

Report of The Head of Parks and Countryside

Report to South Inner Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 8th November 2011

Subject: Annual Report – for Parks and Countryside Service in South Inner Area Committee

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Summary of main issues

1. The report provides an area profile of key assets, information on park usage and a customer based perspective of the quality of the assets and services provided.
2. It highlights the current progress towards Leeds Quality Park (LQP) status for community parks in the area. It provides the costs of achieving and retaining LQP status in community parks up to the year 2020.
3. The report details capital improvements in community parks, sport pitches and fixed play in the area for the last 12 months and expected improvements in the next 12 months.
4. It gives a detailed breakdown of events and volunteering in the area.
5. It provides a perspective on actions contained in the 2008 - 2011 area delivery plan.

Recommendations

6. The Area Committee is requested to note the content of the report and to communicate priorities for investment in community parks, playing pitches and fixed play facilities in light of the issues raised

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks to further develop the relationship between the Parks and Countryside service and the South Inner Area Committee, as agreed at Executive Board.
- 1.2 It provides an overview of the service and sets out some of the challenges faced along with key performance management initiatives. In addition it seeks to provide a positive way forward for delivering the extended role of the Area Committee ensuring that the benefits of the revised roles are secured.
- 1.3 In particular it sets out at an area level progress made in attaining Leeds Quality Park standard. It also sets out investment needs to attain LQP standards and to retain them.

2 Background information

Service Description

- 2.1 Leeds City Council has one of the largest fully inclusive local authority Parks and Countryside services, managing almost 4,000 hectares of parks and green space.
- 2.2 This includes 7 major parks, 62 community parks and 95 recreation grounds and 391 local green spaces, which include 144 playgrounds and 500 sports facilities ranging from skateboard parks to golf courses, and which play host to 600 events annually. The service also manages a nursery which produces over 4 million bedding plants each year, 96 allotment sites, over 800km of Public Right of Way (PROW), and 156 nature conservation sites, as well as 22 cemeteries and three crematoria.
- 2.3 The 2009 Parks and Countryside residents survey showed that the service attracts almost 68 million visits each year from Leeds' residents alone, and that approximately 96% of these are regular park users. These range from anybody using a park for informal recreation (e.g. walking, observing nature) to people who take part in formal activities (e.g. football clubs, conservation volunteers or to attend events). The user surveys also evidenced that 10m visits are made to our green space by Young People (12-19) compared to 3.6m by Children (5-11).

Description of Priority Advisory Function

- 2.4 The priority advisory function for Area Committees relates to community parks provision that have a wide range of facilities, including general recreation, sports pitches, play and formal and informal horticultural facilities.
- 2.5 Where developments are less significant or only impact on one site then ward members and community groups will be informed and consulted using established procedures. It is important to note that good levels of engagement with ward members exist and this function seeks to enhance this engagement.

3 Main issues

Area Profile of the Service

- 3.1 The following table summarises community green space assets managed by Parks and Countryside in the South Inner Area Committee:

| Asset | Quantity |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Community parks | 5 |
| Playing Pitches: | |
| Football | 26 |
| Rugby League | 6 |
| Bowling greens | 13 |
| Playgrounds | 15 |
| Multi-use games areas | 4 |
| Skate parks | 2 |

Community Parks

- 3.2 Analysis from the 2009 residents survey was carried out relevant to the 5 community parks in the area which are;

| Site Name | Annual Number of Visits | Total Annual Visits to South Inner Community Parks is 1.7m approx. |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Cross Flatts Park | 1,080,684 | |
| Holbeck Moor | 352,458 | |
| Hunslet Lake | 141,215 | |
| Hunslet Moor | 117,035 | |
| Penny Pocket Park | * | |

**Penny Pocket Park had no respondents in the survey therefore visitor figures can't be calculated.*

- 3.3 The residents survey provides significant insight into the users of community parks, demographics of users, how they get there and what they do. A detailed insight of each community park is given in appendix 1. The key analysis points are;
- Approximately 78% of visitors are adults with 22% children.
 - There are a wide range of reasons for visiting but nearly all visitors at some point go for relaxation or exercise, another popular reason is for play.
 - Over 90% of visitors travel to the park on foot of which 68% take less than 10 minutes to travel there.
 - Of the 5% who visit by car 75% take less than 10 minutes to get there.
 - 58% of visitors go to community parks either every day or on most days, whilst 81% go at least once a week.

3.4 Parks and Countryside provide annual pitch hire for sports teams in the area. The table below shows the number of teams with current bookings playing on pitches in the area; *(note this excludes clubs who have a long term lease in place)*

| Age Group | No of Teams |
|-----------|-------------|
| Open Age | 19 |
| Juniors | 17 |

Volunteering in the Parks and Countryside Service

3.5 Since the last report to Area Committees the service has focused resources for a community outreach team to increase the number of volunteers and value of activities which take place with the following key actions;

- Seeking a large increase in corporate volunteering due to enhanced marketing and communication.
- Continued and improved involvement with the many “in bloom” groups in Leeds.
- It is an ambition is to have a volunteer group for every community park.

3.6 It is estimated that volunteers across all groups contribute 1,848 days of voluntary work in the south inner area over a 12 month period. The tables below give details of works undertaken in south inner since December 2010 and the active groups in the Area Committee;

Work undertaken by volunteers working with the Rangers;

| Site | Group / Organisation | Task |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Hunslet Cemetery | Friends of Hunslet Cemetery | Topping off graves |
| Middleton Park and Woods | Youth Offending Service | Rose garden maintenance |
| | Leeds Wildlife Volunteers | Rhododendron bashing Dry stone wall repairs |
| | International Personal Finance | Rose garden maintenance |
| | Manor Park Housing Association | Litter pick |
| | O2 | Painting crash barrier Bowling green improvements |

Corporate volunteer actions;

| Organisation | Site | Task | Number of Volunteers |
|--|----------------|---|----------------------|
| Leeds Ahead - International personal finance | Middleton Park | Rose Bed maintenance | 18 |
| Leeds Ahead – 02 | Middleton park | Painting crash barrier, bowling green maintenance | 34 |
| First Direct | Middleton park | Balsam bashing | 9 |
| Leeds Initiative | Middleton park | Pruning rose garden. Hedge trimming. | 25 |

Summary of the groups who are active in the south inner area :

| Group Name | Number of Volunteers | Estimated Volunteer Days |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Friends of Beeston Cemetery | 5 | 5 |
| Friends of Cross Flatts Park | 20 | 120 |
| Friends Of Holbeck Cemetery | 5 | 5 |
| Friends of Hunslet Cemetery | 5 | 10 |
| Friends of Middleton Park | 30 | 180 |
| Leeds Parks Volunteers | 4 | 78 |
| Leeds Voluntary Footpath Rangers | 6 | 130 |
| Leeds Wildlife Volunteers | 12 | 216 |
| Total | 87 | 744 |

Existing in bloom groups within the south inner area;

| In Bloom Group | Number of Volunteers | Estimated Volunteer Days |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Beeston | 10 | 200 |
| Cottingley | 10 | 200 |
| Coupland Road | 15 | 280 |
| Holbeck | 12 | 240 |
| Middleton | 24 | 480 |
| Total | 71 | 1400 |

Events

- 3.7 The bookings and licensing team has introduced improvements to the application process for events that occur on parks. They are providing greater assistance in helping community groups organise events with particular emphasise on ensuring legal and safety requirements are met but do not deter groups and organisations from organising activities. The table below shows a list of events held in the inner south area so far in 2011:

| Site Name | Month | Event | Total | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| Cross Flatts Park | June | Beeston Festival | 1 | |
| | July | (25th - 28th) Breeze Event | 1 | |
| | | Interfaith Sports Project | 1 | |
| | August | LCC Youth Bus | 2 | |
| | | LCC Youth Bus | 2 | |
| | | Wednesday in the Woods (Family Fun) | 1 | |
| September | LCC Youth Bus | 1 | | |
| Grove Rd Rec Hunslet | June | Hunslet Festival Gala | 1 | |
| Holbeck Moor | May | 9th - 16th Funfair (Waddington) | 1 | |
| | July | Holbeck Gala | 1 | |
| | | Hope 11 in Leeds 11 Fun Day | 1 | |
| | September | 26th - 3rd Funfair (Waddington) | 1 | |
| Hunslet Moor | May | 16th - 23rd Funfair (Waddington) | 1 | |
| Middleton Park | January | Airienteers | 1 | |
| | February | Airienteers | 1 | |
| | March | Banardo's 5k run | 1 | |
| | April | Dry Stone Walling - Leeds Wildlife Vol's | 1 | |
| | May | Bands in the Park (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Bluebell Walks (FoMP) | 2 | |
| | | Doggy Fun with the tailwagger club (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Plant Bring & Buy Sale (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | June | Balsam Pulling - Leeds Wildlife Vol's | 1 | |
| | | Band in the Park | 1 | |
| | | Circus Skills Workshop (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Heritage day | 1 | |
| | | Oddstocks Theatre Co (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Teas in the park (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Winthorpe Whirlers Marjorettes (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | July | Band in the Park | 1 |
| | August | Bands in the Park (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Mines guided walk (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Teas in the park (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Band in the Park | 1 | |
| | September | Circus Skills Workshop (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | Play schemes (funded by childrens services) held twice per week. | 10 | |
| | | Re'new Leeds Ltd | 1 | |
| | | Teas in the park (FoMP) | 2 | |
| | | Wednesday in the Woods (Family Fun) | 2 | |
| | | Bands in the Park (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | | FoMP Craft, Flower & Produce Show (FoMP) | 1 | |
| | Teas in the park (FoMP) | 2 | | |
| | October | Play schemes (funded by childrens services) 24 th - 28 th Oct | 2 | |
| | South Leeds S Centre | May | Youth Service Football Coaching 25/5 - 20/7 | 1 |

| Site Name | Month | Event | Total |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | August | Youth Service Football Coaching | 1 |
| Throstle Rec Ground | August | Igen NEET day | 1 |
| Total | | | 61 |

Community Parks – Leeds Quality Park Status

3.8 The Parks and Green Space Strategy was approved at Executive Board in February 2009 and sets out the vision and priorities to 2020. One of the key proposals contained in the strategy is the aspiration for all community parks to meet the Green Flag standard for field based assessment by 2020. The Green Flag Award Scheme represents the national standard for parks and green spaces. It has been developed around eight key criteria as follows;

- **A welcoming place** - how to create a sense that people are positively welcomed in the park
- **Healthy, safe & secure** - how best to ensure that the park is a safe & healthy environment for all users
- **Clean & well maintained** - what people can expect in terms of cleanliness, facilities & maintenance
- **Sustainability** - how a park can be managed in environmentally sensitive ways
- **Conservation & heritage** - the value of conservation & care of historical heritage
- **Community involvement** - ways of encouraging community participation and acknowledging the community's role in a park's success
- **Marketing** - methods of promoting a park successfully
- **Management** - how to reflect all of the above in a coherent & accessible management plan or strategy and ensure it is implemented.

3.9 The Parks and Countryside service reports annual performance against two local indicators based upon the Green Flag Award scheme;

- *The percentage of Parks and Countryside sites assessed that meet the Green Flag standard.*
- *The percentage of Parks and Countryside community parks which meet the Green Flag standard. Performance against these indicators is illustrated in section 3.23.*

3.10 The indicator includes an assessment of each community park which has particular relevance to Area Committee engagement. The scheme is known as the Leeds Quality Park (LQP) standard. The following table provides a summary of these assessments for the South Inner Area Committee.

| Site | Year Assessed | Welcoming Place | Healthy, Safe, Secure | Clean, Well Maintained | Sustainability | Conservation / Heritage | Community Involvement | Marketing | Meets Standard? |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Cross Flatts Park | 2010 | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Holbeck Moor | 2009 | | | | | | | | No |
| Hunslet Lake | 2010 | | | | | | | | No |
| Hunslet Moor | 2009 | | | | | | | | No |
| Penny Pocket Park | 2008 | | | | | | | | No |

Notes – Assessments due in 2011 (2008 inspections above) are currently taking place but have not yet been recorded in full so no data will be shown in this report.

Key:

| | |
|--|--|
| Meets Leeds Quality Park Standard on average for this key criteria | |
| Below Leeds Quality Park Standard on average for this key criteria | |

3.11 From this table, there is 1 park identified that meet the Leeds Quality Park Standard in the area, with 4 not reaching the standard. This is an increase of 1 pass since the last Area Committee report.

3.12 The residents survey in 2009 enables an assessment of visitor numbers and satisfaction rating (scored out of 10) for a number of criteria for each park, set out in the following table:

| Site | Design and Appearance | Cleanliness and Maintenance | Ease to Get Around | Range of Facilities | Horticultural Maintenance | Nature Conservation | Facilities for Families | Sports Facilities | Overall Impression |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cross Flatts Park | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| Holbeck Moor | 7.8 | 6.4 | 9.2 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| Hunslet Moor | 3.2 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 |

Note – Penny Pocket Park and Hunslet Lake had insufficient responses to be able to accurately produce satisfaction data

Key:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Generally meets LQP expectations | 7.0 - 10 | |
| Generally below LQP expectations | 0.0 – 6.9 | |

This table broadly correlates with the professional audit undertaken for the Leeds Quality Parks assessments. There are however issues identified with the range of facilities and facilities for families offered in many of the parks.

Playing Pitches

3.13 The residents survey in 2009 allowed respondents to rate sport facilities in parks. The results are shown in the table below;

| Rating of Sports facilities | 2009 (South Inner) | 2006 (South Inner) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fair to very good | 67.6% | 64.4% |
| Poor or very poor | 32.4% | 35.6% |

The results show a slight increase in those who felt sports facilities were of at least fair standard. This data is related to the table set out in paragraph 3.12.

Fixed Play

3.14 The residents survey in 2009 allowed respondents to rate facilities for children and their parents. The results are shown in the table below;

| Rating facilities for children | 2009 (South Inner) | 2006 (South Inner) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fair to very good | 49.7% | 50.3% |
| Poor or very poor | 56.5% | 43.5% |

Results show little change in those who rated facilities as fair or better.

3.15 Improvements to community parks during 2011 are as follows;

- Hunslet Lake – Removal of hedging and replaced with fencing.
- Penny Pocket Park – Installation of new bins.

3.16 With regards to sports pitches in the last 12 months the following works have been undertaken in the area;

- Middleton Sports Centre Pitches – Continuation of pitch relaying, drainage and access works.

3.17 The following table provides a perspective on the minimum level of investment required to achieve the LQP standard for the five remaining parks. It also includes the level of reinvestment required across all the community parks in order to sustain the LQP pass up to 2020;

| Site Name | Cost to Achieve (excluding fixed play) | Reinvestment (excluding fixed play) |
|---|---|--|
| Holbeck Moor | £14,800 | |
| Hunslet Lake | £73,500 | |
| Hunslet Moor | £66,073 | |
| Penny Pocket Park | £5,450 | |
| Total to achieve LQP | £159,823 | |
| Average annual reinvestment | | £10,228 |
| Total reinvestment to 2020 | | £92,056 |
| Overall Total Investment to 2020 | | £251,879 |

3.18 Reinvestment levels are estimated according to the expected lifespan of equipment and infrastructure as set out below;

| Description | Timescale for Recurring Investment |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Signage and interpretation | 5 years |
| Fixed play (including MUGA's/skate parks) | 10 years |
| Bins and benches | 15 years |
| Paths and infrastructure | 25 years |
| Landscaping | 25 years |

3.19 Planned improvements in Community Parks¹, sports pitches and on fixed play for the next 12 months are;

- Cross Flatts Park – repairing of the vandalised steps.
- Holbeck Moor – relocation of skate park from South Leeds Sports Centre to the park.
- Beggars Hill – refurbish play area.
- Hunslet Lake – Work to replace items of equipment in the play area.
- Middleton Sports Centre Pitches – Continuation of works on site to include 3G area, MUGA, Drainage and fencing works on pitches, improved changing rooms, floodlights and access works.

3.20 In terms of fixed play, work has been undertaken to set out refurbishment requirements over a 10 year rolling programme in support of the outcomes of the Play Strategy. The average cost of a new playground is currently about £120k; Multi-use games areas and skateparks are slightly cheaper on average at about £90k each. The table below shows the capital investment required on an ongoing basis to fund the area committees existing fixed play sites;

| Fixed Play Type | No. | Total Replacement Cost £'s | Required Average Annual Spend £'s |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Play Areas | 15 | 1,800,000 | 180,000 |
| Multi Use games Areas | 4 | 360,000 | 36,000 |
| Skate Parks | 2 | 180,000 | 18,000 |
| Totals | | 2,340,000 | 234,000 |

Area Committee funding for additional on site gardeners

3.21 A number of area committees provide additional funding for gardeners to increase site based presence at parks in the area.

¹ It should be noted that Middleton Park (City Park) is within the area committee and has received significant Heritage Lottery Funding for works to be carried out.

Analysis shows that complaints to both Ward Councillors and the Parks and Countryside Service have declined on sites with increased daily presence. In addition, the service has observed an increase in the number of residents using parks and open spaces which is backed up by the residents survey data.

The site based gardeners increase working relationships with users, local residents and community groups. These site based staff further increase users satisfaction and support the aspiration to increase volunteer groups working within parks.

3.22 The following table summarises actions identified in the Area Delivery Plan (2008 – 2011) and a commentary from a service perspective. During the development of the 2011-2015 Business Plan by Area Management these will be reviewed;

| Ref. | Action | Comments |
|-------------|--|---|
| Culture 5 | Area Well Being capital funding allocated towards outdoor improvement projects - Beeston Community Football Scheme (£10k). | Completed |
| Environment | Support provided to 'In Bloom' and 'Friends of' groups across Inner South Leeds | The service continues to provide dedicated officer support to local in bloom groups |

3.23 The following table highlights key performance indicators relevant to the service;

| PI Code | Description | 2009/10 Actual | 2010/11 Actual | 2011/12 Target | 2012/13 Target |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| LKI-GFI / CP-PC50 / EM38 | The percentage of parks and countryside sites assessed internally that meet the Green Flag criteria | 23% (Target 21%) | 23% (Target 23%) | 26.2% | 29.4% |
| LKI-PCP 22 | Overall user satisfaction with Parks and Countryside (from the user survey) | 7.37 (Target 7) | N/A | N/A | 7 |
| New | The percentage of parks and countryside community parks which meet LQP status | n/a | 33.9% | 40% | 47.5% |

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Close liaison with community and ward members is already in existence, utilising a variety of mechanisms, for example through residents' surveys, multi-agency meetings and community forums. In addition volunteers, Friends of groups and local residents are regularly consulted on local projects with input on design and physical implementation of a wide range of site improvements.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This report does not have an impact on equality and diversity. Further information is available on analysis of the residents survey 2009 specifically regarding equality issues on request.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The contents of this report set out how the Executive Board requirements can be met by taking a more proactive approach to involve and engage Area Committees in matters relating to community parks.

4.3.2 The information within the report contributes significantly to the sustainable economy and culture city priority plan.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 The central government's Comprehensive Spending Review has had significant impact on local government budgets and it is anticipated that the budget allocation for Parks and Countryside will continue to be very challenging.

4.4.2 The service undertakes to sustain and develop the services provided to the public and has traditionally used a number of sources of financial support to achieve developments. These include grants from bodies such as Green Leeds Ltd, Sustrans, Natural England, National Lottery funding and developer contributions via section 106 (S106) funds.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report has no legal implications and is not subject to call in. There is no information which is confidential or exempt.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no significant risk management issues contained within the report, its conclusions and recommendations.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Community green space contributes in many ways to the delivery of the Corporate Priority Plan. They provide places for relaxation, escape, exercise and recreation. They bring communities together and make a positive contribution to the local economy, education, improve public health and well-being, and generally make a better place to live, work and visit.

5.2 Improvements to community parks, fixed play and playing pitches remain a priority, and there already has been investment made to deliver improvements along with further schemes identified. Issues are being addressed through the Parks and Green Space Strategy along with implementation of the Fixed Play Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy.

- 5.3 Community engagement remains a key activity for the service with regular correspondence, attendance at meetings and briefings, along with more localised consultation where required. The principle consultation through the residents survey to 35,000 households is scheduled to take place again in 2012.
- 5.4 A programme of activities is planned for which updates and reports can be provided to the Area Committee to help inform, consult and influence community green space management.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is requested to note the content of the report and to communicate priorities for investment in community parks, playing pitches and fixed play facilities in light of the issues raised.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 Area Committee Roles, Inner South Area Committee, 4th July 2011
- 7.2 Annual Report for Parks and Countryside Service in South Inner Area Committee, Inner South Area Committee, 29th November 2010
- 7.3 Parks and Greenspace Strategy, Executive Board, February 2009
- 7.4 Play Strategy, Executive Board, September 2007

Appendix 1: Detailed Residents Survey Information

1.1 Total Number of Annual Visits

| | Community Parks | Other P&C Sites | Total |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| South Inner | 1,691,392 | 2,363,230 | 4,054,622 |

1.2 Reasons for Visiting – respondents select their five main reasons (The 24 choices have been grouped in this table)

| Reason | Cross Flatts Park % | Holbeck Moor % | Hunslet Moor % | South Inner Total % |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Exercise | 86 | 85 | 67 | 84 |
| Play | 55 | 46 | 83 | 55 |
| Dog walking | 12 | 31 | 17 | 17 |
| Enjoy the surroundings | 28 | 15 | 17 | 24 |
| Family outings | 29 | 15 | 33 | 27 |
| Relaxation | 86 | 77 | 67 | 84 |
| See Wildlife | 11 | 23 | 0 | 11 |
| Sport related | 14 | 23 | 33 | 16 |
| Other | 20 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Events | 38 | 15 | 0 | 31 |

1.3 Age Profile of Visitors

| Site | Age 20 – 39 | Age 40 – 59 | Age 60+ |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Cross Flatts Park | 31% | 46% | 22% |
| Holbeck Moor | 31% | 31% | 38% |
| Hunslet Moor | 33% | 17% | 50% |
| South Inner Total | 32% | 41% | 27% |

How visitors get to the parks and how long it takes to get there

1.4 Visitors on Foot – Journey Time

| Site | % of visitors on foot | Less than 10 mins | 10–20 mins | 20-30 mins | 30+ mins |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Cross Flatts Park | 92% | 65% | 34% | 1% | 0% |
| Holbeck Moor | 90% | 77% | 23% | 0% | 0% |
| Hunslet Moor | 80% | 75% | 25% | 0% | 0% |
| South Inner Total | 91% | 68% | 31% | 1% | 0% |

1.5 Visitors by Car - Journey Time

| Site | % of visitors by car | Less than 10 mins | 10–20 mins | 20-30 mins |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Cross Flatts Park | 5% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| Holbeck Moor | 10% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| Hunslet Moor | 0% | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| South Inner Total | 5% | 75% | 25% | 0% |

1.6 How long do visitors stay. (Detailed information on each community park is available on request).

| Time | Summer Stay | | Winter Stay | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday |
| Less than 30 Minutes | 14% | 24% | 31% | 57% |
| 30 minutes to 1 hour | 32% | 41% | 45% | 25% |
| 1 to 2 hours | 32% | 24% | 10% | 6% |
| 2 to 4 hours | 18% | 6% | 2% | 0% |
| 4 or more hours | 4% | 2% | 0% | 0% |
| Do not visit | 0% | 4% | 12% | 12% |

1.7 How often do visitors go. (Detailed information on each community park is available on request).

| | Summer | Winter |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Every Day | 26% | 13% |
| Most Days | 32% | 23% |
| Once or Twice a week | 23% | 21% |
| Once every two weeks | 9% | 8% |
| Once a month | 11% | 23% |
| Seldom or never | 0% | 13% |

1.8 Information taken from comments made in the survey.

| Site | General satisfaction comments | What would make you stay longer or encourage more use | Any other comments |
|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Cross Flatts Park | <p>Broken glass is an issue at times.</p> <p>Dog fouling and control of dogs is a significant issue for people.</p> <p>Some are impressed with the number of facilities others want/think there should be more.</p> | <p>Improved feeling of safety within the park.</p> <p>Catering facility of some kind.</p> <p>More events.</p> <p>Improved play area.</p> | <p>Several people comment on improvements seen over recent years.</p> |
| Holbeck Moor | <p>Improvements to football pitches.</p> | <p>Reduction in vandalism.</p> <p>More seating – which faces into the park.</p> | <p>Removal of boundary hedge has reduced wildlife.</p> |
| Hunslet Moor | <p>Litter/broken glass reduction.</p> | <p>Bowling green access, members keep it locked.</p> <p>Better play area.</p> | <p>~</p> |