quality of Facilities	7.4	7.5	1	5	9	6	23	5
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	7.1	^	5	9	11	17	6
Grounds Maintenance	6.6	6.9	1	5	9	11	17	6
Building Maintenance	7.1	6.9	\mathbf{V}	5	8	2	26	6
Equipment Maintenance	7.0	7.0	→←	5	9	6	23	5
Environmental Sustainability	6.5	6.6	^	6	8	2	31	1
Pesticides	6.9	7.0	1	5	10	11	16	7
Peat Use	9.0	9.0	→ ←	7	10	0	34	0
Waste Minimisation	6.4	6.4	→ ←	4	8	1	33	0
Woodland Management	7.0	7.3	•	6	8	10	22	2
Conservation Fauna & Flora	6.6	6.9	1	4	9	8	23	3
Conservation Landscape	6.5	6.6	•	4	9	1	33	0
Conservation Buildings	7.4	7.5	1	7	9	5	27	2
Community Involvement	6.1	6.1	→ ←	2	9	3	30	1
Community Provision	6.4	6.5	1	6	9	1	33	0
Marketing & Promotion	6.8	6.8	→←	5	9	1	32	1
Information Provision	7.0	7.2	1	5	9	11	20	3
Interpretative Provision	7.2	7.2	→←	5	9	5	25	4

South East Edinburgh parks ranked in order of 2018 Park Quality Score

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2017	2018	+/- %
1	3	Seven Acre Park 🔐	Community	85%	84%	-1%
2	5	Hermitage of Braid / Blackford 冠	Natural Park	77%	79%	+2%
3	6=	Prestonfield Park 🗺	Community	79%	78%	-1%
4=	11=	The Meadows and B'tsfield Links	Premier	75%	76%	+1%
4=	11=	Calton Hill	Premier	73%	76%	+3%
4=	11=	Morningside Park 🗺	Community	75%	76%	+1%
7=	16=	Bauks View	Natural	74%	75%	+1%
7=	16=	Braidburn Valley Park 🔝	Community	74%	75%	+1%
9	20=	Ferniehill Community Park 🗺	Community	77%	74%	-3%
10=	24=	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	72%	73%	+1%
10=	24=	St Katharine's Park	Community	74%	73%	-1%
10=	24=	Regent Road Park	Community	72%	73%	+1%
13=	31=	London Road Gardens 🔝	City	72%	72%	0%
13=	31=	Coates Crescent	Garden	68%	72%	+4%
13=	31=	Princes Street Gardens 🔝	Premier	70%	72%	+2%
16=	39=	Atholl Crescent	Garden	68%	71%	+3%
16=	39=	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	72%	71%	-1%
18=	43=	Inch Park	City	71%	70%	-1%
18=	43=	Deaconess	Garden	68%	70%	+2%
18=	43=	Braid Hills	Natural	72%	70%	-2%
18=	43=	Dunbar's Close Garden	Garden	75%	70%	-5%
18=	43=	Morgan Playing Fields	Recreation	72%	70%	-2%
23=	51=	Liberton Park	Community	69%	69%	0%
23=	51=	St Patricks Square	Garden	71%	69%	-2%
23=	51=	Nicolson Square	Garden	63%	69%	+6%
26=	68=	Drum Park	Community	67%	66%	-1%
26=	68=	Gracemount Community Park	Community	64%	66%	+2%
26=	68=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 🗮	Natural	56%	66%	+10%
26=	68=	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	63%	66%	+3%
30	76=	Gayfield Square	Garden	62%	65%	+3%
31	94=	Moredun Park	Community	58%	63%	+5%
32	99=	Granny's Green	Garden	60%	62%	+2%
33	106=	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	61%	61%	0%
34	109=	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Recreation	59%	60%	+1%

Highest and lowest scoring South East Edinburgh parks



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



Fernieside Recreation Ground was the lowest scoring park in the South East with a PQS of 60% but improved one point on the score from 2017.

Most improved and deteriorated South East Edinburgh parks



Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park was the most improved park in South East Edinburgh with an increase of 10 points to 66%, and climbing 52 places in the citywide ranking to 68th.



Dunbar's Close Garden has deteriorated in quality the most in South East Edinburgh falling five points to 70% and is now ranked 43rd in the city.

Recommendations

Following the park assessment judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality.



4.4 South West Edinburgh

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Blinkbonny Park	Com	E (38%)	E (45%)	E (47%)	E (46%)	D (52%)	D (55%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	仓	
Bloomiehall Park	Com	D (51%)	D (50%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	C (66%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	¢	
Campbell Park	Com	E (49%)	E (48%)	D (56%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (67%)	C (64%)	¢	
Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Nat	D (58%)	D (58%)	D (52%)	D (59%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	¢	
Colinton Mains Park	City	E (46%)	E (37%)	E (49%)	D (58%)	C (60%)	C (61%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	¢	
Curriemuirend Park	Com	E (29%)	E (38%)	E (37%)	E (29%)	E (36%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	E (44%)	E (46%)	¢	×
Dovecot Park	Com	E (46%)	E (44%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	D (53%)	D (52%)	D (52%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	¢	
Easter Craiglockhart Hill 👷 🗉	Nat	B (78%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	¢	
Fairmilehead Park 😥	Com	E (41%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	E (48%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	Û	
Fountainbridge Green	Com	N/A	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	¢								
Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	Com	E (24%)	E (41%)	E (44%)	E (45%)	E (45%)	E (46%)	E (45%)	D (52%)	E (48%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	¢	×
Hailes Quarry Park 🗺	Com	D (52%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	¢	
Harrison Park 🐨	Com	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	¢	
King George V Park (Currie)	Com	E (46%)	D (50%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	D (58%)	D (56%)	D (58%)	D (56%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	¢	
Marchbank Park	Com	D (56%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (58%)	D (55%)	D (54%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (65%)	¢	
Meadowspot Park	Com	D (59%)	E (44%)	E (44%)	D (52%)	E (49%)	D (51%)	E (48%)	E (48%)	E (44%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	仓	
Muir Wood Park 🐨	Com	D (51%)	D (56%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	¢	
Murieston Park	Com	E (36%)	D (54%)	D (59%)	D (59%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (64%)	¢	
Paties Road Recreation Ground	City	E (39%)	E (41%)	E (41%)	D (51%)	D (52%)	D (51%)	D (50%)	D (55%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	¢	
Pentland Hills Regional Park 😥	Nat	B (77%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	B (77%)	B (75%)	A (81%)	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	¢	
Pentland View Park	Com	D (53%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (61%)	D (59%)	D (54%)	D (59%)	D (59%)	D (58%)	C (63%)	仓	
Ratho Park	Com	D (54%)	D (52%)	D (56%)	D (56%)	C (63%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (64%)	C (68%)	¢	
Redford Wood	Nat	E (36%)	E (37%)	N/A	E (42%)	E (39%)	E (45%)	D (51%)	D (53%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	C (64%)	¢	
Redhall Park	Com	E (43%)	E (37%)	E (34%)	E (44%)	D (50%)	D (54%)	D (54%)	D (59%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (66%)	¢	
Sighthill Park	Com	D (53%)	E (48%)	D (51%)	D (50%)	E (49%)	D (53%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (64%)	Û	
Spylaw Park 🗺	Com	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (51%)	E (47%)	E (49%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	¢	
Stenhouse Place East Park	Com	E (28%)	E (39%)	E (44%)	E (42%)	D (55%)	D (51%)	E (43%)	E (49%)	D (55%)	D (53%)	D (58%)	¢	×
Whinhill Park	Com	E (42%)	E (45%)	E (46%)	D (50%)	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (51%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	D (55%)	D (59%)	\Leftrightarrow	×

Park Name	Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
White Park	Com	E (49%)	D (50%)	D (53%)	D (55%)	D (50%)	D (58%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	D (59%)	C (64%)	仓	
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Reference Flag Award park



South West Edinburgh



Average Park Quality Score

% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

South West Edinburgh Locality – 29 Parks

outh west Eulinburgh Local	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	f criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	1	→ ←	
Welcoming	6.6	6.8	1	4	9	9	15	5
Good Safe Access	6.7	7.1	^	4	9	9	20	0
Signage	6.4	6.6	1	4	9	9	16	4
Equal Access	6.2	6.3	1	2	8	7	19	3
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.9	1	2	9	11	14	4
Personal Security in Park	7.2	7.1	- V	3	9	3	21	5
Dog Fouling	7.2	7.6	1	5	9	14	9	6
Facility Provision	7.1	7.2	^	1	10	7	19	3
Quality of Facilities	7.0	7.0	→←	2	8	5	20	4
Litter & Waste Management	7.0	7.1	^	4	9	10	12	7
Grounds Maintenance	6.3	6.3	→←	3	8	7	17	5
Building Maintenance	6.3	6.4	•	1	8	8	17	4
Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.9	1	3	8	9	17	3
Environmental Sustainability	6.2	6.6	^	6	10	6	23	0
Pesticides	5.4	5.6	1	4	10	5	22	2
Peat Use	9.6	9.7	^	7	10	0	29	0
Waste Minimisation	4.9	5.9	1	2	9	10	19	0
Woodland Management	6.9	6.9	→←	3	8	8	16	5
Conservation Fauna & Flora	6.9	6.9	→←	4	10	5	22	2
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.3	•	3	10	0	29	0
Conservation Buildings	6.8	7.1	1	6	8	3	26	0
Community Involvement	5.3	5.3	→←	1	10	4	25	0
Community Provision	6.3	6.3	→←	6	10	1	28	0
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.7	→←	4	10	3	26	0
Information Provision	5.9	6.2	1	3	9	7	18	4
Interpretative Provision	4.9	5.2	1	1	9	7	18	4

Locality Rank	Citywide Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2017	2018	+/- %
1	1	Pentland Hills Regional Park 🗺	Natural	85%	87%	+2%
2	4	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Natural	80%	81%	+1%
3=	16=	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural	74%	75%	+1%
3=	16=	Muir Wood Park 🗺	Community	73%	75%	+2%
5	24=	Harrison Park 👷	Community	72%	73%	+1%
6	31=	Bloomiehall Park	Community	72%	72%	0%
7	39=	Spylaw Park 冠	Community	73%	71%	-2%
8=	43=	Fairmilehead Park 冠	Community	66%	70%	+4%
8=	43=	Hailes Quarry Park 冠	Community	76%	70%	-6%
10	51=	Colinton Mains Park	City	65%	69%	+4%
11	60=	Ratho Park	Community	64%	68%	+4%
12	68=	Redhall Park	Community	64%	66%	+2%
13=	76=	Dovecot Park	Community	60%	65%	+5%
13=	76=	Fountainbridge Green	Community	68%	65%	-3%
13=	76=	Marchbank Park	Community	62%	65%	+3%
13=	76=	Paties Road Recreation Ground	City	60%	65%	+5%
17=	84=	Blinkbonny Park	Community	59%	64%	+5%
17=	84=	Campbell Park	Community	67%	64%	-3%
17=	84=	Murieston Park	Community	62%	64%	+2%
17=	84=	Redford Wood	Natural	68%	64%	-4%
17=	84=	Sighthill Park	Community	56%	64%	+8%
17=	84=	White Park	Community	59%	64%	+5%
23	94=	Pentland View Park	Community	58%	63%	+5%
24=	99=	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	61%	62%	+1%
24=	99=	Meadowspot Park	Community	57%	62%	+5%
26	117=	Whinhill Park	Community	55%	59%	+4%
27	121=	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	53%	58%	+5%
28	126=	Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	Community	56%	57%	+1%
29	137	Curriemuirend Park	Community	44%	46%	+2%

South West Edinburgh parks ranked in order of 2018 Park Quality Score

Highest and lowest scoring parks in South West Edinburgh



Pentland Hills Regional Park was once again the highest scoring park in South West Edinburgh and also across the City with a PQS of 87%.



Curriemuirend Park was the lowest scoring park in South West Edinburgh with a PQS of 46% but increased 2 points from 2017.

Most improved and deteriorated South West Edinburgh parks



Sighthill Park improved the most in the South West Edinburgh increasing its score to 64% from 56%.



Hailes Quarry Park dropped the most points citywide in 2018 falling from 76% to 70%. The park is now ranked 43rd in the city.

Recommendations

Following the park assessment judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks in the Locality.



4.5 Natural Heritage Service

Туре	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Nat	D (51%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	D (56%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	Û	V
Nat	C (61%)	C (66%)	C (63%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	¢	
Nat	D (58%)	D (58%)	D (52%)	D (59%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	\$	
Nat	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	¢	N
Nat	C (66%)	C (65%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	N
Nat	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (63%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (72%)	Û	
Nat	B (78%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	¢	V
Nat	C (62%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	¢	
Nat	D (58%)	D (59%)	D (56%)	D (57%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	Û	
Nat	B (77%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	B (77%)	B (75%)	A (81%)	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	¢	
Nat	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	¢	V
Nat	C (62%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (63%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	
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Natural Heritage Service



Average Park Quality Score

% of parks meeting Edinburgh Minimum Standard



Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Natural Heritage Service – 12 Parks

atural fielitage Service – 12	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	of criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	^	→ ←	
Welcoming	7.4	7.6	1	6	9	3	8	1
Good Safe Access	7.0	7.1	^	5	8	4	5	3
Signage	7.0	7.1	1	6	9	2	9	1
Equal Access	6.3	6.1	↓	3	8	2	6	4
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.3	6.6	1	5	9	3	8	1
Personal Security in Park	6.8	6.7	↓	6	8	1	8	3
Dog Fouling	7.3	6.6	\mathbf{V}	5	8	2	3	7
Facility Provision	7.3	7.3	→←	6	9	2	9	1
Quality of Facilities	6.9	7.2	1	6	8	2	10	0
Litter & Waste Management	7.2	7.3	^	5	9	5	4	3
Grounds Maintenance	6.8	6.5	\mathbf{V}	4	8	1	9	2
Building Maintenance	6.6	6.7	1	6	8	1	11	0
Equipment Maintenance	6.8	6.8	→←	5	8	4	5	3
Environmental Sustainability	7.2	7.8	•	6	10	7	5	0
Pesticides	8.4	9	1	4	10	6	5	1
Peat Use	10	10	→←	10	10	0	12	0
Waste Minimisation	7.8	8.4	1	7	9	3	9	0
Woodland Management	7.7	7.6	↓	7	8	0	11	1
Conservation Fauna & Flora	8.5	8.5	→←	7	10	1	10	1
Conservation Landscape	8.3	8.4	^	7	10	1	11	0
Conservation Buildings	6.5	7.3	1	5	8	4	8	0
Community Involvement	8.3	8.6	^	5	10	3	9	0
Community Provision	7.3	7.6	1	6	10	2	10	0
Marketing & Promotion	8.1	8.4	1	5	10	4	8	0
Information Provision	7.3	7.3	→←	6	9	0	11	1
Interpretative Provision	7.3	7.4	1	6	9	2	9	1

Locality	Citywide			Ū.		+/-
Rank	Rank	Park Name	Park Type	2017	2018	%
1	1	Pentland Hills Regional Park 🔝	Natural Park	85%	87%	+2%
2	4	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 冠	Natural Park	80%	81%	+1%
3	5	H'tage of Braid inc B'ford Hill 🗺	Natural Park	77%	79%	+2%
4	9=	Cammo Estate	Natural Park	78%	77%	-1%
5	11=	Corstorphine Hill 👷	Natural Park	78%	76%	-2%
6	16=	Colinton & Craiglockhart Dells	Natural Park	74%	75%	+1%
7=	20=	Craigmillar Castle Park 🗺	Natural Park	72%	74%	+2%
7=	20=	River Almond Walkway	Natural Park	72%	74%	+2%
9	24=	Ravelston Woods 🔝	Natural Park	73%	73%	0%
10	31=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural Park	69%	72%	+3%
11	51=	Meadows Yard	Natural Park	72%	69%	-3%
12	68=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park 冠	Natural Park	56%	66%	+10%

Natural Heritage Service parks ranked in order of 2018 Park Quality Score

Recommendations

Following the park assessment judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the park. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all Natural Heritage Service parks.



5 Citywide Results

5.1 Listed below are all sites in quality order.

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2017	2018	+/-%	+ / -R k
1	Pentland Hills Regional Park 🔝	Natural	South West	85%	87%	+2%	0
2	Starbank Park 冠	Community	North West	83%	86%	+3%	+1
3	Seven Acre Park 冠	Community	South East	85%	84%	-1%	-2
4	Easter Craiglockhart Hill 冠	Natural	South West	80%	81%	+1%	0
5	Hermitage of Braid 冠	Natural	South East	77%	79%	+2%	+6
6=	Figgate Burn Park 冠	Community	North East	78%	78%	0%	0
6=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens 😥	Garden	North East	78%	78%	0%	0
6=	Prestonfield Park	Community	South East	79%	78%	-1%	-1
9=	Cammo Estate	Natural	North West	78%	77%	-1%	-3
9=	Inverleith Park 👷	Premier	North West	73%	77%	+4%	+14
11=	Calton Hill	Premier	South East	73%	76%	+3%	+12
11=	Corstorphine Hill 冠	Natural	North West	78%	76%	-2%	-5
11=	Morningside Park 冠	Community	South East	75%	76%	+1%	+3
11=	Rosefield Park 🗺	Community	North East	78%	76%	-2%	-5
11=	The Meadows & B'field Links	Premier	South East	75%	76%	+1%	+3
16=	Bauks View	Natural	South East	74%	75%	+1%	+1
16=	Braidburn Valley Park 冠	Community	South East	74%	75%	+1%	+1
16=	Colinton & Cr'lockhart Dells	Natural	South West	74%	75%	+1%	+1
16=	Muir Wood Park 👷	Community	South West	73%	75%	+2%	+7
20=	Craigmillar Castle Park 🗺	Natural	North East	72%	74%	+2%	+11
20=	Ferniehill Community Park 🔝	Community	South East	77%	74%	-3%	-9
20=	River Almond Walkway	Natural	North West	72%	74%	+2%	+11
20=	Station Road Park 🗺	Community	North West	72%	74%	+2%	+11
24=	Gardner's Crescent	Garden	South East	72%	73%	+1%	+7
24=	Harrison Park 冠	Community	South West	72%	73%	+1%	+7
24=	Lochend Park 冠	Community	North East	73%	73%	0%	-1
24=	Ravelston Woods 冠	Natural	North West	73%	73%	0%	-1
24=	Regent Road Park	Community	South East	72%	73%	+1%	+7
24=	St Katharines Park	Community	South East	74%	73%	-1%	-7
24=	St Margarets Park 冠	Community	North West	68%	73%	+5%	+31
31=	Bloomiehall Park	Community	South West	72%	72%	0%	0
31=	Coates Crescent	Garden	South East	68%	72%	+4%	+24
31=	Cramond Foreshore	Natural	North West	69%	72%	+3%	+21
31=	Davidsons Mains Park	City	North West	74%	72%	-2%	-14
31=	London Road Gardens 冠	City	South East	72%	72%	0%	0
31=	Princes Street Gardens 🗺	Premier	South East	70%	72%	+2%	+19
31=	Rocheid Path	Natural	North West	71%	72%	+1%	+14
31=	Victoria Park 👷	City	North West	72%	72%	0%	0
39=	Atholl Crescent	Garden	South East	68%	71%	+3%	+16
39=	Prestonfield War Memorial	Garden	South East	72%	71%	-1%	-8
39=	Ravelston Park	Community	North West	69%	71%	+2%	+13
39=	Spylaw Park 🗺	Community	South West	73%	71%	-2%	-16
43=	Braid Hills	Natural	South East	72%	70%	-2%	-12
43=	Deaconess	Garden	South East	68%	70%	+2%	+12
43=	Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	South East	75%	70%	-5%	-29
43=	Fairmilehead Park 冠	Community	South West	66%	70%	+4%	+23
43=	Hailes Quarry Park 🔝	Community	South West	76%	70%	-6%	-30

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2017	2018	+ / -%	+ / -R k
43=	Hillside Crescent Gardens	Garden	North East	70%	70%	0%	+7
43=	Inch Park	City	South East	71%	70%	-1%	+2
43=	Morgan Playing Fields	Recreation	South East	72%	70%	-2%	-12
51=	Brunstane Mill	Natural	North East	67%	69%	+2%	+11
51=	Colinton Mains Park	City	South West	65%	69%	+4%	+16
51=	Lauriston Castle	Garden	North West	73%	69%	-4%	-28
51=	Liberton Park	Community	South East	69%	69%	0%	+1
51=	Meadows Yard	Natural	North East	72%	69%	-3%	-20
51=	Nicolson Square	Garden	South East	63%	69%	+6%	+24
51=	Pilrig Park	Community	North East	73%	69%	-4%	-28
51=	Portobello Community Gdn 冠	Community	North East	74%	69%	-5%	-34
51=	St Patricks Square	Garden	South East	71%	69%	-2%	-6
60=	Abercorn Park	Community	North East	71%	68%	-3%	-15
60=	Gypsy Brae Rec. Ground	City	North West	65%	68%	+3%	+7
60=	King George V Pk (Eyre Pl.) 冠	City	North West	67%	68%	+1%	+2
60=	Newcraighall Park	Community	North East	71%	68%	-3%	-15
60=	Ratho Park	Community	South West	64%	68%	+4%	+11
65=	Brighton Park	Community	North East	65%	67%	+2%	+2
65=	Gyle Park	City	North West	62%	67%	+5%	+14
65=	Leith Links	Premier	North East	65%	67%	+2%	+2
68=	Bellevue Crescent Gardens	Garden	South East	63%	66%	+3%	+7
68=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk 冠	Natural	South East	56%	66%	+10%	+52
68=	Buttercup Farm Park	Community	North West	63%	66%	+3%	+7
68=	Drum Park	Community	South East	67%	66%	-1%	-6
68=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes 冠	Natural	North West	68%	66%	-2%	-13
68=	Gracemount Community Pk	Community	South East	64%	66%	+2%	+3
68=	Inchcolm Park	Community	North West	62%	66%	+4%	+11
68=	Redhall Park	Community	South West	64%	66%	+2%	+3
76=	Cramond Walled Garden	Garden	North West	61%	65%	+4%	+12
76=	Dovecot Park	Community	South West	60%	65%	+5%	+19
76=	Fountainbridge Green	Community	South West	68%	65%	-3%	-21
76=	Gayfield Square	Garden	South East	62%	65%	+3%	+3
76=	Marchbank Park	Community	South West	62%	65%	+3%	+3
76=	Montgomery Street Park	Community	North East	64%	65%	+1%	-5
76=	Paties Road Rec. Ground	City	South West	60%	65%	+5%	+19
76=	Roseburn Park	City	North West	58%	65%	+7%	+33
84=	Baronscourt Park	Community	North East	60%	64%	+4%	+11
84=	Blinkbonny Park	Community	South West	59%	64%	+5%	+22
84=	Campbell Park	Community	South West	67%	64%	-3%	-22
84=	Easter Drylaw Park	Community	North West	62%	64%	+2%	-5
84=	Meadowfield Park	Community	North East	62%	64%	+2%	-5
84=	Murieston Park	Community	South West	62%	64%	+2%	-5
84=	Redford Wood	Natural	South West	68%	64%	-4%	-29
84=	Sighthill Park	Community	South West	56%	64%	+8%	+36
84=	Taylor Gardens	Garden	North East	60%	64%	+4%	+11
84=	White Park	Community	South West	59%	64%	+5%	+22

Rank	Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2017	2018	+/-%	+ / -R k
94=	Allison Park	Community	North West	62%	63%	+1%	-15
94=	Moredun Park	Community	South East	58%	63%	+5%	+15
94=	Pentland View Park	Community	South West	58%	63%	+5%	+15
94=	Ratho Station Park	Community	North West	60%	63%	+3%	+1
94=	Straiton Place Park	Community	North East	61%	63%	+2%	-6
99=	East Pilton Park	Community	North West	60%	62%	+2%	-4
99=	Granny's Green	Garden	South East	60%	62%	+2%	-4
99=	King George V Park (Currie)	Community	South West	61%	62%	+1%	-11
99=	Magdalene Glen	Community	North East	58%	62%	+4%	+10
99=	Meadowspot Park	Community	South West	57%	62%	+5%	+16
99=	Orchard (Brae) Park	Community	North West	63%	62%	-1%	-24
99=	West Pilton Park	Community	North West	60%	62%	+2%	-4
106=	Granton Crescent Park	Community	North West	55%	61%	+6%	+18
106=	Mortonhall Community Park	Community	South East	61%	61%	0%	-18
106=	Union Park	City	North West	57%	61%	+4%	+9
109=	Bingham Park	Community	North East	60%	60%	0%	-14
109=	Dalmeny Street Park	Community	North East	61%	60%	-1%	-21
109=	Dundas Park	Community	North West	60%	60%	0%	-14
109=	Fauldburn Park	Community	North West	57%	60%	+3%	+6
109=	Fernieside Recreation Ground	Recreation	South East	59%	60%	+1%	-3
109=	Glendevon Park	Community	North West	56%	60%	+4%	+11
109=	Hunters Hall Park (JKC)	City	North East	60%	60%	0%	-14
109=	Joppa Quarry Park	Community	North East	62%	60%	-2%	-30
117=	Haugh Park	Community	North West	61%	59%	-2%	-29
117=	King George V Park (S.Q)	Community	North West	57%	59%	+2%	-2
117=	St Marks Park	Community	North West	58%	59%	+1%	-8
117=	Whinhill Park	Community	South West	55%	59%	+4%	+7
121=	Balgreen Park	Community	North West	55%	58%	+3%	+3
121=	Cairntows Park	Community	North East	52%	58%	+6%	+11
121=	Clermiston Park	Community	North West	54%	58%	+4%	+6
121=	Parkside, Newbridge	Community	North West	57%	58%	+1%	-6
121=	Stenhouse Place East Park	Community	South West	53%	58%	+5%	+9
126=	Drumbrae Park	Community	North West	61%	57%	-4%	-38
126=	Gorgie/Dalry Community Park	Community	South West	56%	57%	+1%	-6
128=	Jewel Park	Community	North East	58%	55%	-3%	-19
128=	Redbraes Park	Community	North East	54%	55%	+1%	-1
128=	Riverside Park	Community	North West	50%	55%	+5%	+7
131	Keddie Park	Community	North East	52%	54%	+2%	+1
132	Muirhouse Millennium Linear Pk	Community	North West	54%	53%	-1%	-5
133	Seafield Recreation Ground	Recreation	North East	51%	52%	+1%	+1
134	Hays Park	Community	North East	49%	51%	+2%	+2
135=	Ratho Station Flyover Park	Recreation	North West	53%	48%	-5%	-5
135=	Silverknowes Park	Recreation	North West	49%	48%	-1%	+1
137	Curriemuirend Park	Community	South West	44%	46%	+2%	+1
138	Henderson Gardens Park	Community	North East	40%	44%	+4%	+1

5.2 Listed below are sites that have improved and deteriorated the most based on the difference in PQA score between 2017 and 2018.

Park Name	Park Type	Locality	PQA 2016	PQA 2017	+ / - %	+ / - Rank
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Pk	Natural	South East	56%	66%	+10%	+52
Sighthill Park	Community	South West	56%	64%	+8%	+36
Roseburn Park	City	North West	58%	65%	+7%	+33

Most Improved

Most Deteriorated

			PQA	PQA	+/-	
Park Name	Park Type	Locality	2016	2017	%	+ / - Rank
Hailes Quarry Park	Community	South West	76%	70%	-6%	-30
Dunbars Close Garden	Garden	South East	75%	70%	-5%	-29
Portobello Community Gdn	Community	North East	74%	69%	-5%	-34
Ratho Station Flyover Park	Recreation	North West	53%	48%	-5%	-5

🕇 Burdiehouse Burn valley Park



Improved scores were recorded across 18 criteria with no drop in scores recorded.

Judges mentioned that the park was on the whole very clean and well used and that it was clear that the local Friends Group was having a positive impact on the park.



Improved scores were recorded across 13 criteria with no drop in scores recorded.

Judges mentioned that the park had open views but surrounded by woodland compartments but the main parts of the park were accessible. It was noted that there had been several community clean ups taking place.

Dropped scores were recorded across 13 criteria with no improved scores recorded.

Judges mentioned that litter management, grounds maintenance and graffiti removal needed improved but did note the park was well used by different groups.



Dropped scores were recorded across 11 criteria with only one improved score recorded.

Judges mentioned that garden was a tranquil place to escape but the entrance needed improved and seating needed repaired and cleaned along with additional information and interpretation made available.


5.3 Summary of Results

Bandwidths

Of the 138 parks that were assessed in 2018, only 22 parks have been judged as Grade D or E leaving 116 as Grade C or better. Four parks reached the top grade (Pentland Hills regional Park, Starbank Park, Seven Acre Park and Easter Craiglockhart Hill) with another four only a point or two away. At the other end of the scale, of the 18 parks that have been graded as D, nine are only two points off reaching a C grade. Four parks returned a Grade E and should be a top priority for improvement.

The results also showed that 22 parks (16%) moved up a bandwidth whilst 106 parks (77%) stayed the same and only ten parks (7%) dropped a bandwidth from last year.

All parks in the South East locality were judged to be Grade C or better and saw six of its parks improve from last year along with South West also having a similar number improving. However, it was North West that had the largest number (8) that improved a bandwidth from last year. Unfortunately, North East saw five of its park drop a bandwidth closely followed by North West with four.

Park Quality Scores

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

Eighty nine (64%) parks improved their score from last year which is up from the 77 (55%) in 2017. Unfortunately, 36 (26%) of Edinburgh's parks also fell in quality, mirroring the previous years total. The North West had the most number of parks (30) increasing whilst the South West locality had least number of parks (5) decreasing in score.

The average PQS continues to increase year on year with three localities seeing an improvement whilst North East remained static. The average Park Quality Score of an Edinburgh park now stands at 66%. The South East continues to have the highest average at 71% followed by South West with 66% and North West and North East recording 65% and 64% respectively.

The Pentland Hills Regional Park was once again judged to be the highest scoring park in Edinburgh with a two point improvement to 87% which is the highest score ever recorded for an Edinburgh Park. Starbank Park improved three points to 86% and rose to second place followed by Seven Acre Park with 84%.

At the other end of the table, Henderson Gardens improved 4 points but still occupies the bottom spot whilst Curriemuirend Park, Silverknowes Park and Ratho Station Flyover Park all recorded scores under 50%.

Edinburgh Minimum Standard

The change to the bandwidths in 2018 (see page 5) also saw a change to the Edinburgh Minimum Standard which now sits at 60% for all park types. In 2018, eleven more parks met the standard bringing the total to 116 (84%).

All areas increased the number of parks meeting the standard with all of South East Edinburgh parks meeting the grade whilst the South West has only four parks out of 29 that fell below the mark. North East recorded 24 out of 31 and North West 33 out of 44.







5.5 Criteria Scoring Statistics

	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Criteri	a scores c	hanges
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	Increased	Static	Decreased
Welcoming	6.4	6.6	1	3	9	39	77	22
Good & Safe Access	6.7	6.9	•	3	9	30	93	15
Signage	6.5	6.7	1	3	9	31	85	22
Equal Access	6.2	6.2	→←	2	9	27	92	19
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.7	6.9	1	2	9	47	68	23
Personal Security	7.1	7.2	•	3	10	22	97	19
Dog Fouling	7.4	7.5	1	1	10	45	58	35
Facility Provision	7.2	7.3	•	1	10	33	90	15
Quality of Facilities	7.1	7.2	1	2	9	22	101	15
Litter Management	6.6	6.8	•	1	10	49	56	33
Grounds Maintenance	6.2	6.2	→←	1	9	41	65	32
Infrastructure Maintenance	6.5	6.5	→←	1	8	29	94	15
Equipment Maintenance	6.7	6.7	→←	3	9	28	91	19
Environmental Sustainability	6.3	6.5	•	6	10	19	117	2
Pesticide Use	6.3	6.4	1	4	10	33	87	18
Peat Use	9.6	9.6	→←	7	10	2	136	0
Waste Minimisation	5.3	6.0	1	2	9	36	100	2
Trees & Woodlands	6.9	6.9	→←	3	9	30	90	18
Conservation Flora & Fauna	6.6	6.7	1	3	10	25	96	17
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.4	•	2	10	4	132	2
Conservation Buildings	6.8	6.9	1	5	9	15	115	8
Community Involvement	5.6	5.5	V	1	10	14	111	13
Community Provision	6.3	6.4	1	6	10	8	129	1
Marketing & Promotion	5.9	5.9	→←	2	10	20	107	11
Information Provision	5.8	6.1	1	1	9	39	79	20
Interpretative Provision	5.2	5.4	1	1	9	33	85	20

5.6 Summary of Criteria Scoring

Citywide, 18 out of 26 criteria average scores improved whilst only Community Involvement fell.

<u>A Welcoming Place</u>: Citywide and all localities saw average scores rise in Welcoming apart from North East where it remained static. All localities and citywide average scores improved in Good & Safe Access whilst Signage improved citywide and in South East & South West. Equal Access remained static citywide but increases were noted in all localities except North West. Natural Heritage parks saw a drop in the average Equal Access score but increases across other criteria in the category.

<u>Healthy, Safe & Secure:</u> Increases in Safe Facilities average scores were recorded citywide and across all localities including Natural Heritage parks. South West along with Natural Heritage parks were the only areas where a drop in score was recorded for **Personal Security**. Although the average Dog Fouling score improved citywide, the scores actually dropped in South East and across Natural Heritage parks. Appropriate Provision of Facilities scores improved citywide and in all areas except North West and Natural Heritage parks where they remained the same as last year. Quality of Facilities scores improved across all areas except North West & South West where they remained static.

<u>Clean & Well Maintained:</u> Citywide, and across all areas, Litter Management scores improved. Grounds Maintenance average scores dropped in North East and across Natural Heritage sites, remained static in South West and citywide but improvements were seen in North West & South East parks. South West was the only area to record a drop in score for Building and Infrastructure Maintenance and whilst the score remained the same citywide, there were increases across all the other areas. Equipment Maintenance scores remained the same citywide, in South East and Natural Heritage parks but North East saw a drop in score, however, North West & South West recorded improvements. <u>Sustainability:</u> North East saw scores remain static across all criteria in this category whilst North West & South West saw rises across all except **Woodland Management** where the scores remained the same. South East scores remained the same for **Peat Use** and **Waste Minimisation** but increased in all others. Natural Heritage parks saw scores drop in **Woodland Management** but improved in others except **Peat Use** where it remained static. Citywide scores increased in **Sustainability**, **Pesticide Use** and **Waste Minimisation** and remained the same as last year for **Peat Use** and **Woodland Management**.

Conservation & Heritage: Conservation of Flora & Fauna average scores improved in South East parks and citywide whilst remaining static in all other areas. Conservation of Landscape saw increases in most areas except North East where it remained the same as last year. Conservation of Buildings saw improvements in South East, South West, Natural Heritage parks and citywide with North West remaining static but a small drop was recorded in North East.

<u>Community Involvement</u>: **Community Involvement** dropped slightly citywide and across North West parks but increased in North East and Natural Heritage parks whilst South East & South West areas remained the same as last year.

Community Provision saw increases across all areas except South West where it remained static.

<u>Marketing</u>: Marketing scores remained static across all localities and citywide but a small increase was seen across Natural Heritage sites. Information Provision improved across all areas except Natural Heritage parks where it remained the same as last year. Education & Interpretative Provision continues to improve and results showed increases across the city and all areas except South East where the score remained static.

5.7 Site Improvements & Recommendations

Improvements since last year

Prior to this year's assessments, site managers were asked to provide an update with regards to improvements that had taken place in their parks since the last PQA assessment. Each improvement was then aligned to one Green Flag criterion resulting in the ability to provide an overview as to where improvements had been targeted across the city.

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



Recommendations

Following the park assessments, judges were asked to provide three recommendations that, based on their findings, would improve the quality of the site. These recommendations were linked to one criterion so as to provide an overview of where judges thought improvements should be focused. The chart below shows the number of recommendations for each of the criteria across all parks.



5.8 Park Improvement & Management Plans

Improvement actions can be identified for parks through various sources and the annual Park Quality Assessments provide the site manager with information on the quality of their parks that can be used to identify areas for improvement or promotion. There is also information available following the publication of the PQA report that allows managers to identify improvements across areas or citywide i.e. dog fouling campaigns.

It is hoped that managers use all the available information including the judge's recommendations to create a park improvement plan that can be recorded and updated to evidence improvement. This is particularly important where the site is a current Green Flag Award park and the improvement plan forms part of the management plan.

5.9 Green Flag Forum

The Green Flag Forum will convene towards the end of year to discuss the results and agree strategic objectives that should lead to improvements in both area and citywide sites. Items that the Forum may wish to consider include;

- Improving parks that failed to meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard.
- Consider a method of assessing Parks Management and Improvement Plans.
- Develop citywide and local improvement actions identified from the results/recommendations.
- Identifying parks suitable for Green Flag Award submission.
- Identify parks/cemeteries for 2019 assessments.

6 Green Flag Awards



Green Flag Awards are a way of recognising sites of quality. The awards are given out on an annual basis and each site must submit an application each year. The scheme also involves a Green Flag Community Award (formerly Green Pennant) which is to reward 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 total rose to three in 2008, and five in 2009, that year also saw the first Green Pennant in Scotland awarded to Corstorphine Walled Garden. In 2010, Edinburgh was awarded a further eight Green Flags bringing the total to 13 plus Corstorphine Walled Garden retained their Community Award.

Since 2011, Edinburgh has been included in the the Green Flag Group Award Scheme where all it's existing Green Flag Award winning sites are automatically awarded Green Flags annually where the standards are judged to be maintained following self assessment.

In addition, a further seven new sites were successful in 2011, four in 2012, two in 2014, three in 2015, and one more in 2016.

All Green Flag Award winning parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council were successfully retained in 2018 plus two new parks (Fairmilehead Park and Lauriston Castle Gardens) achieved the award at the first time of asking. The total number of Green Flag Award Parks managed by City of Edinburgh Council now stands at 32 plus one Green Flag Community Award. A list of current Green Flag Award sites and associated data can be found on the following pages.

6.1 Green Flag Group Award

In 2011, Edinburgh was invited to take part in the pilot of the Green Flag Group Award that sees two peer judges 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 every two years.

The judges pay particular attention to how Green Flag has been adopted into the various strategies, through self assessing its entire stock using the Green Flag criteria and how it uses the information to improve, not only the Green Flag Award winning sites but all sites across the authority.

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

Following the self assessments, all existing Green Flag Award winning sites in 2017 can be awarded a Green Flag Award for 2018 by the authority themselves if the standard is maintained. However, these sites will be subject to one or more mystery shopper assessments which will see an external Green Flag judge arriving at the park unannounced and assessing the site based on visitor experience.

As part of the PQA assessments, judges are asked to report any major issues found whilst undertaking assessments to the site manager. For Green Flag Award parks, this reporting is extended to any issues that fall below expected Green Flag quality. This approach ensures managers are aware of issues affecting Green Flag parks and acts as an early warning for sites that are subject to mystery shop assessments as part of the Green Flag scheme.

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

6.2 Green Flag Parks

Park Name	GF	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Braidburn Valley Park	2007	B (73%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (65%)	C (63%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (75%)	¢	
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	2010	D (51%)	C (63%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (60%)	D (56%)	C (63%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	D (56%)	C (66%)	仓	
Corstorphine Hill	2010	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (75%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	¢	
Craigmillar Castle Park	2010	C (66%)	C (65%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	
Easter Craiglockhart Hill	2009	B (78%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (75%)	A (80%)	A (80%)	A (81%)	¢	
Fairmilehead Park	2018	E (41%)	E (49%)	E (48%)	E (48%)	C (60%)	D (57%)	D (57%)	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	Û	
Ferniehill Community Park	2015	E (48%)	E (46%)	C (64%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (77%)	B (74%)	¢	
Ferry Glen & Back Braes	2012	E (37%)	D (56%)	D (55%)	C (60%)	C (65%)	C (60%)	D (56%)	C (60%)	C (60%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	¢	
Figgate Burn Park	2010	D (51%)	D (56%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (71%)	B (74%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	¢	
Hailes Quarry Park	2011	D (52%)	D (57%)	C (60%)	C (64%)	C (63%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (76%)	B (70%)	¢	
Harrison Park	2007	C (64%)	C (68%)	C (69%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	¢	
Hermitage of Braid inc Blackford	2011	C (62%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (74%)	B (74%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (72%)	B (76%)	B (77%)	B (79%)	¢	
Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	2009	B (74%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	B (78%)	B (78%)	¢	
Inverleith Park	2010	C (65%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (77%)	¢	
King George V Park (Eyre Place)	2014	E (43%)	C (61%)	C (64%)	B (70%)	C (68%)	C (66%)	C (65%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	¢	
Lauriston Castle	2018	C (68%)	C (64%)	C (69%)	C (67%)	C (65%)	C (61%)	D (58%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	C (69%)	Û	
Lochend Park	2012	E (39%)	D (51%)	C (61%)	D (55%)	C (67%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	¢	
London Road Gardens	2010	E (49%)	D (54%)	D (55%)	C (61%)	C (66%)	C (62%)	C (61%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	¢	
Morningside Park	2011	C (61%)	C (62%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (75%)	B (76%)	¢	
Muir Wood Park	2011	D (51%)	D (56%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (73%)	B (75%)	¢	
Pentland Hills Regional Park	2008	B (77%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (75%)	B (79%)	B (77%)	B (75%)	A (81%)	A (86%)	A (85%)	A (87%)	¢	
Portobello Community Garden	2010	C (65%)	C (61%)	D (59%)	C (67%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	C (69%)	Û	
Prestonfield Park	2012	D (52%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	B (70%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (73%)	B (78%)	B (79%)	B (78%)	¢	
Princes Street Gardens	2011	A (81%)	C (66%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	¢	
Ravelston Park	2012	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (69%)	B (71%)	Û	
Ravelston Woods	2012	C (69%)	C (64%)	C (65%)	C (66%)	B (72%)	C (67%)	B (72%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (73%)	¢	
Rosefield Park	2015	D (56%)	E (47%)	D (59%)	D (56%)	D (59%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	B (71%)	B (76%)	B (78%)	B (76%)	¢	
Seven Acre Park	2016	D (54%)	D (50%)	D (50%)	C (61%)	C (65%)	C (69%)	B (70%)	B (72%)	A (83%)	A (85%)	A (84%)	\$	

Park Name	GF	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Trend	Met
Spylaw Park	2014	E (48%)	D (50%)	D (51%)	E (47%)	E (49%)	D (57%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (70%)	B (73%)	B (71%)	¢	
St Margarets Park	2011	C (66%)	D (56%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	C (68%)	B (70%)	B (70%)	B (71%)	B (71%)	C (68%)	B (73%)	仓	
Starbank Park	2015	D (56%)	E (47%)	D (53%)	D (59%)	D (57%)	D (55%)	C (63%)	B (73%)	B (78%)	A (83%)	A (86%)	¢	
Station Road Park	2010	C (67%)	D (58%)	C (67%)	C (68%)	C (67%)	D (59%)	C (66%)	C (69%)	C (68%)	B (72%)	B (74%)	¢	
Victoria Park	2011	D (51%)	D (53%)	C (62%)	C (66%)	B (71%)	B (70%)	C (67%)	C (69%)	B (73%)	B (72%)	B (72%)	\$	



Bandwidths

Bandwidth Trend

Park Quality Scores Trend









Green Flag Parks

Criteria Scores Averages & Trends

Green Flag Parks – 33 Parks

Jicen Hag Farks – 55 Farks	2017	2018		2018	Scores	Number o	of criteria sc	ores that
	Avg	Avg	Trend	Min	Max	1	→ ←	
Welcoming	6.2	6.4	1	3	9	12	25	7
Good Safe Access	6.5	6.7	1	3	9	8	30	6
Signage	6.6	6.6	→←	4	9	8	29	7
Equal Access	6.1	6.1	→←	2	9	8	28	8
Safe Equipment & Facilities	6.4	6.6	1	4	8	15	24	5
Personal Security in Park	7.0	7.1	^	5	10	8	30	6
Dog Fouling	7.6	7.6	→←	5	10	12	20	12
Facility Provision	7.2	7.2	→←	3	9	8	30	6
Quality of Facilities	7.1	7.1	→←	5	8	5	34	5
Litter & Waste Management	6.8	6.9	^	3	10	18	13	13
Grounds Maintenance	5.9	6.0	•	4	9	13	19	12
Building Maintenance	6.2	6.3	1	4	8	12	28	4
Equipment Maintenance	6.6	6.7	1	5	9	9	31	4
Environmental Sustainability	6.1	6.5	^	6	9	11	32	1
Pesticides	5.8	6.1	1	4	10	17	19	8
Peat Use	9.6	9.7	1	7	10	2	42	0
Waste Minimisation	4.1	5.6	1	4	9	25	17	2
Woodland Management	6.8	6.8	→←	5	9	6	32	6
Conservation Fauna & Flora	6.6	6.6	→←	3	9	7	31	6
Conservation Landscape	6.2	6.7	1	2	9	3	39	2
Conservation Buildings	6.4	6.4	→←	5	8	5	36	3
Community Involvement	5.4	4.9		1	10	5	27	12
Community Provision	6.3	6.4	1	6	9	5	38	1
Marketing & Promotion	5.7	5.7	→←	2	10	16	18	10
Information Provision	5.6	5.8	1	1	9	13	22	9
Interpretative Provision	4.7	5.0	1	1	9	15	23	6

Green Flag Parks ranked in order of 2018 Park Quality Score

City Rank	Park Name	Locality	Park Type	Management	2017	2018	+/- %
1	Pentland Hills Regional Park	SW	Natural	Natural Heritage	83%	86%	+3%
2	Starbank Park	NW	Community	North West	78%	77%	-1%
3	Seven Acre Park	SE	Community	South East	73%	77%	+4%
4	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	SW	Natural	Natural Heritage	78%	76%	-2%
5	Hermitage of Braid	SE	Natural	Natural Heritage	72%	74%	+2%
6=	Figgate Burn Park	NE	Community	North East	72%	74%	+2%
6=	Hopetoun Crescent Gardens	NE	Garden	North East	73%	73%	0%
6=	Prestonfield Park	SE	Community	South East	68%	73%	+5%
9=	Inverleith Park	NW	Premier	North West	72%	72%	0%
11=	Corstorphine Hill	NW	Natural	Natural Heritage	71%	72%	+1%
11=	Morningside Park	SE	Community	South East	74%	72%	-2%
11=	Rosefield Park	NE	Community	North East	69%	72%	+3%
16=	Braidburn Valley Park	SE	Community	South East	69%	71%	+2%
16=	Muir Wood Park	SW	Community	South West	73%	69%	-4%
20=	Craigmillar Castle Park	NE	Natural	Natural Heritage	67%	68%	+1%
20=	Ferniehill Community Park	SE	Community	South East	65%	68%	+3%
20=	Station Road Park	NW	Community	North West	62%	67%	+5%
24=	Harrison Park	SW	Community	South West	68%	66%	-2%
24=	Lochend Park	NE	Community	North East	62%	66%	+4%
24=	Ravelston Woods	NW	Natural	Natural Heritage	63%	66%	+3%
24=	St Margarets Park	NW	Community	North West	58%	65%	+7%
31=	London Road Gardens	SE	City	South East	61%	65%	+4%
31=	Princes Street Gardens	SE	Premier	South East	62%	64%	+2%
31=	Victoria Park	NW	City	North West	62%	63%	+1%
39=	Ravelston Park	NW	Community	North West	60%	63%	+3%
39=	Spylaw Park	SW	Community	South West	60%	62%	+2%
43=	Fairmilehead Park	SW	Community	South West	60%	62%	+2%
43=	Hailes Quarry Park	SW	Community	South West	63%	62%	-1%
51=	Lauriston Castle	NW	Garden	North West	57%	61%	+4%
51=	Portobello Community Garden	NE	Community	North East	55%	61%	+6%
60=	King George V Park (Eyre Pl.)	NW	City	North West	56%	60%	+4%
68=	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	SE	Natural	Natural Heritage	60%	60%	0%
68=	Ferry Glen & Back Braes	NW	Natural	North West	57%	60%	+3%



Fairmilehead Park and Lauriston Castle gardens were awarded Green Flag Awards at the first time of asking in 2018.



7.1 Site Criteria Scores – Grouped by Locality

North East Edinburgh Locality

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Safe Equipment & Facilities	Personal Security in Park	Dog Fouling	Appropriate Provision of Facilities	Quality of Facilities	Litter & Waste Management	Grounds Maintenance and Horticulture	Building & Infrastructure Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Sustainability	Pesticides	Peat Use	Waste Minimisation	Arboriculture & Woodland Management	Conservation Fauna & Flora	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Educational & Interpretative Provision	PQS
Abercorn Park	8	8	5	8	8	9	8	8	8	7	6	8	7	8	7	10	7	7	7	7	6	5	6	4	4	2	68%
Baronscourt Park	7	7	6	6	6	7	5	4	7	6	6	7	5	6	7	10	7	7	6	0	0	7	8	4	6	6	64%
Bingham Park	6	7	4	5	5	7	8	6	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	10	7	7	7	0	0	6	6	4	3	1	60%
Brighton Park	8	8	7	8	9	8	7	7	8	6	7	7	6	6	7	10	7	7	6	6	6	8	8	4	3	1	67%
Brunstane Mill	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	6	6	6	9	10	6	7	9	6	0	7	6	6	7	6	69%
Cairntows Park	5	5	4	4	6	7	8	5	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	10	6	6	7	0	0	7	6	4	3	1	58%
C'millar Castle Pk	7	8	7	7	8	6	5	7	8	6	6	7	7	6	10	10	7	7	8	8	0	9	8	8	7	7	74%
Dalmeny Street Pk	6	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	6	5	6	7	6	7	10	6	6	4	5	5	3	6	4	6	5	60%
Figgate Burn Park	7	8	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	10	5	8	9	7	0	9	9	8	8	8	78%
Hays Park	5	7	3	6	6	6	6	2	5	4	4	5	5	8	7	10	7	7	3	0	0	4	6	4	2	1	51%
Henderson Gardens	3	5	4	6	6	4	1	6	6	1	1	6	5	6	7	10	5	3	4	5	0	3	6	4	3	1	44%
Hillside Crescent	7	7	9	7	9	7	7	9	7	5	6	7	7	6	6	10	5	7	7	5	0	7	6	8	8	7	70%
Hopetoun Crescent	7	8	7	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	7	8	7	6	7	10	6	8	8	9	8	9	6	8	8	9	78%
Hunters Hall Park	6	6	4	5	6	7	8	7	6	5	6	5	6	6	7	10	6	7	7	3	0	8	6	5	5	4	60%
Jewel Park	4	6	5	7	7	7	7	6	7	2	7	5	7	6	6	10	5	6	5	6	0	4	6	4	2	1	55%
Joppa Quarry Park	6	5	7	4	7	8	6	6	7	7	5	6	7	6	7	10	5	6	7	0	0	3	6	4	5	5	60%
Keddie Park	5	7	4	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	3	6	5	6	6	10	5	7	5	0	0	1	6	4	3	2	54%
Leith Links	7	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	10	5	7	6	5	5	8	6	8	7	4	67%
Lochend Park	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	10	6	8	8	5	8	7	6	8	8	8	73%
Magdalene Glen	5	8	6	5	7	6	8	7	8	4	6	7	7	8	7	10	6	7	8	5	0	4	6	4	4	3	62%
Meadowfield Park	6	6	5	3	7	7	8	8	7	7	6	7	6	6	7	10	7	7	7	7	0	5	6	4	5	5	64%

North East Edinburgh Locality

Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Safe Equipment & Facilities	Personal Security in Park	Dog Fouling	Appropriate Provision of Facilities	Quality of Facilities	Litter & Waste Management	Grounds Maintenance and Horticulture	Building & Infrastructure Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Sustainability	Pesticides	Peat Use	Waste Minimisation	Arboriculture & Woodland Management	Conservation Fauna & Flora	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Educational & Interpretative Provision	PQS
Meadows Yard	7	5	7	3	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	10	10	9	8	9	7	0	5	6	8	6	7	69%
Montgomery St	6	7	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	4	5	6	5	6	7	10	6	6	7	0	6	8	7	8	6	5	65%
Newcraighall Park	7	7	7	5	8	8	7	8	8	8	5	8	8	6	7	10	6	7	6	6	0	6	7	4	5	6	68%
Pilrig Park	5	8	6	8	8	7	6	8	8	5	5	6	7	8	7	10	7	7	8	6	6	8	7	8	7	4	69%
P'tobello Com Gdn	7	8	5	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	6	8	6	8	10	5	0	5	8	8	6	6	8	5	5	69%
Redbraes Park	5	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	5	4	6	4	6	6	10	6	6	4	5	0	2	6	4	4	3	55%
Rosefield Park	8	8	8	8	6	9	8	9	8	6	8	8	7	6	7	10	6	8	8	8	7	6	8	8	7	8	76%
Seafield Rec Ground	5	6	4	2	6	7	6	4	7	6	6	7	6	6	7	10	6	7	5	4	0	1	6	3	3	1	52%
Straiton Place Park	7	7	5	7	8	8	8	9	8	7	5	7	7	6	7	10	4	0	4	0	0	6	6	5	4	1	63%
Taylor Gardens	8	8	6	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	10	7	7	3	5	0	3	6	4	4	4	64%

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good Safe Access	Signage	Equal Access	Safe Equipment & Facilities	Personal Security in Park	Dog Fouling	Appropriate Provision of Facilities	Quality of Facilities	Litter & Waste Management	Grounds Maintenance and Horticulture	Building & Infrastructure Maintenance	Equipment Maintenance	Environmental Sustainability	Pesticides	Peat Use	Waste Minimisation	Arboriculture & Woodland Management	Conservation Fauna & Flora	Conservation Landscape	Conservation Buildings	Community Involvement	Community Provision	Marketing & Promotion	Information Provision	Educational & Interpretative Provision	PQS
Allison Park	7	7	7	5	8	7	9	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	10	5	7	6	2	0	1	6	5	6	5	63%
Balgreen Park	6	6	5	6	6	6	9	8	8	9	4	7	8	6	6	10	5	7	3	0	0	1	6	2	4	2	58%
Buttercup Farm Pk	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	6	8	9	6	6	7	5	7	5	0	0	2	6	4	6	6	66%
Cammo Estate	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	8	7	8	7	6	7	9	9	10	9	8	9	9	5	9	9	9	7	7	77%
Clermiston Park	6	7	7	5	5	7	6	7	6	5	6	6	7	6	4	10	4	6	6	5	5	4	6	5	6	3	58%
Corstorphine Hill	8	7	8	4	6	7	8	6	8	8	4	6	5	9	9	10	9	7	8	9	8	10	9	9	8	7	76%
Cramond Foreshore	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	6	4	10	7	7	8	8	7	7	6	5	7	8	72%
Cramond Wall Gdn	6	6	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	8	5	6	7	7	7	10	5	7	7	5	6	3	6	5	6	5	65%
Davidson's Mains	7	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	5	10	6	8	8	0	0	7	6	7	7	8	72%
Drumbrae Park	5	6	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	4	6	6	6	6	4	10	4	7	7	0	6	2	6	4	6	3	57%
Dundas Park	5	7	7	4	6	7	8	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	10	5	7	7	0	0	1	6	5	5	5	60%
East Pilton Park	6	7	5	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	6	7	6	6	5	10	5	6	6	0	0	2	6	5	5	5	62%
Easter Drylaw Park	7	7	8	7	7	7	5	8	7	8	7	8	7	6	5	10	5	5	7	0	0	2	6	5	5	4	64%
Fauldburn Park	7	6	7	5	6	7	7	7	6	8	5	7	7	6	7	10	5	7	5	5	0	1	6	5	5	3	60%
Ferry Glen/B Braes	6	5	7	5	5	7	8	7	6	7	6	4	6	6	7	10	6	6	7	0	0	8	6	8	8	7	66%
Glendevon Park	7	7	7	5	7	7	9	6	7	9	6	7	7	6	4	10	5	7	4	0	0	1	6	2	5	2	60%
Granton Crescent	6	6	7	4	6	6	8	7	6	6	6	7	6	6	7	10	5	5	7	0	0	2	6	5	7	6	61%
Gyle Park	7	6	6	7	6	7	8	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	4	10	4	7	8	0	0	7	7	5	7	5	67%
Gypsy Brae Rec	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	7	10	6	7	7	0	7	6	6	5	6	7	68%
Haugh Park	6	7	5	5	7	7	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	6	4	10	5	7	7	6	0	1	6	2	3	1	59%
Inchcolm Park	8	7	7	6	6	8	9	9	7	8	7	6	7	6	7	10	5	5	7	0	0	4	6	5	6	3	66%
Inverleith Park KGV Pk (Eyre	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	7	7	6	7	8	6	7	6	8	8	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	77%
Place)	4	7	7	1	1	/	7	8	8	/	4	6	/	/	6	10	5	7	6	5	6	8	7	8	8	8	68%

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Site Name	Welcoming	Good S	Signage	Equal Access	Safe Eo	Person	Dog Fouling	Approf	Quality	Litter &	Grounds	Buildir	Equipment	Enviro	Pesticides	Peat Use	Waste	Arbori	Conser	Conser	Conser	Community	Comm	Market	Inform	Educational	PQS
KGV Pk (S.Q)	6	6	6	5	5	8	9	8	7	7	4	6	5	6	4	10	5	7	3	0	0	6	6	5	5	3	59%
Lauriston Castle	6	7	6	6	7	7	9	7	7	7	7	5	7	7	8	7	7	7	8	9	5	7	6	8	6	7	69%
Muirhouse Park	4	5	5	8	8	6	6	8	8	4	4	5	6	6	5	10	4	5	6	0	0	2	6	4	1	1	53%
Orchard (Brae) Pk	6	6	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	6	4	10	5	7	6	0	0	4	6	4	4	4	62%
Parkside	6	7	7	6	8	7	9	5	5	8	5	6	6	6	4	10	5	7	6	0	0	1	6	4	5	1	58%
Ratho Stat Flyover	3	3	4	2	4	5	6	3	6	5	5	4	6	6	7	10	5	7	5	0	0	6	6	4	3	1	48%
Ratho Station Park	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	5	6	6	6	7	10	5	7	7	0	0	1	6	5	4	4	63%
Ravelston Park	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	7	10	7	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	5	71%
Ravelston Woods	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	10	10	9	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	73%
River Almond	8	7	7	6	6	7	6	8	6	6	6	6	7	9	9	10	9	7	9	9	7	9	6	9	7	7	74%
Riverside Park	5	5	6	3	7	7	7	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	4	10	5	6	5	0	0	1	6	2	3	2	55%
Rocheid Path	6	6	7	6	6	7	9	6	6	7	7	7	7	9	7	10	7	7	8	7	6	9	6	8	8	8	72%
Roseburn Park	6	8	7	8	6	8	8	7	7	9	5	6	7	6	5	10	5	7	6	0	5	6	6	5	5	5	65%
Silverknowes Park	4	5	4	2	5	5	6	4	5	3	4	5	5	6	5	10	6	6	5	0	0	4	6	5	3	3	48%
St Margaret's Park	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	8	6	7	10	5	7	7	7	7	7	6	8	8	8	73%
St Mark's Park	6	7	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	10	5	7	7	5	0	3	6	4	4	4	59%
Starbank Park	9	8	9	8	7	9	10	9	7	10	9	8	7	8	10	7	7	9	8	9	8	10	9	10	9	9	86%
Station Road Park	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	8	8	7	7	7	6	0	5	10	0	8	7	0	0	7	6	7	7	6	74%
Union Park	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7	4	6	7	7	6	4	10	5	6	6	0	0	5	7	5	6	5	61%
Victoria Park	8	9	8	9	7	10	10	9	8	5	5	5	7	6	7	10	5	6	7	5	6	8	6	8	7	7	72%
West Pilton Park	5	5	5	7	5	6	8	7	7	4	7	6	7	6	7	10	4	7	7	0	0	8	6	7	5	4	62%

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Atholl Crescent	8	7	8	8	8	8	9	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	6	0	5	6	6	8	7	71%
Bauks View	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	10	7	8	8	4	0	9	6	6	8	8	75%
Bellevue Crescent	7	5	8	4	7	8	7	7	8	7	6	7	7	6	7	10	6	7	7	5	0	3	6	6	7	7	66%
Braid Hills	6	5	7	5	6	7	8	7	6	8	7	6	7	8	7	10	7	8	8	9	0	7	6	7	7	6	70%
Braidburn Valley	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	7	8	7	10	6	7	8	7	7	9	6	9	8	8	75%
Burdiehouse Burn	6	7	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	9	10	7	7	7	0	0	9	6	9	6	6	66%
Calton Hill	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	8	7	10	6	7	7	9	9	7	6	8	9	9	76%
Coates Crescent	8	7	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	9	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	6	7	5	6	6	8	7	72%
Deaconess	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	6	7	7	6	7	6	0	0	4	6	5	8	8	70%
Drum Park	6	6	9	6	5	8	8	8	8	5	7	7	7	6	5	10	5	6	5	0	0	6	6	5	8	7	66%
Dunbar's Close	7	7	6	6	7	7	8	8	6	8	9	7	7	6	8	7	6	7	8	7	7	8	6	8	6	6	70%
Ferniehill Com Pk	8	8	8	7	7	9	5	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	0	0	6	8	8	7	7	74%
Fernieside Rec Gnd	5	5	7	4	5	5	8	6	5	7	7	6	5	6	5	10	7	7	4	0	0	7	6	5	6	5	60%
Gardner's Crescent	7	8	7	7	7	8	9	8	8	7	7	8	7	6	7	10	6	7	5	9	9	6	6	7	7	7	73%
Gayfield Square	6	5	7	4	5	7	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	10	6	7	6	4	0	6	6	8	6	6	65%
Gracemount Com.	6	7	7	7	7	6	9	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	10	6	7	7	0	0	5	6	5	7	7	66%
Granny's Green	6	6	6	4	6	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	6	6	10	6	7	4	6	7	7	6	6	5	5	62%
Hermitage of Braid	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	7	7	7	7	10	10	8	8	9	8	7	9	7	8	8	9	79%
Inch Park	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	7	5	7	6	8	8	7	10	6	6	7	5	8	6	6	6	7	7	70%
Liberton Park	6	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	10	6	7	4	0	0	6	7	5	7	7	69%
London Road	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	10	8	8	8	0	8	7	6	8	7	7	72%
Moredun Park	7	6	7	3	8	8	5	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	10	5	6	7	0	0	3	6	6	7	6	63%
Morgan Play Fields	7	7	8	5	8	6	9	9	9	7	8	6	9	6	7	10	6	7	6	0	0	4	6	5	7	7	70%

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Morningside Park	8	8	8	8	7	9	9	9	8	9	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	0	0	5	8	9	8	8	76%
Mortonhall Park	5	5	6	3	6	5	9	5	6	8	7	0	6	6	7	10	4	7	7	0	0	3	6	5	7	7	61%
Nicolson Square	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	8	6	6	6	7	6	7	10	6	8	6	6	7	4	6	6	7	8	69%
Prestonfield Park	9	9	8	8	9	8	9	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	0	8	8	8	8	9	78%
P'field War Mem	7	7	8	5	7	8	8	7	8	7	5	8	8	7	7	7	6	8	7	0	7	8	6	6	8	7	71%
Princes St Gardens	8	8	6	6	7	8	9	9	8	6	7	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	8	9	8	2	9	7	6	6	72%
Regent Road Park	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	7	10	8	7	8	0	7	4	6	6	8	8	73%
Seven Acre Park	8	7	9	7	9	8	8	9	9	9	8	8	9	8	8	10	8	8	9	0	0	9	8	8	9	9	84%
St Katharine's Park	7	7	8	7	8	7	6	7	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	10	6	8	8	5	0	7	7	8	7	8	73%
St Patrick's Square	6	8	8	7	8	8	5	8	8	6	6	8	8	6	7	7	6	7	6	0	7	5	7	6	7	7	69%
The Meadows /BL	7	8	7	9	8	7	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	9	7	8	76%

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Blinkbonny Park	5	6	4	5	7	5	8	8	7	9	8	7	7	8	6	10	6	7	7	0	0	6	6	6	4	2	64%
Bloomiehall Park	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	7	6	7	8	6	4	10	5	8	7	0	0	6	6	6	8	8	72%
Campbell Park	7	7	7	4	7	6	7	7	7	8	8	6	7	6	5	10	6	7	4	0	6	6	6	6	6	4	64%
Col & Craig Dells	8	7	6	6	7	7	5	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	9	10	9	8	8	8	8	9	6	9	7	7	75%
Colinton Mains	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	6	7	7	5	10	5	7	7	0	0	7	6	6	6	5	69%
Curriemuirend	4	4	5	2	2	3	8	1	2	4	3	1	3	6	5	10	6	3	6	5	0	7	6	5	6	7	46%
Dovecot Park	7	6	7	3	8	8	9	6	7	8	7	7	7	6	4	10	5	7	7	0	0	2	6	6	7	6	65%
Easter Cr'glockhart	8	7	7	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	9	10	10	9	8	9	9	0	10	10	9	8	8	81%
Fairmilehead Park	8	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	8	8	6	7	8	6	6	10	6	8	7	4	0	8	6	5	6	6	70%
F'tainbridge Green	8	8	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	8	6	4	7	6	5	7	0	0	4	7	4	6	6	65%
Gorgie/Dalry Park	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	7	6	4	5	6	6	6	6	10	6	7	7	5	0	4	6	4	5	3	57%
Hailes Quarry Park	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	10	6	6	7	0	0	8	6	8	7	7	70%
Harrison Park	8	9	9	8	8	9	9	8	8	5	7	7	8	6	6	8	2	7	8	0	0	6	6	8	8	7	73%
KGV Park (Currie)	6	8	6	7	7	6	8	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	4	10	6	7	7	0	6	5	6	6	3	1	62%
Marchbank Park	6	8	6	7	7	8	8	6	7	8	7	7	7	6	4	10	7	7	7	0	0	5	6	4	5	2	65%
Meadowspot Park	6	7	6	6	6	7	8	5	5	7	7	5	6	8	7	10	7	7	7	0	0	4	6	4	5	4	62%
Muir Wood Park	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	10	8	8	7	8	8	6	4	10	4	7	8	6	0	8	6	8	8	8	75%
Murieston Park	7	7	6	7	7	8	9	8	8	8	6	7	7	6	6	10	5	7	5	3	0	2	6	4	7	4	64%
Paties Road	5	6	6	3	8	7	9	8	8	8	6	6	7	6	5	10	5	8	7	0	0	4	6	6	7	6	65%
Pentland Hills	9	8	9	8	9	8	6	9	7	9	8	8	7	10	9	10	9	8	10	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	87%
Pentland View Park	7	7	6	7	8	9	8	8	7	6	7	7	7	8	6	10	6	5	4	0	0	5	6	4	3	1	63%
Ratho Park	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	8	7	9	7	6	7	6	4	10	6	6	6	0	0	6	6	4	7	5	68%
Redford Wood	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	6	6	7	6	9	10	6	7	8	0	0	4	6	4	5	5	64%

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Redhall Park	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	5	10	5	7	8	0	8	4	6	4	6	5	66%
Sighthill Park	6	7	5	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	4	10	6	7	7	0	7	6	6	6	5	5	64%
Spylaw Park	8	8	8	7	6	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	5	8	8	0	7	6	6	8	7	7	71%
Stenhouse Place	5	6	5	7	7	7	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	10	6	6	7	0	0	1	6	4	6	5	58%
Whinhill Park	7	7	7	6	6	8	7	6	7	6	4	7	6	6	4	10	5	7	6	0	0	1	6	4	6	3	59%
White Park	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	4	7	8	6	6	10	6	7	4	0	0	1	6	4	6	5	64%

Natural Heritage Service

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Burdiehouse Burn	6	7	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	9	10	7	7	7	0	0	9	6	9	6	6	66%
Cammo Estate	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	8	7	8	7	6	7	9	9	10	9	8	9	9	5	9	9	9	7	7	77%
Col & Cr'hart Dells	8	7	6	6	7	7	5	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	9	10	9	8	8	8	8	9	6	9	7	7	75%
Corstorphine Hill	8	7	8	4	6	7	8	6	8	8	4	6	5	9	9	10	9	7	8	9	8	10	9	9	8	7	76%
Craigmillar Castle	7	8	7	7	8	6	5	7	8	6	6	7	7	6	10	10	7	7	8	8	0	9	8	8	7	7	74%
Cramond Foreshore	8	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	6	4	10	7	7	8	8	7	7	6	5	7	8	72%
Easter Craiglockhart	8	7	7	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	9	10	10	9	8	9	9	0	10	10	9	8	8	81%
Hermitage of Braid	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	7	7	7	7	10	10	8	8	9	8	7	9	7	8	8	9	79%
Meadows Yard	7	5	7	3	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	10	10	9	8	9	7	0	5	6	8	6	7	69%
Pentland Hills	9	8	9	8	9	8	6	9	7	9	8	8	7	10	9	10	9	8	10	10	8	10	10	10	9	9	87%
Ravelston Woods	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	10	10	9	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	73%
River Almond	8	7	7	6	6	7	6	8	6	6	6	6	7	9	9	10	9	7	9	9	7	9	6	9	7	7	74%

7.2 Desktop Criteria Scoring Guidance

Environmental Sustainability

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pesticides/Herbicide

The scoring of this criterion is based on the decision to use chemical in parks and what actions site managers are taking in trying to reduce the amount used.

The following scoring guidance should be used.

10	A decision has been made to not use pesticide/herbicide on site under any circumstances and only preventative and cultural methods of weed control are used. A decision has been made to not use pesticide/herbicide on site unless to control NNIS.
7-8	Alternative methods of weed control are used on site (mulching, hand weeding etc) which can be evidenced. Where
	chemical is used, significant efforts are made to monitor and reduce the amount of pesticide/herbicide with a view to
	eradication over a set period. Any chemical is applied by certificated staff.
6-7	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. Any chemical is applied by certificated staff.
4-5	Pesticide/Herbicide is used on site i.e. along edges, in channels to control weed growth but is monitored. Any chemical
	is applied by certificated staff.
1-3	Pesticide/Herbicide is used on site and is not monitored. Any chemical is applied by certificated staff.

Peat Use

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

Waste Minimisation

Site managers should considering the following when scoring the criterion:

- Does the park have on site or nearby recycling facilities for litter?
- Does the park have on site composting/recycling facilities for green waste?

N.b the following should be considered based on what would happen if maintenance operations were carried out.

- Following maintenance operations, is green waste recycled on site?
- Following maintenance operations, is green waste removed for recycling elsewhere?
- Following maintenance operations, is green waste removed to landfill?

<u>Score</u>								
9-10	A <u>ll</u> green waste is recycled/composted on site. Litter recycling is offered on site or nearby. Deliberate and evidenced efforts are made to reduce waste.							
7-8	Most green waste is recycled/composted on site whilst any							
	taken off site is recycled. Litter is sorted and any that is							
	taken off site is recycled.							
6-7	Most green waste is recycled/composted on site whilst any							
	taken off site is recycled. Litter is not sorted but is taken off							
	site and recycled.							
5-6	All green waste is taken off site for recycling. Litter is not							
	sorted but is taken off site and recycled.							
4-5	All green waste is taken off site for recycling. Litter is not							
	sorted and is not recycled.							
1-3	Green waste and litter is removed and not recycled.							

Conservation of Landscape

The following table was used to judge the Conservation of Landscape for each site:

Where landscapes have been established as being important for historical reasons and / or design reasons they should be conserved as far as possible. The whole park should evidence the historic design relationship between buildings and built features, woods, trees in groups and single specimens, shrubberies and planting beds, open areas, water bodies, circulation routes and important view lines.

Each site should be judged by asking the following questions:

- Has the site been designated an area of natural or historical interest?
- Do important views and vistas still exist?
- Do the style and standard of horticultural displays harmonise with the sites historic character?
- Are efforts made to provide for continuity in historic collections of trees and shrubs?
- Are efforts made to retain or replace ornamental detailing on historic features?
- Do new or replacement features conserve or enhance the sites historic character?

Scoring

- 9-10: If the answers to applicable questions are YES and the site has been designated as one of historical interest.
- 7-8: If most of the answers to applicable questions are YES
- 5-6: If some of the answers to applicable questions are YES
- 2-4: If none of the answers to applicable questions are YES
- 1: If none of the answers to applicable questions are YES and the site has a designation.
- 0: Not Applicable to site

Community Involvement

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

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

Community Provision

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

<u>Marketing</u>

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

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.