

PAGE PARK

ANALYSIS OF ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

Questionnaires were made available via the following means: -

- 2000 distributed to residents in the park catchment.
- 300 distributed via a portable display at Tesco's and Staple Hill Library and via the Friends Group at the Christmas on the Hill event.
- An online version of the survey was widely advertised via websites and banners in the park.

A total of 530 questionnaires were completed and submitted to the Council. This is an excellent return rate and demonstrates the importance of Page Park to the local community

Question 1: We asked people do they currently visit or use Page Park?

Results for those that responded to this question were as follows:-

Answer	Number of responses %
Yes	482 (95.25%)
No	24 (4.75%)

The overwhelming majority of respondents were people who visit the park. Only a small number of people (24) who do not visit the park responded to the questionnaire, however this number did not correspond with the number of people who commented at Q.3 why they do not use the park (45 – or 8.5%).

Question 2: We asked people to tell us the reasons why they were visiting / using Page Park?

Respondents were provided with a wide range of tick-box answers, and a box to detail 'other' reasons for their visits.

Activity?	Number / % of respondents
Relaxation / get some fresh air	367 (69.2)
Exercise / keep fit	197 (37.2)
Walk the dog	119 (22.4)
Visit with friends / children / family	266 (50.2)
Play or watch sports and games	88 (16.6)

Jogging / running	52 (9.8)
Use children's play area	214 (40.4)
Organised educational visit	7 (1.3)
Cycle / ride a bike	69 (13)
Enjoy nature / wildlife	208 (39.2)
Enjoy flowers and trees	305 (57.6)
Visit the bandstand	83 (15.7)
Use facilities (bowls, football, etc)	51 (9.6)
Attend events	312 (58.9)
Other	60 (11.3)

The results indicate that the most popular use of the park is to relax and enjoy the fresh air (69.2%). Over half of respondents also reported that they visited the park to attend events, enjoy the flowers and trees and visit with friends and family. Other popular activities include enjoying using the children's play area, enjoying nature and wildlife and keeping fit and active.

Most people use the park for more informal activities; they go there to relax and enjoy a green space in a built up area, to get some fresh air and exercise and visit with friends, children and family.

A relatively high proportion of people (58.9%) have attended events in the park demonstrating its importance as a local community venue.

The park is an important resource for health and activity with 37.2% of people using it for exercise and to keep fit, 13% for cycling and 9.8% for jogging/running. This is in addition to more gentle exercise that people derive from walking in the park and walking dogs (22.4%).

The results indicate that people place a high value of the quality of the parks green environment and go there to enjoy the flowers and trees and the nature and wildlife.

The children's play area is used by 40.4% of respondents, emphasising the need to have good quality play facilities in the park.

The bandstand is visited by 15.7% of respondents; this figure is likely to increase in the future following its recent restoration.

A total of 60 people gave details of 'other' activities & uses of the park. Their responses can be summarised as follows:-

- Pre-school in Page Park
- To visit the ice cream van in the Summer!
- Provides a well used short cut through to Staple Hill High Street / local doctors from local houses (11 (20%) of respondents listed this use).
- Many people play tennis / use tennis courts
- People use the park paths as an alternative to walking along neighbouring pavements / avoid walking along the main road and busy streets

- People visit to use / enjoy the sensory garden and use its features
- Teenagers / friends meet and socialise in the park
- Attend the Remembrance Service in November, sitting by the war memorial and remembering old friends
- Enjoy performance of music
- Therapeutic – One respondent stated her husband has dementia and the park is important for exercise
- Good place for small children to learn to cycle
- Teen area
- Show visiting friends/family the air raid shelter from the last war in the corner of the field. A marvellous relic (should have a plaque). To see birds
- Play ping pong
- Visit aviary in Sensory garden
- Meditating
- Paint/draw
- Watch the world go by

Question 3: We asked those who do not currently visit or use Page Park to tell us their your reasons why?

A total of 45 (8.49%) of respondents answered this question.

The reasons people gave for not visiting / using the park are categorised below.

Antisocial behaviour:

- Bad language during football matches
- Anti social behaviour by some youths, do not feel safe there
- Continual surveillance for all play areas 24 hrs a day required as Bath Park
- Park is now a meeting place for gangs of older children - it is no longer a pleasant place to visit.
- Too many teenagers etc unruly, bad language, intimidating.
- Don't visit evenings due to gangs hanging around (no Policing)
- Do not use too much too many groups hang around
- Anti social behaviour from groups of youths
- Muggers do concern people, that's why they do not go in the park

Play / Play facilities & Equipment:

- Poor play facilities for older children / needs a skate ramp style area
- Need to improve / modernise as currently very basic/old/dull
- Children's play area could be improved similar to Kingsgate park in Yate
- Some of my friends with children don't use Page Park even though it is their closest park because the play area is so old and inadequate they drive to a better park further away e.g. Oldbury Court or Bromley Heath or Keynsham

Dog Walking / dogs not under control:

- Dog walkers / dogs are not kept under control.
- Too many dogs roaming around not on a lead
- Disgraceful amount of dog mess on surrounding pavements. If dogs were barred I would use the park
- The sole reason for not visiting is the trouble loose dogs off the lead cause - running up to and causing a nuisance, dogs kept on leads and often frightening timid children. My grand daughter finds this frightening.
- Almost all the dog fouling which is considerable around the edges of the park is caused by dogs off lead, a considerable way away from their owners who do not see/or choose not to see the fouling.
- Intimidation by dog walkers / dogs off leads

Park Management / other facilities:

- Park has water logged walkways, untidy, water, dog mess, leaves rotting, man holes spouting water, sodden fields.
- I don't like my child going near the edge of the park on the east side as there are no railings and a drop the other side on to the pavement. This is unsafe for toddlers
- Would use more if less of a problem with litter
- Not enough flowers, more children's play area articles (see Bath Park), more seats for elderly people. It would be nice if there was a hut to buy tea/cake
- Accessibility: / disability unable to get there / would need more seats in the park to be able to walk round
- The lack of shelter / refreshments available.

Analysis shows that by far the greatest single reason for people not using the park is the concern over anti-social behaviour. Equally there appears to be a problem with people being intimidated by dogs which are not kept under control and the amount of dog mess in the park. There is also concern about the quality and condition of the play facilities and this deters some visitors.

Question 4: We asked people to tell us what kind of events and activities would improve their enjoyment of Page Park, or would make them visit the park more if offered?

To help, respondents were provided with tick-box answers covering a wide range of events and activities.

Activity / Event	Number / % of respondents
More sporting activities for all	132 (24.9)
Organised activities for children / families	231 (43.6)
More live music events for local bands, brass bands and bandstand events	388 (73.2)
Wildlife / environmental themed activities including family nature days, wild play sessions, outdoor seasonal events (bat walks) and wildlife surveys	247 (46.6)
Helping design new park art works, arts and crafts based	105 (19.8)

activities	
Local history and park heritage, stories of the park and Staple Hill community	221 (41.7)
Celebration events for all (Christmas / Park Centenary Event / Armed Forces Day / Asian Mela / Halloween / Public Holidays and celebrations.	412 (77.7)
Guided walks and talks	95 (17.9)
Producing new Page Park leaflets, exhibition panels and web pages	94 (17.7)
Opportunities to learn practical conservation tasks & horticultural skills	117 (22.1)
Educational schools learning resources / school use of the park for curriculum	139 (26.2)
Health and exercise activities for all (eg Tai chi, health walks)	212 (40)

The activities that received the most support were celebration events (77.7%) and music events (73.2%). It is clear therefore, that there is overwhelming support for events to be held in the park that bring the community together. There was also significant support for wildlife and environmentally themed activities (46.6%) and heritage based activities (41.1%). 43.3% also wished to see organised activities for families and children and there was also a good level of support for health and exercise activities (40%). Perhaps understandably there were lower levels of support for activities such as designing new art works, arts and craft activities (19.8%), producing park leaflets, panels and web sites (17.7%) and guided walks and talks (17.9%). This may be because these types of activities appeal to people with more specialist interests; however there is still a reasonable proportion of the local community whose enjoyment of the park would be improved by these activities.

Educational learning resources / school use of the park and opportunities to learn practical conservation and horticultural skills were also supported by between a fifth and a quarter of respondents as activities likely to improve their enjoyment of the park. More sporting activities were supported by a quarter of respondents.

The implication of these results is that the Parks for People HLF bid should support music and celebration events as a means of improving social cohesion and getting more, and a wider range of people to enjoy the park. There should also be activities focussed on the wildlife and environment of the park and its heritage. Activities should aim, where possible to improve health and wellbeing, support organised activities for families and children and offer training and learning opportunities.

Question 5: We asked people if there are any other activities or events they would like to see or do in the park?

There were 155 responses to this question (29.2% of respondents) and a wide range of suggestions were put forward. For ease of analysis the responses have been categorised as follows

Music

- Band concerts
- Brass bands in Summer with chairs placed around the bandstand
- Children's events. Music
- Concerts
- Concerts, fares
- more concerts in renovated bandstand
- More music events and car boot type events
- Music festival. Xmas ice rink
- Music for the young and old 50-60, 70-80
- Regular band concerts
- Regular band concerts
- Regular music around the new bandstand
- Small concerts/music festivals
- Sunday bands in the Summer
- With the many festivals throughout the year it would be nice to see things like an Easter concert. Summer festival bands etc. it would also be good to have something organised alongside Christmas on the hill. For example outdoor Christmas carol concert with tea coffee mince pies etc.

Physical Activities

- A "measured" walk to help with exercise
- Aerobics
- Exercise class for mothers with young children/toddlers/babies
- Exercise classes in proposed community hall
- Health and exercise area for old and sick
- Outdoor Fitness Equipments
- Outdoor gym equipment, pull up bars, dipping bars etc
- Paint balling, rock climbing, gym
- Permanent orienteering posts for primary school use
- Relaxation classes
- Road markings on the path that would help children understand the green cross code and riding bicycles on the road in a safe environment
- Soccertots, buggypush
- Sponsored walks for charity, kite flying, dog show
- Yoga classes

Play

- A better play area for children like Blaize Castle
- Children's play areas to be improved and adapt to all ages
- I (along with many other residents with families) just wish to see the children's play area completely redesigned and rebuilt as it is dated, inadequate and unsafe - the ground is so uneven and is a trip hazard

- Improved play equipment for young children
- More play equipment for children and teenagers (like in Stoke Gifford)
- My son; who has autism and absolutely loves trains; would like a miniature railway at Page Park. I would like a cafe or place to get warm drinks as the park is very cold in the winter. Near the children's play area would be good so you could leave children playing while you get a drink. Also new play facilities for small children would be good. The current things are very run down.
- New children's play area like Victoria Park in Bath (the cafe would then get all year use)
- Refresh of younger children's play area
- Sand and water facilities for children to play in
- Skateboard ramps or cycling Ramos to encourage older children ie older siblings do while family can use park. Water theme would be great too trampoline?? Like blaze castle more sand and activities
- The 'youth area' changed to a bike/scooter area a much needed facility in the area
- Zip wire to be replaced

Natural Environment

- Fishpond (wildlife), paddling pool and car boots
- Grow apple trees and develop a small orchard which is good for people to learn about local history; food; the environment. Could include Wassailing day in January.
- Maybe information boards mentioning wildlife that may be seen in the park. The trees are a beautiful feature could they be labelled so people know what they are?
- Maybe more on British history/wildlife n.b. please can you consider not replacing the metal fence round the walls as it was taken down and used as weapons during WWII
- Please focus on fresh air and a sense of peace, life is busy enough without making the park another noisy/dirty area of town
- 'Tree gazing' walks or other guided walks with an emphasis on the many interesting trees in the park.

Community Celebrations

- Armed Forces equipment display etc
- Christmas & Easter services
- Dog shows or events
- During the war we had holiday at home week it was great all kinds of entertainment
- Ethnic celebrations are known to be colourful and successful. Food festivals are very popular, Christmas Market, Easter celebration. More security, how the new disc swing was burnt down in front of the Police station beggars belief. More dog wardens or a permanent one or ban dogs altogether (as above I am an animal lover)
- Events go get to know others, local, e.g. retired/young parents etc. e.g. parent & child picnics (bring your own food but good chance for you and your child to socialise)

- Fairs, small festivals (music, real ale, cider), Xmas markets etc, craft events
- Firework display
- Firework event
- Generally encourage more use of the park; to make it appealing to residents of all ages; including children; teenagers and adults. Events such as the Jubilee celebration gave a great feeling of community spirit and it was excellent to see the park being used by so many people. An area for use of the park in bad weather would also be beneficial.. Such as a covered area so the park can be used in all weather conditions.
- I think there have already been some good events using the park; such as festivals and family events.
- It is fine to have events in the park but unless you go early there is nowhere to park as the roads around the park soon get filled, awful if you are disabled
- Mid Summer ball, paddling pool/sand pit, proms in the park
- More community/craft fair events these have all been well attended in past and generate fantastic community spirit
- MORE FAIRS AS WE HAD LAST YEAR for the family
- more summer events
- Perhaps around bonfire night;for the residents and people that live around staple hill and downend who possibly can't make it to the round table;to have a small gathering for fireworks?!
- The event to celebrate 100 years of the park was very good, more of these
- Too many events already - no more please
- We enjoy community events in Page Park especially
- Xmas carol concert

Arts Events and Activities

- A sewing group to teens
- Family friendly days with big screen for films and picnics
- I really liked the cinema in the park this year; part of the shorts festival. Would love this to be a regular event (although local teenagers may need some gentle policing). Could aim it at (youngish) families to help with this?
- Large screen for cinema, big special events (e.g. royal wedding, Olympics)
- Open air cinema for children short films during Summer
- Outdoor cinema in the Summer I missed this years but I thought it was a great idea
- Outdoor cinema, community singing, picnics, tea parties
- Outdoor films in Summer

Sports

- An indoor bowling facility built into the community building.

- Basketball teams, covered court to be able to play year round and proper size and shape
- Better advertised "open" sports events
- Football pitches underused, too expensive
- Fun tennis day
- Local competitions, football, tennis etc
- Mini golf course (putting)
- More tennis courts and more table tennis tables
- Petanque - French bowles
- Pitch and put
- Rugby, swimming pool (indoor)
- Sports day
- Tennis matches for a trophy, OAP keep fit

Horticulture

- Annual fete and flower show? (with classes for children and adult crafts e.g. picture of an animal, garden in a plate, cakes etc)
- Flower show, plant sale
- Plant swap

Animals

- Dog agility events
- Dog show
- Dog show?, elderly persons day e.g. community get together
- Dog shows
- Dog shows
- Falconry, owl displays, dog training facilities
- Many years ago my family always enjoyed the gymkhana with magnificent horse drawn vehicles. Also car boot sales
- Winter evening group dog walking for safety in the dark!
- Yes upgrade of the aviary to make more user friendly for children (improve hygiene)

Markets

- Christmas fair i.e. German market to coincide with Christmas on the hill
- Local farmers market, craft fairs
- Occasional craft or food markets. Please have a look at lovely mosaic works at St Werburghs children centre, they have a brilliant xylophone too
- Open air markets, monthly, quarterly. Christmas markets. Free basic dog training/walking. Tai Chi
- Xmas markets - stalls with local produce. Stalls for local groups to raise money - Saturday sales based on Car Boot sales. More performances - local bands; local dramatic groups with outdoor productions - a purpose built stage.

General Comments

- All the above items in question 4 would be of attraction to the community
- Annual flower show, plant sales, charity stalls
- Cafe culture
- Group activity for friendship clubs and leaders. Activities for play groups
- More fairs
- Place for kids birthday parties
- Pond or outdoor swimming pool. Dog toilets & dog training facilities
- Schools to be encouraged to make more use of park
- Something specifically for older folks
- Would be nice feature in park to reinstate old railings all around the perimeter restoring it to its original state
- Youth centre or place for children to socialise without getting wet/cold and is safe

No Support for Events and Activities

- Less late music events park not big enough, too disruptive
- Leave it alone

Comments not related to events and activities

- My only comment is - don't overdo it; or the park will be so busy/noisy that many will be put off and the turf worn out!!
- A barbecue and picnic area for families to use and celebration events i.e. Xmas barbecue and carol service
- All of the above seem quite a comprehensive list
- Cafe
- Car boot (bring in revenue)
- Disabled facilities to see more of the park i.e. wheelchair/frame access
- Don't know
- Easier access through gates, easier to use seats
- Hedges trimmed, walls cleared of plants/ivy, walls repaired
- I live on the other side of town but work in the area a couple of days a week I am a support worker
- I Think that you covered everything
- I would like to see the footpath from the bowls club to the road improved. It is currently a hazard to old people.
- Just having a green space is beneficial even if all the residents don't use it. I appreciate the park from a distance
- Keep open spaces clear. I live next to Coronation Park and have seen hot air balloons land safely on this junction. One managed to get over a railing another managed to stop before Heath Rise others were landing nearer Park Road
- More information and ease of seeing information e.g. forthcoming events etc maybe say marked up in Tesco's
- More toilet facilities
- No but it would be good to have water in the park again e.g. pond

- No it is full up as is. No dogs or on leads! (no dogs make hilltop dog park)
- Not an event but need some safer play frames for toddlers
- Please restore the railings around the perimeter for both aesthetic and safety reasons
- Quiet contemplation
- Reinstatement of old iron railings to make area more secure
- The park is to be enjoyed, impossible at present
- The single biggest issue that makes us use the park less often is the level of dogs mess. I'd rather see this sorted and a member of staff on site than all of the above activities
- Warden ensuring dog excrement is picked up and facilities are not abused (teenagers jumping on tennis tables for example and climbing trees) oh and litter everywhere

Summary of comments received in question 5.

Many of the respondents made suggestions for music and celebration events, reflecting the support for these types of activities shown in question 4. There were also many calls for better play facilities and activities that promote health and wellbeing. The outdoor cinema event held in the past was popular, and there were calls for more open air cinema events. There was some support for sporting improvements and activities and also for horticultural shows and markets. A number of people requested dog shows in the park and concern over the effect of dogs (dog mess and dogs out of control) was expressed strongly in the comments

Question 6: The proposals to improve Page Park include a new café and community building. We asked people what activities / events did they think the building should be used for?

There was an excellent response to this question with 354 people (66.8% of respondents) providing suggestions and comments. Generally there was overwhelming and enthusiastic support for a new café and community building and a very creative and wide range of uses were suggested by the respondents. There were only 11 correspondents that opposed the idea of a café and community building.

For ease of analysis the responses that people gave for the activities and events that the café / community building should be used for are summarised below: -

- **Physical Activities** : Pilates, yoga dance classes, health and fitness classes, zumba, children's dance classes, aerobics, keep fit over 50's, OAP exercise classes.

- **Community Uses:** Church based community events, craft clubs, children's clubs, meeting venue, coffee mornings, fetes, discussion afternoons, whist drives, cookery and healthy living classes.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Art classes, book club, quiz night, learning crafts, exhibitions, plays / drama, photography classes, craft events, seasonal fairs and fetes, film nights, community theatre groups, displays by local artists, flower arranging, knitting and crochet group.
- **Young People:** Local nurseries and pre-schools, mums and toddler group, children's parties and activities; youth club; after school club.
- **Parents:** Parent and children's play days – meet friends and make new ones, young moms coffee morning, soft play, indoor play, social club for parents.
- **Older people:** Tea dances, senior citizens tea gatherings, somewhere for elderly to meet – with transport? Elderly lunch club, quiz night, bingo, over 60's meeting place.
- **Heritage & Natural Environment:** Wildlife talks, woodland skills day and willow basket making, astronomy club, local history talks, wildlife education, ancestry club, small museum depicting the past, heritage exhibition.
- **Learning and Skills:** A mixture of education for children and also adults - often focus is on family days but there should be a mix of adult informal learning too; adult education classes, courses to improve skills. Learning centre to improve skills, use by schools to encourage use as outdoor classroom, IT classes, educational display.
- **Charity and fundraising:** Fundraising- table top sales, jumble sales.
- **Commercial:** Hire out to groups to raise income. Farmers markets and Christmas markets. Hire out to public for parties. Café should be not for profit.
- **Music:** Concerts, music lessons.
- **Sports:** Indoor basketball, climbing wall, table tennis, snooker, pool, martial arts.
- **Other:** Sales of local crafts and foods, café should have seats and tables outside, farmers market, bike hub, needs toilets – accessible for disabled. Dog training classes, Police beat community space, volunteering centre.

Question 7: In response to the desire to increase opportunities for people to volunteer in the park, we asked people which of the following would they be interested in?

Opportunity / Activity	Number / % of respondents
Joining the Friends of Page Park	74 (14)
Helping to organise activities & events	45 (8.5)
Local history	63 (11.9)
Nature and wildlife conservation	73 (13.8)
Park upkeep / horticulture	53 (10)
I am not interested in volunteering	226 (42.6)
Other please tell us below	82 (15.5)

There was a reasonable response from people expressing a desire to volunteer in the park, if opportunities were made available. The most popular areas to volunteer were through joining the Friends Group (14% of respondents) and nature and wildlife conservation (13.8%). There were also reasonable numbers of people expressing an interest to become involved with local history (11.9%) and park upkeep and horticulture (10%). The lowest response was from people expressing an interest in volunteering to organise events and activities (8.5%), which may be a reflection that this could involve more time and responsibility.

A significant proportion of respondents (42.6%) said that they were not interested in volunteering. Interestingly, of the 82 people who left comments in the 'other' category the majority appear to be from people who ticked the 'not interested in volunteering' box to provide an explanation of why – these were mainly related to age, disability, poor health, work and family / childcare commitments.

Comments in the 'other' box related to volunteering were as follows:-

- Help in the cafe
- I'd love to help organise events etc
- Guided exercise walks/nature trails
- I am an arborist and have a strong interest in wildlife conservation willing to assist please email
- While not wanting to commit to regular volunteering I would support events and perhaps join a working party for a specific cause
- Educational resources, art works
- Producing detailed orienteering map of park similar to courses set up at Warmley Forest Park and Bradley Stoke
- If you develop the park you must have a "park watch"
- I would be happy to help out occasionally for big events
- Adhoc large scale volunteering events that the whole area could join in with rather than a regular activity. Say on a quarterly basis

- We try and do funding raising whenever we can. As we are a charity we are currently fund raising for our outdoor play area which needs up lifting and totally re-vamping
- If there was something aimed at the local youth I would volunteer to get involved

Summary of comments received to question 7.

From the survey it would appear that roughly 10% of the local community may be responsive to initiatives to increase volunteering in the park and that there is interest from people to get involved across a range of activity areas.

Question 8: If you are interested in volunteering within the park, please leave your name and email or postal address here:

86 people left their contact details.

Question 9: Please use this space to make any other comments about Page Park that you think are relevant to this project

53 people left general comments about the park; they can be summarised as follows:-

- Poor condition of driveway to bowls pavilion area, and other paths
- Need to improve children's play area, also its position in the park
- Need to keep the basketball court
- Replace old fountain features / water features required
- Antisocial behaviour concerns
- Need to update pavilion building
- Replace trees and improve for wildlife, develop a wildlife conservation plan
- Pro and anti railing restoration comments
- Dog control and fouling concerns
- Support for café and high environmental standards to be built into design
- Support for activities as a way of reducing antisocial behaviour
- Improve park lighting
- Improve aviary
- Leave well alone

Tell us a bit about yourself

The following optional questions were provided for respondents to tell us about themselves. This information allows us to analyse the results of the survey and build a profile of the people who responded to the questionnaire.

Question 10: We asked people to tell their full postcode

474 people supplied their postcodes. Results were as follows: -

- BS5 - 1
- BS13 - 1
- BS15 – 32
- BS16 – 436
- BS30 – 3
- BS34 - 1

The area around Page Park is covered by the BS16 and BS15 postcodes, so the overwhelming majority of respondents to the survey were local people.

Question 11: We asked people to tell us their gender

515 people completed this question.

Answer	Number / % of respondents
Female	327 (63.5)
Male	184 (35.7)
Prefer not to say	4 (0.8)

The majority of respondents to the survey were female. The reason for this is not clear, however it may be that more women have visited the park with children and family members and are consequently more motivated to respond to the survey?

Question 12: We asked people how old they are?

515 people completed this question.

Answer	Number of responses %
18 or under	4 (0.8)
19 to 24	3 (0.6)
25 to 44	146 (28.3)
45 to 64	168 (32.6)
65 to 75	100 (19.4)
Over 75	89 (17.3)
Prefer not to say	5 (1)

There was a relatively fair representation of age ranges in the survey with the exception of under 18's and the 19 to 24 age group. It is not unusual for these age groups to be underrepresented in surveys of this type. However, a separate children's survey was carried out in 2010 to ascertain the views of younger people (details in Page Park Consultation : Establishing The Need & Project Development 2013, Section).

Question 13: We asked people if they consider themselves to be disabled?

517 people answered this question.

Answer	Number of responses %
Yes	61 (11.8)
No	445 (86.1)
Prefer not to say	11 (2.1)

11.8% of respondents reported that they consider themselves to be disabled and 58 people left comments on how their disability affects there use of the park. These were as follows: -

- As a disability scooter user the gates are rarely open wide enough to get through. Benches need to be kept cleaner so that people can sit down and not get their clothes dirty, from where people sit on the back of the seat and put their feet where you sit
- Ability to walk/exercise with seat stops
- Age and income
- At the moment I don't use the park but with the help of my brother maybe in the future I might be able to
- Breathing problems
- But arthritic so restricted in how much I can do physically
- But as I will be 90 next year I walk slowly. I wish the leaves were swept from the paths for safety
- But I find it difficult to move about for too long
- Eyesight
- Have to sit a lot more so need sheltered seating
- However I have arthritis and while it does not affect my mobility at present I know it will bring limitations with time
- However my son has autism and he thoroughly enjoys the park. He finds it a great place to relax.
- I am able to come to the park only by car but sit down as often of possible could do with more seats
- I am unable to walk all the way around the park without resting so need accessible seating
- I can only use the pathed areas
- I can't go jogging or play tennis anymore
- I can't stand to long or walk to much

- I can't walk far so I have limited enjoyment of the park
- I get out of breath if I walk or run to far
- I have an autistic grandson who goes to Warmley Park school, disabled toilets could be renovated at park
- I live opposite the park love watching the squirrels
- I use insulin there is nowhere to go except the toilets not very hygienic at all
- Impossible to stay long, wheelchair access to toilets not possible also entrances and exits difficult and dropped kerbs outside park are often blocked by cars
- It does not
- It doesn't - easy access all around
- It doesn't affect the way I use the park because there are no steps or stairs
- Less frequent visits
- Mobility access is very poor
- Mobility problems use a three wheeled rollator. Generally frail always have a companion my 86yr old husband
- Mobility scooter
- My husband feels no interest in the park which I feel is a shame but I think if he went with a group he would gain something from a visit
- My husband has blue badge helpful to have a few places reserved near 'bandstand' road for disabled
- Need better access through gates, park seats need to be at easy height
- Need more seats
- Need plenty of seats at regular intervals
- Need someone to take me
- Nice and flat for walking (Arthritis) and wheelchairs
- No disabled car spaces near sensory garden where I walked my disabled husband every day until his death
- No problems
- None
- Not able to stay too long because the disabled toilet is not very good i.e. not able to dry hands
- Not much really
- Partially sighted
- Plenty of flat space for people who use sticks or scooters
- Plenty of seats to have a rest
- Poor access only able to use main gate as the repairs have been done
- Registered blind but doesn't really affect my use of the park
- Some gates can not be used with my mobility scooter because of step
- Sometimes have walking difficulties (Rheumatoid Arthritis) which limits me
- To sit on a near bench
- Unable to cope with steps and slopes
- Unable to walk there
- Unable to walk until I am fit and well after my hip operation

- Walking ability not good without being able to sit down in between
- Walking and like to do very little exercise
- Walking is difficult with access for my wheelchair (which I can transfer). Seats are at inconvenient height
- Walking is difficult, seats are very helpful
- With walking, limitations, the park is ideal away from traffic

Summary of comments to question 13

Common themes running through the comments are: -

- Better access is required through the gates
- The toilets require improving
- More seating is required, some of which should be sheltered
- Disabled parking to access the park should be provided

These findings have been incorporated into the findings of the Page Park Disability Access Audit December 2012.

Question 14: People were asked to tell us their ethnic origin.

485 people answered this question. The Councils Equalities Officer, Daniel Wood was consulted to check whether the survey was representative of the ethnic mix of the area. The results have been compared with the South Gloucestershire Population from the 2011 Census in the table below. It can be seen from the figures that the survey is broadly representative of the ethnic mix of South Gloucestershire.

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE POPULATION FIGURES - 2011 CENSUS			
Group	South Glos Number	South Glos. Percentage	Page Park Consultation Responses
Asian/Asian British – Bangladeshi	238	0.1	0%
Asian/Asian British – Indian	2,699	1	0.40%
Asian/Asian British – Pakistani	698	0.3	0.20%
Asian/Asian British – Chinese	1,312	0.5	0.20%
Asian/Asian British – Other	1,493	0.6	0.40%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British – African	987	0.4	0%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British – Caribbean	980	0.4	0.20%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British – Other	251	0.1	0.20%
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – White & Asian	1,016	0.4	0%
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – White & Black African	396	0.2	0%

Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – White & Black Caribbean	1,516	0.6	0%
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups – Other	739	0.3	0.60%
White – English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	241,611	91.9	89.90%
White – Irish	1,223	0.5	0.20%
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	271	0.1	0%
White – Other	6,469	2.5	2.90%
Other Ethnic Group - Arab	366	0.1	0%
Any Other ethnic group	502	0.2	3.90%
Prefer Not to Say	N/A	N/A	0.80%

262,767

100.2

100%

NB. Data does not sum because of rounding