

# 2023 PARK USER SURVEY



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## Introduction

As part of their 2023 Rother District Council campaign, Christine Bayliss and Ruairi McCourt launched their Big Conversation survey seeking views of residents and users of Egerton Park, Bexhill. Knowing that some important decisions would need to be taken if they were elected, Christine and Ruairi felt that an online survey was the most effective way of collecting the views of residents and users that they could take account of, in discussions about the future of Egerton Park.

The survey questions covered a variety of topics ranging from what people most loved about the park to what they would change and who they thought should run the park. They also asked whether respondents had any safety concerns and whether they might be interested in being a community park warden.

The survey was launched at the beginning of April and closed towards the end of May. In total there were 174 respondents to the survey. The survey was largely promoted on Facebook with a small number of respondents filling out hard copy survey forms in the park. (See Figure 1 for example promotion)

The survey makes no claim to being statistically representative of the population of Rother as a whole. However, given the numbers of respondents, the spread of interests, age ranges (except for under 18-year-olds) and the quality of the feedback we feel comfortable in using the data as being generally representative of the views of the majority of park users.

## Who completed our survey?

There were 174 separate respondents to the survey. The survey was aimed at those that use Egerton Park and the results of the survey show that all but 4 respondents made at least one visit in the last twelve months with just over 36% visiting at least once a week. The majority of people who completed the survey walk to the park with just over a third travelling by car. When we asked where people lived a third said they lived in Central Ward, just over half said they lived in other areas of Bexhill and nearly 9% saying they lived outside of Rother. Rather surprisingly, only 3 Rother residents from outside Bexhill said they visited the park. There was a good age range although the numbers of under 18-year-olds was disappointing. A full breakdown on the demographics is set out in Annex A.

The purpose of the visits is interesting. By far the largest group, 32.8% were those who bring children to use the play park. This group is matched by a second grouping who use the park for Relaxation (13%), Recreation (8%) and Fresh Air (12%). There are also significant numbers



Figure 1- Sample social media post promoting the survey

of dog walkers captured by the survey at 16% . There were smaller numbers who use the park for Tennis and Bowls (both indoor or outdoor) however, this is probably not representative of those users and possibly reflects the demographics – younger tennis players are less likely to use Facebook for social media and bowlers are less likely to be online. A tiny percentage 2.8% said they visit the park to use the café which probably indicates that use of the café is ancillary to their main reasons for visiting the park.

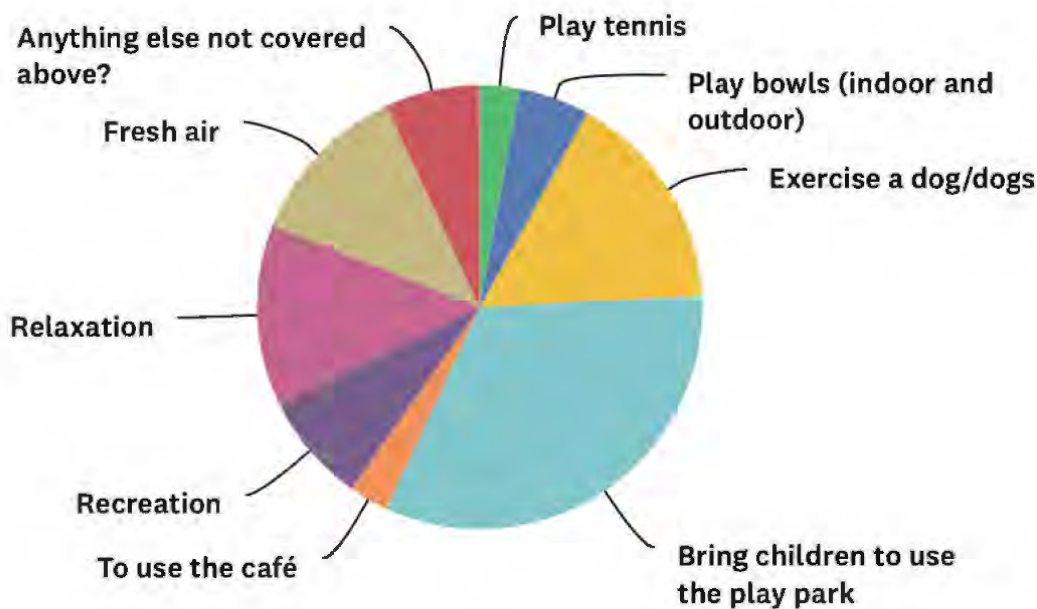


Figure 2 Reasons for visiting the park

## Analysis

The first question was to ask respondents **‘What do you love most about Egerton Park?’**. Answers were restricted to one selection from the list with an ‘other’ option. The responses were in line with our expectations. The Children’s Playground was selected by just over 30% of respondents and was the most popular selection. This was not surprising given that 32% of respondents said that the reason for visiting the park was to bring children to use the play area.

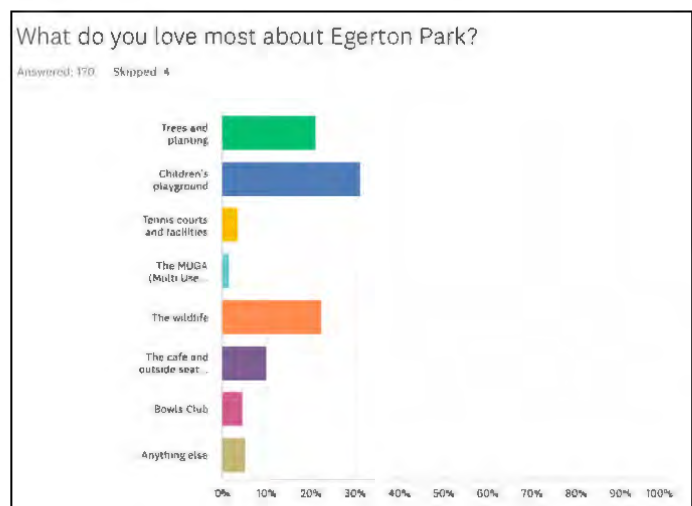


Figure 3 What do you love most about the Egerton Park

The next choices were the ‘Wildlife’ chosen by 22% and ‘Trees and Planting’ chosen by 21% of those responding.

Respondents were then asked an open question about. **‘What would you change or improve?’**. 138 people responded with 10% saying that there was nothing to change – it is

great as it is! However, further analysis of the qualitative responses was interesting in terms of areas for improvement and, in many ways they were predictable.

An analysis of the responses shows that 23% mentioned upgrading the toilets. This was the most mentioned area for improvement and is an issue that has been raised regularly over the last four years with local councillors. Typical comments were *“The toilet facilities could do with improvements in maintenance and cleanliness”* and *“The toilets are disgusting”*.

The next area for improvement mentioned concerned better baby and toddler facilities in the play park. This was highlighted by 11% of those responding *“...install more baby swings so we have more than one and also another baby slide that is not in the sandpit”* and *“More equipment for smaller children. Baby area too small and the rest of it too big and unsafe for most young children. More baby seat swings”*.

11% of respondents also mentioned secure fencing around the pond which is an issue that has been raised before during the Town Council elections in 2021. This is picked up in more detail when respondents were asked about safety issues.

10% mentioned cleaner ponds which again is an issue raised regularly especially in the summer months when the appearance of the water deteriorates. This issue has since been followed up with Rother Parks Officers and is due mainly to climate change<sup>1</sup>. As the temperature increases so algae blooms become more prevalent. Unfortunately, some of the varieties are hazardous to humans and animals (especially dogs) who might venture into the water. The appearance of algae blooms is a recent phenomenon, but it has led to withdrawal of rowing and paddle boats on the main lake which 5% of respondents highlighted as something they would like to see return.

Other issues raised were: better security, warden and CCTV by 7%, more seating by 7% and additional parking 5%. Another 4% mentioned improved café facilities *“a proper indoor café with indoor seating which could open in all weathers all year round would be great”*.

A full rundown of comments is included at Annex A.

The next question asked **‘Do you have any safety concerns?’**. This question was included as candidates for the 2021 Town Council Election had raised this as a campaign issue specifically highlighting the open nature and easy access to water. One third of respondents 33% - responded yes. If they responded ‘Yes’, they were asked for more information.

Concerns about Anti-Social Behaviour was the most mentioned concerned – highlighted by 24 of the 58 respondents.

*“The teenagers are unruly, they smoke, drink and throw their rubbish everywhere and are very intimidating”* and *“Groups of aggressive and abusive teenagers that I have encountered, whilst there with my daughter”*. To provide balance another respondent wrote *“Anti-social behaviour often by elderly people who think that being old means they can be*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230110-the-pollution-causing-harmful-algal-blooms>

*rude and arrogant*'. Anti-social behaviour has been a constant issue and has been the subject of discussion with Sussex Police and Rother officers. Several respondents highlighted that there could be better CCTV coverage and more warden patrols to enforce the bylaws. *"There's not as much anti-social behaviour as people think, but much of what's there could be solved by better CCTV reach and nightly lockups"*.

The next most mentioned safety concern was around the open water which was raised by 21 respondents. Typical comments included *"Water – no edge / barrier means that it is impossible to keep our two children safe without having two adults at the park"* and *"lack of fencing around boating lake to keep young children safe"*. Conversely, one person highlighted the fact that the layout of the park allowed for conversations with children about water safety *"I have 2 children; 2 and a half and 4 months. I think the park offers lots of opportunity to talk about safety with them. We do not need more fences"*.

Fencing off the water or fencing the play area has been discussed with Park Officers. The risk assessment carried out by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) found that the current configuration complied with their safety standards and issued appropriate certification. The danger with installing fencing either around the play area (the toddler area is already fenced) or around the lakes is that this would need to be checked daily to ensure it remained secure. In the current financial climate that is probably an unaffordable cost.

The full list of safety concerns is listed below:

Anti-Social Behaviour	24
Water Safety	21
Play Equipment	6
Dogs (off leads and fouling)	4
Cyclists (riding through the park)	2
Access	1
Algae	1

Figure 4 List of concerns

When discussing safety concerns one or two respondents mentioned introducing park rangers or wardens and about securing the park at night. In our next question, respondents were asked **"Would you be interested in becoming a community park warden?"** 77% of respondents said 'no'. However, 9 said yes and 30 responded 'not sure'.

Cllrs Bayliss and McCourt have discussed next steps and feel that this is an issue which could be taken forward in Autumn 2023 and in discussion with Bexhill Town Council. Certainly, given the current financial climate and following the success of the Bexhill in Bloom volunteer gardening – it would need to be organised on a voluntary basis and this is probably best led by the Town Council.

Our final subjective question was **'Who do you think should manage the park?'**

The responses were inconclusive with no one option receiving more than 50% of responses. Bexhill Town Council was selected above the other options 39% - those that opted for 'Don't

Know' (28%) numbered more than those that opted for Rother District Council to continue managing the park 23%.

## Q5 Who do you think should manage the park?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 2

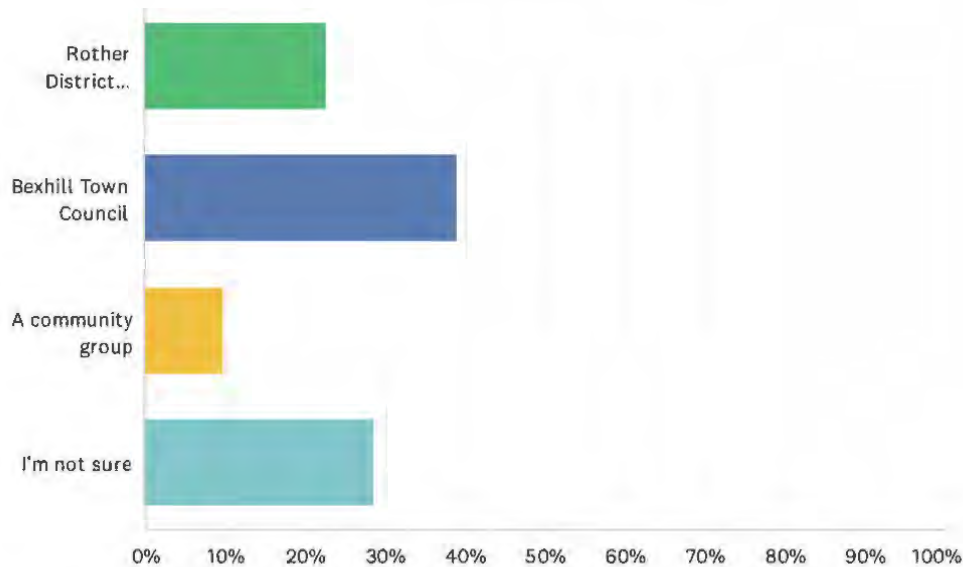


Figure 5 The options for who should manage the park

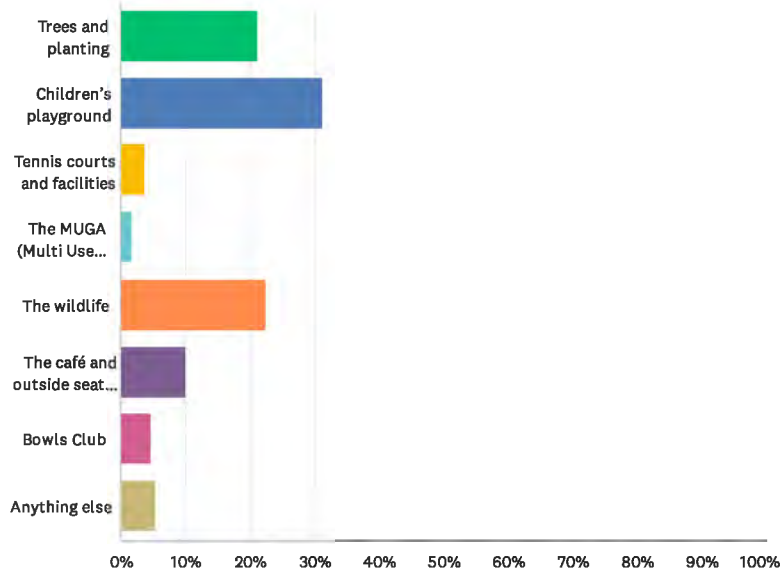
The relatively high numbers of 'Don't Knows' indicates the lack of public awareness around devolvement of assets and responsibilities from the District Council to other tiers of local government or indeed the voluntary or community sector. This would need to be tackled before any firm decisions are made about the future of the park.

Finally, Thank You to everyone who completed the survey and shared their thoughts and views. The feedback gives the local councillors representing Central Ward a real flavour of public appreciation for the park and the wonderful facilities it offers residents and visitors alike.

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Labour Councillors for Bexhill Central Ward

### Q1 What do you love most about Egerton Park?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trees and planting	21.18%	36
Children's playground	31.18%	53
Tennis courts and facilities	3.53%	6
The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)	1.76%	3
The wildlife	22.35%	38
The café and outside seating area	10.00%	17
Bowls Club	4.71%	8
Anything else	5.29%	9
TOTAL		170

## Q2 What would you change or improve?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More plants in lake to help ducking survive to exposed to seagulls	5/21/2023 8:22 AM
2	Keep the Spartan and Lakeside Bowls club in the park and improve access to parking	5/20/2023 9:02 AM
3	Is it feasible to re-introduce dingies on the pool?	5/12/2023 1:08 PM
4	More seating but not a priority	4/26/2023 7:37 AM
5	More of the baby swings/things to do, its very grown up and limited to little ones when busy	4/23/2023 9:33 PM
6	More maintenance. Grass is often long and unkept and too much vandalism	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
7	The toilet facilities need up grading for especially the amount of families that use the park. Also, would be an idea to install more baby swings so we have more than one and also another baby slide that is not in the sandpit.	4/21/2023 1:53 AM
8	The toilets facilities could do with improvements in maintainance and cleanliness.	4/20/2023 1:06 PM
9	Nothing	4/20/2023 1:03 PM
10	Satisfactory as it is	4/20/2023 8:56 AM
11	I love the outdoor gym. It is a great free resouce for staying fit. It I would improve it by promoting more how to use it properly and how it can benefit all not just fitness enthusiasts	4/17/2023 7:36 AM
12	The attitude of the tennis players!	4/16/2023 11:48 AM
13	Having secure fencing around the park due to my autistic son being able to escape and attempt to jump In lake!	4/16/2023 10:56 AM
14	Toilets	4/15/2023 9:55 PM
15	Reinstate the rowing boats.	4/15/2023 5:53 PM
16	The outdoor gym section on the large green is an eye sore.	4/15/2023 2:22 PM
17	Good amount of Mulch for the shrub beds. Fix the drains.	4/15/2023 11:50 AM
18	Locked at night. Better CC tv reach. A new public toilet nearer the play area, all accessible & mum friendly with one Changing Places unit.	4/13/2023 5:46 PM
19	Ponds to be cleaner, wildlife to be better protected. Be nice is the outdoor gym had a bit of maintenance. More free parking around the park for people that travel from further away. (I live in central ward, but soon moving to Little Common and worried about where I will park).	4/13/2023 1:03 PM
20	Incorporate a paddling/wet play pool within the children's play park area.	4/13/2023 9:49 AM
21	The toilets are disgusting	4/12/2023 8:22 PM
22	Expanded play facilities with water etc for during the summer months (like the fountains at the seafront)	4/12/2023 8:02 PM
23	Bring back the Putting Green and Boating Lake	4/12/2023 6:33 PM
24	Make the waterways saker for children. The town end of the park always looks very dreary	4/12/2023 2:31 PM
25	The flooding in winter is getting worse. If possible I'd like to see more "wilding" of areas, perhaps a meadow or more varied planting.	4/12/2023 11:15 AM
26	The cleanliness of the ponds through summer	4/12/2023 8:51 AM
27	Nothing, would just like to see it maintained and looked after.	4/12/2023 6:24 AM
28	Nothing	4/12/2023 1:01 AM
29	I didnt know there was a cafe in Edgerton Park! I wish it was more dog friendly.	4/11/2023 8:32 PM
30	Possibly more seating as it dies get very busy school holiday times.	4/11/2023 4:31 PM



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31	There is no text box for Q.1 or Q8 I love it all, its a great place for all the community to take benefit from. A few more seats around the northern side of playpark. Grand parents need seats when supervising. A few more shelters and improvement to the toilets, they are disgusting.	4/11/2023 8:21 AM
32	Improve drainage	4/11/2023 8:20 AM
33	The back end of the museum	4/11/2023 12:42 AM
34	It's a wonderful park enjoyed by so many. I play tennis several time a week. Love it there	4/10/2023 11:12 PM
35	Have more than 1 baby swing so families don't have to queue up to use it.	4/10/2023 10:49 PM
36	Fencing round the children's play area to make it secure	4/10/2023 8:35 PM
37	I would like to see the putting Green back.	4/10/2023 8:01 PM
38	Repair the zip slide.	4/10/2023 7:44 PM
39	More seating	4/10/2023 7:42 PM
40	Clean up the lake	4/10/2023 7:35 PM
41	Open up all of the boating lake and ponds	4/10/2023 4:28 PM
42	At weekends the park is soo busy, with teenagers playing football next to the tennis court. The younger ones in the playground. I would love to see the facilities expanded. It's a massive asset to Bexhill and used year around and daily. But really does need more swings/ slides/ playground equipment etc.	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
43	Make parking easier & cheaper for the elderly who dont have disabled stickers but need to use a car	4/10/2023 3:06 PM
44	Toilets !!	4/10/2023 1:51 PM
45	A little more seating.	4/10/2023 1:28 PM
46	I hope this is the comment box. I travel through the park on a mobility scooter. I use the park as a route into town!	4/10/2023 1:24 PM
47	(FREE TEXT BOX DIDNT SEEM TO WORK) We generally visit the park with our grandson to use the playground but we also enjoy the trees and planting.	4/10/2023 12:47 PM
48	It's great as it is. I visit the coffee shop often.	4/10/2023 12:12 PM
49	A proper indoor cafe with indoor seating which could open in all weathers all year round would be great. The children's playground is not actually very child-friendly. Firstly it is not cordoned off from the boating lake which is a massive drowning hazard for young children and therefore unsafe. There are not enough swings - only one for babies/toddlers which is never going to work and two proper ones for older children (the round tyre swings set in a circle are built so close together that the children kick each other when they're on them). There is insufficient play equipment for older children which means they get bored very quickly. A bigger/better zip wire and climbing area along with more swings would really help.	4/10/2023 10:25 AM
50	The drainage	4/10/2023 9:51 AM
51	Love most: space to run around and play - not near to any roads. Change/improve : danger of the water without barriers - makes it impossible to be at the park on our own with our toddler and our older autistic child.	4/10/2023 9:43 AM
52	Fencing around the water near the park	4/10/2023 9:22 AM
53	The ponds are very dirty mainly due to litter dropped in them.	4/9/2023 8:42 PM
54	Improve the floor in the MUGA area (the one on the other side of the cafe)	4/9/2023 5:19 PM
55	Toilets - of course	4/9/2023 3:34 PM
56	Bring the boats back	4/9/2023 3:06 PM
57	I think it's great	4/9/2023 2:54 PM
58	Parking, the park itself is excellent but now they have made it so difficult to park it puts us off sometimes	4/9/2023 2:49 PM
59	More seating/ sheltered area	4/9/2023 2:15 PM
60	Upper pond - more nesting sites for ducks etc	4/9/2023 12:44 PM

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61	More sand in the play area	4/9/2023 12:27 PM
62	Introduce a paddling pool for the children	4/9/2023 11:35 AM
63	Bowls Club pavilion as it is outdated and in the throws of falling apart	4/9/2023 10:16 AM
64	Drainage so the grass area doesn't flood. The rubbish and grit to be cleared out of the ponds	4/9/2023 9:33 AM
65	For parents the playground can be quite stressful with young children with open water near by. It would benefit from some fencing around the area, to prevent children leaving the playpark without supervision.	4/9/2023 8:40 AM
66	The outdoor gym needs a bit of tlc.. ie steam cleaning of soft matting + equipment maintainance.. (it's outdoors 24/7 after all..	4/9/2023 8:16 AM
67	I would love it if some of the planting in the park provided food for the wildlife living in park.	4/9/2023 8:14 AM
68	A safety fence around the pond, more accessible and wheel chair friendly play park eg wheel chair swing.	4/8/2023 7:20 PM
69	Put a fence near the edge of the playground	4/8/2023 6:16 PM
70	Parking facilities	4/8/2023 3:05 PM
71	Fence around kids play area	4/8/2023 2:50 PM
72	The toilets are in need of replacing bit more importantly regular monitoring. They're often blocked with human waste and poorly lit. The smell is abhorrent, quite frankly they're a health hazard.	4/8/2023 1:00 PM
73	Enforce dogs on lead and no cycling	4/8/2023 11:55 AM
74	The cafe should be improved so it is more attractive for people to come to the park for a day out/ socialising. Maybe start posting on social media platforms etc. If more people are aware of the cafe etc then the park will have more visitors. Sometimes the park is very empty.	4/8/2023 11:25 AM
75	Toilets Clean the pond Water fountains Expansion of park to cater for all ages Fruit trees Wildlife garden and bee protection area	4/8/2023 9:43 AM
76	Toukets	4/8/2023 8:50 AM
77	Not enough for little children (under 5s) without having to go in the sandpit.	4/8/2023 8:49 AM
78	Improve the quality of the water and drainage.	4/8/2023 8:08 AM
79	More equipment for smaller children. Baby area too small and the rest of it too big and unsafe for most young children. More baby seat swings.	4/8/2023 7:57 AM
80	I also love the cafe and seating area. I would suggest with surveys that you can tick more than 1 box as there are a number of likes	4/8/2023 7:48 AM
81	So the riff raff congregating in the evenings	4/8/2023 7:46 AM
82	I've watched my kids grow up using the park children's play , MUGA tennis the lot. It's a fantastic resource A safe cycle lane would be handy. A little more tree shading	4/8/2023 7:21 AM
83	Cafe with inside sitting and some good Toilets. Bigger Model boat lake	4/8/2023 2:15 AM
84	Parking for users of the park and it's amenities	4/7/2023 10:01 PM
85	The ponds often look filthy, smell and are full of poisonous algea	4/7/2023 9:53 PM
86	The security at night	4/7/2023 9:16 PM
87	More seating and better toilet facilities	4/7/2023 9:13 PM
88	we love allot of it maybe better toilet areas and cameras to watch over the lakes after all the Swan attacks	4/7/2023 8:33 PM
89	I went for boating on the boating lake, but there was none	4/7/2023 8:25 PM
90	More rubbish and dog bins	4/7/2023 8:25 PM
91	The toilets need a serious improvement. It's embarrassing. And when I was young I remember a water fountain (there is a metal plate on the ground at that very spot!) would be great to have that back for the kids to drink freely on hot days	4/7/2023 8:05 PM
92	toilets need updating	4/7/2023 7:45 PM

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93	Shame it can't be bigger! I love that it is so well used.	4/7/2023 7:38 PM
94	I also like the cafe and outside seating area. I would also like to see cctv cameras in the park to protect the wildlife.	4/7/2023 7:28 PM
95	Better toilet facilities	4/7/2023 4:53 PM
96	Better outside gym facilities	4/7/2023 4:42 PM
97	Improve toilets	4/7/2023 4:40 PM
98	Café open on bank holiday	4/7/2023 4:39 PM
99	Nothing	4/7/2023 4:32 PM
100	Would be good if the shop was open more :)	4/7/2023 4:18 PM
101	Nothing	4/7/2023 4:12 PM
102	to have a park warden moving people on when misbehaving, checking litter louts and damage	4/6/2023 9:58 PM
103	Winter drainage of grass areas.	4/6/2023 3:36 PM
104	The toilet facilities, better cleaning.	4/6/2023 1:12 PM
105	Growing vegetables with written explanations of what is happening, might encourage people to attempt growing their own.	4/6/2023 1:06 PM
106	Drainage	4/6/2023 12:27 PM
107	Other than doing something about the flooding, I wouldn't change anything really. It's the combination of everything that the park curenly offers, that makes it as lovely as it is	4/3/2023 2:47 PM
108	Needs a skatepark. Tennis courts get barely used compared to the use of a skatepark using one of the courts would get.	4/2/2023 11:26 AM
109	Possibly remove the shelters around the green space. These encourage underage drinking and smoking and are often left in an unsightly way	4/1/2023 6:39 PM
110	Fenced off park area for the children. Not just so much about the water but it's very easy to snatch a child !	4/1/2023 6:17 PM
111	It's such a lovely park but the state of the toilets really let the park down.	4/1/2023 5:24 PM
112	Free text box didn't appear! Q1 I love the water and the trees and planting Q2 the water cleaned more often	4/1/2023 2:56 PM
113	More bins, love the Sensory Garden	4/1/2023 2:52 PM
114	Cleaner water in the lakes	4/1/2023 2:27 PM
115	More inclusive community based activities inside the park.	4/1/2023 12:32 PM
116	Public toilets would be handy. More events in the park especially in the school holidays.	4/1/2023 12:31 PM
117	More seating Less flooding More community days	4/1/2023 11:55 AM
118	The buildings interface with the park the disgusting toilets	4/1/2023 11:47 AM
119	More trees	4/1/2023 11:28 AM
120	The public toilets at the park and securing the park overnight to protect the wildlife, plants and amenities	3/29/2023 2:36 PM
121	The toilet facilities	3/28/2023 11:02 AM
122	Fence the water to protect both the children and the birds. Increase the number of baby swings, one is definitely not enough. The play park is great for older children but awful for toddlers.	3/26/2023 5:00 PM
123	Better maintenance for the exercise equipment in the MUGA. Put paddle & rowing boats back on Lake. Improve toilets. Free parking in surrounding streets. Small children can't walk far.	3/26/2023 10:06 AM
124	Try and gradual keep improving everything.	3/26/2023 12:48 AM
125	More baby swings. There's only one. It needs about 4. More equipment for young children needed. Much quicker turnaround on repairs needed.	3/25/2023 11:23 PM

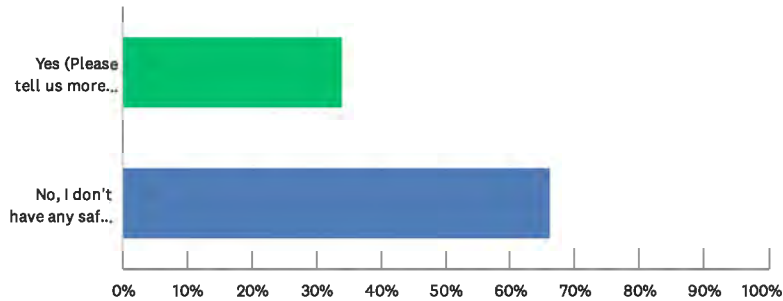
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126	Make disabled toilet accessible	3/25/2023 6:43 PM
127	I've always thought the surface of the lake looks depressing. Whether it's pollution or pollen I don't know but thats how it seems	3/25/2023 5:43 PM
128	Having a fence to surround the park as my son has autism and runs off. He tries to jump in the water. We don't often access the park due to unsafe behavior but it would be lovely to be able to go there as the equipment is brilliant	3/25/2023 5:26 PM
129	The water quality of the lakes, maybe even have boating again!	3/25/2023 4:25 PM
130	The loos	3/25/2023 4:19 PM
131	Fence the park.	3/25/2023 4:09 PM
132	I would like to see more sheltered areas	3/25/2023 3:22 PM
133	Rangers	3/25/2023 3:22 PM
134	Less litter. Less anti social behaviour.	3/25/2023 3:22 PM
135	Parents allow their young children to run riot and do not supervise the children so greater enforcement on parent/carers supervising their children. The older generation moan to much about who is in the park greater enforcement on the language they use to degrade the younger generation. There needs to be enforcement of how fast people can ride bike in the park. More seating - but seating in clusters and individual.	3/25/2023 3:17 PM
136	Dare I say parking????	3/25/2023 3:07 PM
137	More to do	3/25/2023 10:35 AM
138	More dedicated bicycle / scooter parking closer to the play equipment	3/20/2023 9:59 PM

### Q3 Do you have any safety concerns?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Please tell us more in the comment box below)	33.93%	57
No, I don't have any safety concerns	66.07%	111
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>168</b>

#	PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR SAFETY CONCERN HERE	DATE
1	Youths hanging around and cyclists on footpath	5/21/2023 8:22 AM
2	Unfortunately youths using it in evening anti social behaviour	5/20/2023 9:02 AM
3	I don't mind the kids who frequent the park but maybe there could be more obvious security	4/26/2023 7:37 AM
4	Vandalism of toilets and other	4/21/2023 8:44 PM
5	Young people hang out in the park at night and from time to time it can be noisy. It is not a great concern, relatrd to lack of resouces for youth.	4/17/2023 7:36 AM
6	Cyclists going through the park!	4/16/2023 11:48 AM
7	The park is too open and toddlers and children with additional needs escape! Also people being footballs and they roll in lake	4/16/2023 10:56 AM
8	I always have a mini heart attack when my son runs near the water/lake. Could do with railing all the way round.	4/15/2023 2:22 PM
9	It's really deep water, could do with a fence around the lake.	4/15/2023 11:50 AM
10	Location of the playground and cafe to the lake, also children chasing their footballs from the grass areas. Consideration to fencing along the playground edge and where the grass playing area borders the lake, to prevent children falling into the water. At present children can easily get under the wooden footbridge, consider fencing to prevent this hazard.	4/15/2023 11:00 AM
11	There's not as much anti-social behaviour as people think, but much of what there is could be solved by better CCTV reach and nightly lockups	4/13/2023 5:46 PM
12	It's been mentioned before but no fencing around the playback near open water	4/12/2023 8:22 PM
13	I wish the whole of the play area was fenced in. It doesn't apply to me much now my children are older but I used to struggle to watch them all at their varying ages and the open water and dogs are a risk.	4/12/2023 8:02 PM
14	Kids and water	4/12/2023 2:31 PM
15	Young sitting in the Football Stadium	4/11/2023 7:42 PM
16	The zip wire could do with a safety rail on the stand whilst waiting.	4/11/2023 8:21 AM

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17	Lack of fencing around boating lake to keep young children safe.	4/10/2023 10:49 PM
18	See previous comment	4/10/2023 8:35 PM
19	Pond being fenced/railed off	4/10/2023 7:42 PM
20	No fencing around the children's play area	4/10/2023 7:35 PM
21	We enjoy that the park is open, not caged in	4/10/2023 4:28 PM
22	The sand in the toddler area is very unhygienic. It is covered in cat faeces and sometimes needles. Would it not be possible to use foam flooring or equivalent in the toddler area. At least you can see what is beneath you. Plus it then makes it suitable for year round use. Kids don't mind a bit of rain! But not in the sand	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
23	Some ball sports are a little boisterous and spill over onto pathways	4/10/2023 3:06 PM
24	See above about the playground.	4/10/2023 10:25 AM
25	Childrens park needs fencing	4/10/2023 9:51 AM
26	Water - no edge/barrier means that it's impossible to keep our two children safe without having two adults at the park.	4/10/2023 9:43 AM
27	Fencing see above	4/10/2023 9:22 AM
28	But i don't go in it after dark	4/9/2023 8:42 PM
29	Better lowered kerbs on all pavements/ roads for wheel chair/ mobility scooter/ pushchair users who come from various directions locally.	4/9/2023 2:15 PM
30	Dogs off leads. Dog mess on the paths and grass.	4/9/2023 12:27 PM
31	The teenagers are unruly, they smoke, drink and throw their rubbish everywhere and are very intimidating.	4/9/2023 11:35 AM
32	The back wall of the bowls pavilion is falling apart. Teenagers smoking hashish outside the small bowls pavilion.	4/9/2023 10:16 AM
33	See above	4/9/2023 8:40 AM
34	Could we have lots more emergency rings if people 'fall in the ponds'.. Probably need an emergency defib. somewhere too..	4/9/2023 8:16 AM
35	I worry about the safety of the wildlife especially overnight. Ducks have been attacked with fireworks. Numerous birds found beheaded. And foxes may have been poisoned.	4/9/2023 8:14 AM
36	The pond needs a safety fence	4/8/2023 7:20 PM
37	The park is so close to the pond I have seen so many near misses.	4/8/2023 6:16 PM
38	Tennis courts should be better maintained	4/8/2023 3:05 PM
39	Dogs not being kept on leads despite signs - nobody there to enforce it . If somebody like a warden saw this they should have authority to issue a fine. The money then put back into the upkeep of the park.	4/8/2023 2:50 PM
40	I often visit the park to see the ducks/ducklings etc, and then a few weeks later often see harm has come to them (other than natural chain of events)	4/8/2023 2:14 PM
41	The park can be abit scary to walk through during certain times because it is quiet. Are there any cameras in the park? Or some sort of security/warden in the park? I think this would be a good idea because sometimes people want to go for a run/walk in the park at certain times but hold back. The last time i visited the park there were used condoms on the floor next to the river which was not pleasant and raised some safety concerns too.	4/8/2023 11:25 AM
42	Dogs playing and pooping in play area as no fence	4/8/2023 9:43 AM
43	I avoid this park as my xhild is a runner and there's little to break his stride, no fence or strategic planting.	4/8/2023 8:49 AM
44	No fencing around the water	4/8/2023 7:57 AM
45	Employ a park keeper for both Egerton and Polegrove parks	4/8/2023 7:48 AM
46	Groups of aggressive and abusive teenagers that I have encountered, whilst there with my daughter	4/8/2023 7:46 AM

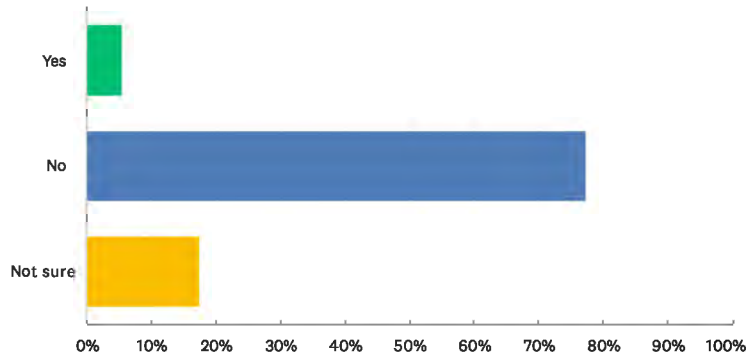
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47	I feel safe there , my kids feel safe there. The important thing is to keep it clean well maintained and we'll used	4/8/2023 7:21 AM
48	Algea in the ponds - poisonous for my Dogs	4/7/2023 9:53 PM
49	Teenagers making noise at night	4/7/2023 9:16 PM
50	the wildlife and youths	4/7/2023 8:33 PM
51	I would like lights in the park for safety and to protect wildlife.	4/7/2023 7:28 PM
52	Groups of teenagers in the shelters	4/7/2023 7:00 PM
53	Only use during daylight.	4/6/2023 3:36 PM
54	Fenced off park area for the safety of children. Not just the water edge but it's very easy to snatch a child in Egerton Park without being noticed !!	4/1/2023 6:17 PM
55	Needs a park warden on site	4/1/2023 5:04 PM
56	The park at night is a concern along with the dead wildlife that was found in the park. (Despite what the police say was the cause!)	3/29/2023 2:36 PM
57	People not keeping their dogs on leads	3/26/2023 10:32 PM
58	Water not being fenced off	3/26/2023 5:00 PM
59	Barrier around the play park	3/25/2023 5:26 PM
60	I have 2 children 2 and a half and 4 months I think the part offers lots of opportunity to talk about safety with them we do not need more fences!	3/25/2023 4:25 PM
61	Put a fence on the psrk	3/25/2023 4:09 PM
62	The lake has no kind of fence around it. Can be extremely dangerous for toddlers incase they were to fall. It only takes one second	3/25/2023 3:22 PM
63	Anti social behaviour often by elderly people who think that being old means they can be rude and ignorant.	3/25/2023 3:22 PM
64	Bike speed. Children not being supervised. Old people speaking rudely to people - too much of back in my day I would of been clouted for that.	3/25/2023 3:17 PM
65	A fence around the children's play area would be good. It always used to have one	3/25/2023 3:07 PM

### Q4 Would you be interested in becoming a community park warden?

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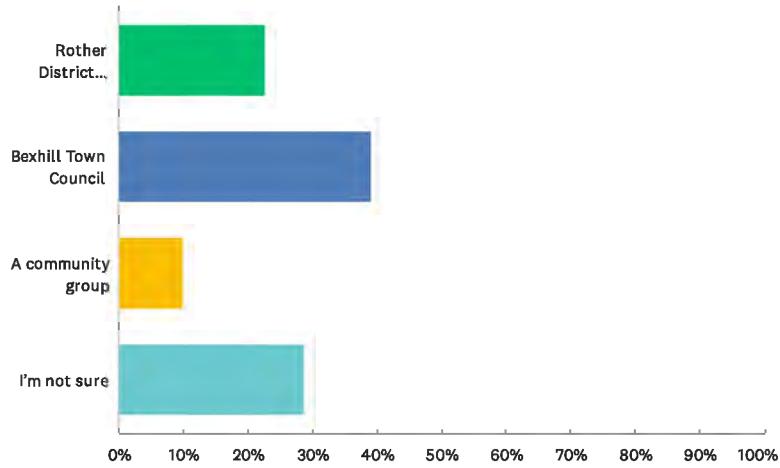


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.26%	9
No	77.19%	132
Not sure	17.54%	30
TOTAL		171



### Q5 Who do you think should manage the park?

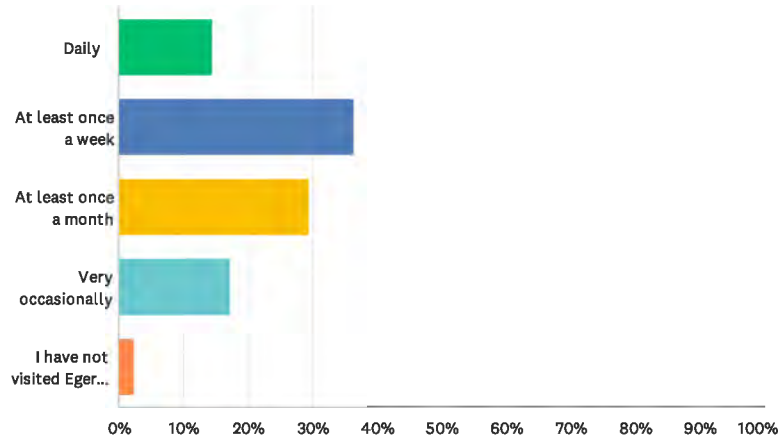
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rother District Council	22.67%	39
Bexhill Town Council	38.95%	67
A community group	9.88%	17
I'm not sure	28.49%	49
TOTAL		172

### Q6 How often do you visit the park?

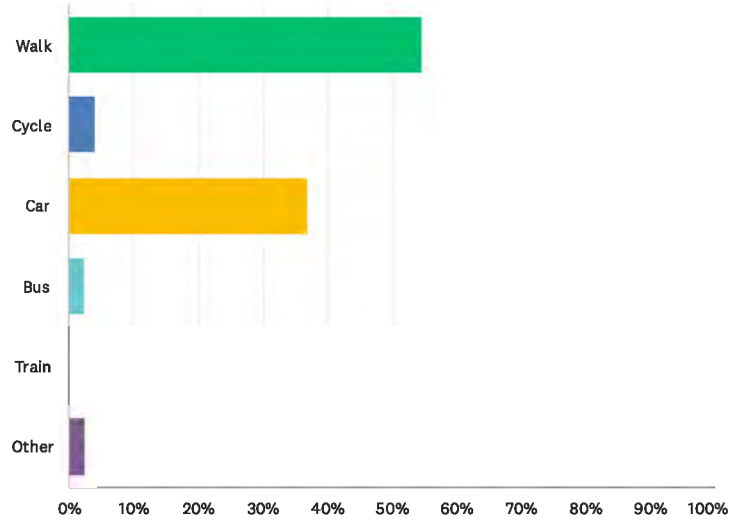
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	14.45%	25
At least once a week	36.42%	63
At least once a month	29.48%	51
Very occasionally	17.34%	30
I have not visited Egerton Park in the last 12 months.	2.31%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>173</b>

**Q7 How would you travel to get to Egerton Park? (tick the box that mainly applies)**

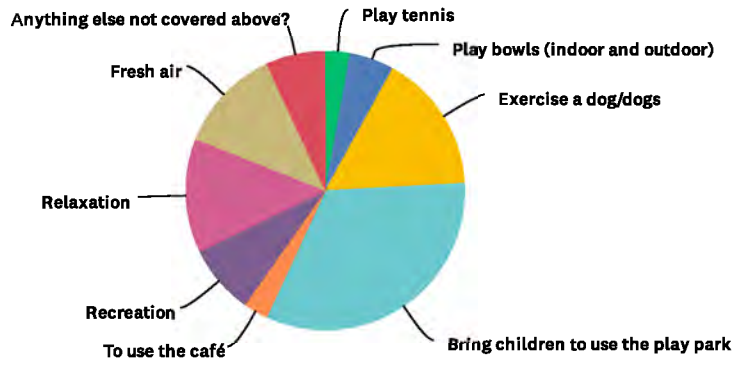
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	54.60%	95
Cycle	4.02%	7
Car	36.78%	64
Bus	2.30%	4
Train	0.00%	0
Other	2.30%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>174</b>

### Q8 What would be the main purpose of your visit?

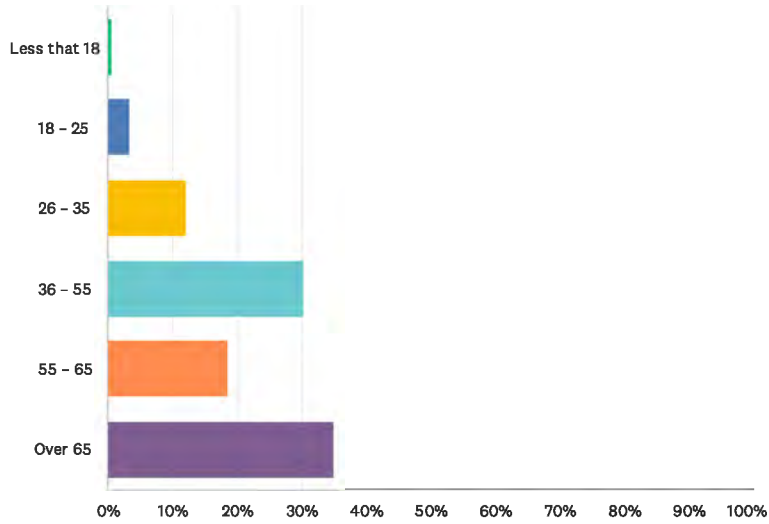
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Play tennis	2.87%	5
Play bowls (indoor and outdoor)	5.17%	9
Exercise a dog/dogs	16.09%	28
Bring children to use the play park	32.76%	57
To use the café	2.87%	5
Recreation	8.05%	14
Relaxation	13.22%	23
Fresh air	12.07%	21
Anything else not covered above?	6.90%	12
TOTAL		174

### Q9 Can you tell us something about your age?

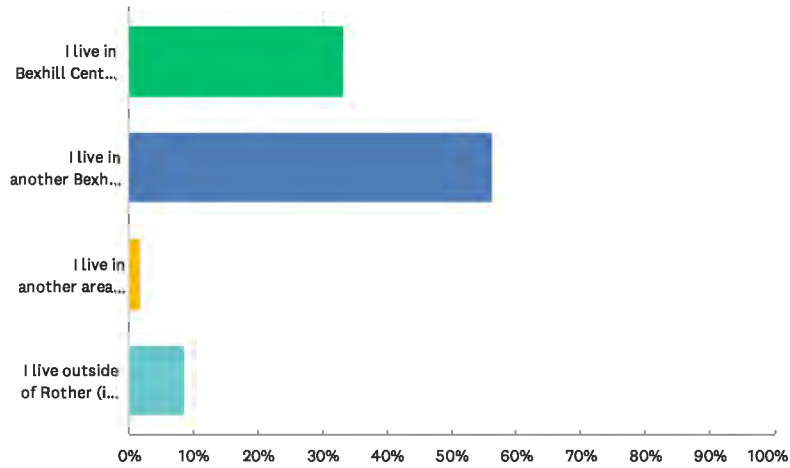
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 18	0.58%	1
18 - 25	3.49%	6
26 - 35	12.21%	21
36 - 55	30.23%	52
55 - 65	18.60%	32
Over 65	34.88%	60
TOTAL		172

### Q10 Where do you live?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Bexhill Central Ward	33.33%	58
I live in another Bexhill ward	56.32%	98
I live in another area of Rother (i.e.Battle or Catsfield)	1.72%	3
I live outside of Rother (i.e. Hastings or St Leonards)	8.62%	15
TOTAL		174