

# LEWISVALE PARK REVAMP

## Results from the community Survey August 2016

Musselburgh  
Area Partnership

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This survey was carried out by Musselburgh Area Partnership in partnership with East Lothian Council Amenity Services. It was designed to find out how Lewisvale park can be modernised and given new facilities that will encourage local people to use the park more often.

The consultation started at the "Live from Lewisvale" event on the 31<sup>st</sup> July and continued until midnight on Sunday 21st August 2016. Printed questionnaires were made available at the event alongside a voting sheet proposing three different designs for a new children's play facility. Following on from this an online survey was released and promoted via social media and the East Lothian Council Consultation Hub.



### Who do respondents visit the park with?

- 72% visit with Children/Family
- 16% visit with friends
- 5% visit alone
- 4% visit with other groups
- 3% visit with parents

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

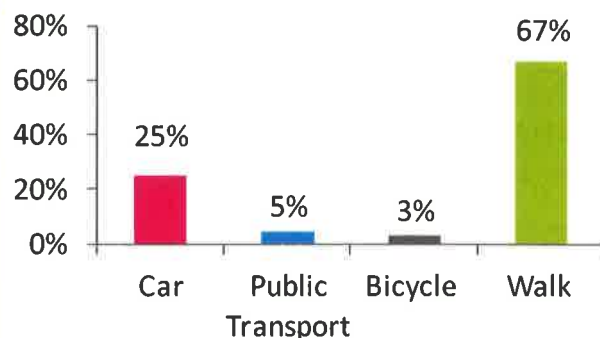
### Who responded to the survey?

668 people responded to the survey.

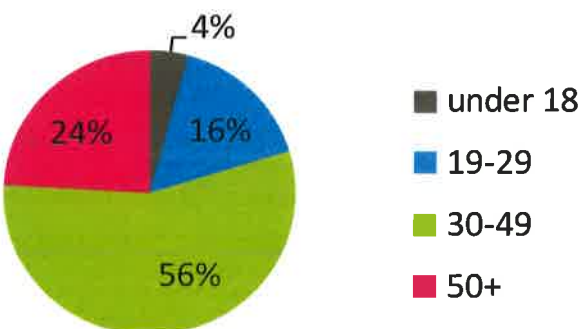
Of this total:

- 82% live in Musselburgh
- 14% live in East Lothian
- 3% live in Edinburgh
- 1% live further afield

### How do people travel to Lewisvale Park?



### Age of people visiting Lewisvale

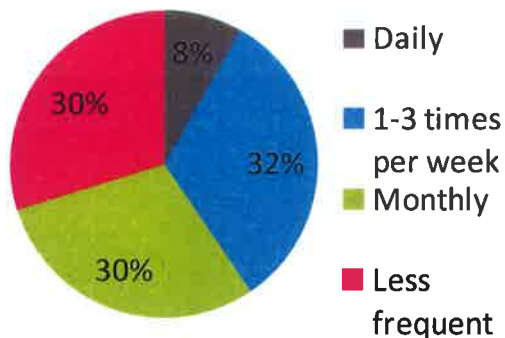


### Visiting Lewisvale Park

- When asked if they had visited the park before, 98% of respondents said they had, with the remaining 2% visiting for the first time for 'Live at Lewisvale'.
- There was also a correlation between the 2% of first time visitors and those who travelled from Edinburgh or further afield to attend the event.

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## How often do people visit the park?



## Why do people usually visit the park? (multiple answers selected (MAS))

Answers	Number of Responses	Response % of Total
Dog walking	141	13%
Exercise/sports	141	13%
Leisure	218	21%
Day out with children	428	49%
Event	95	9%
NA (first visit)	0	0%
Other (Please specify)	61	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1084</b>	

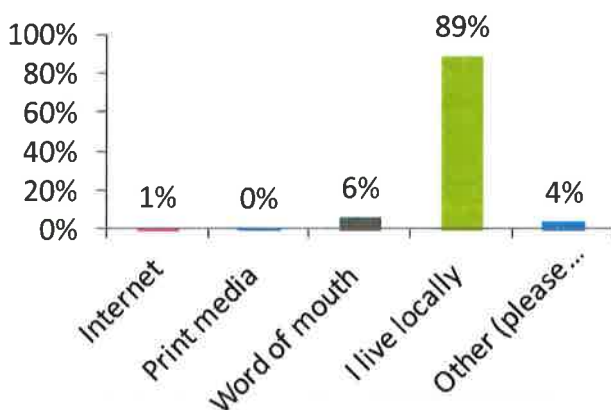
6% of respondents selected 'Other' for this question, with a total of 61 comments collected. The most common 'Other' reasons for visiting the park were:

- "I walk through the park on my way to work."
- "To go to the allotments"

- "To get the high street"
- "Going for bus or shopping"
- "Safer way to walk than the main road"
- "Walking through to get to school"

From the comments we can see that a high number of the 6% use Lewisvale Park as a shortcut to other parts of town.

## How did you find out about the park?



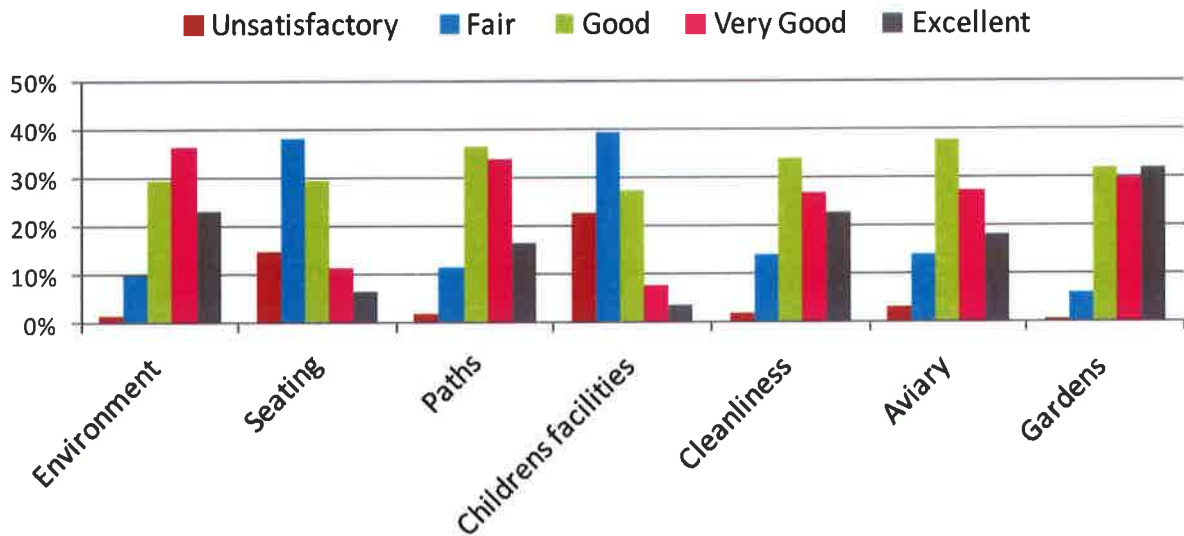
### Comments:

- "I used to live locally"
- "Been coming since I was a child"
- "I lived in Musselburgh and had to go through it to get to school"
- "Tennis club member"

Other respondents commented they found out about the park through friends or family—which could be categorised under 'word of mouth'—and one person found out about the park through a Facebook event page.

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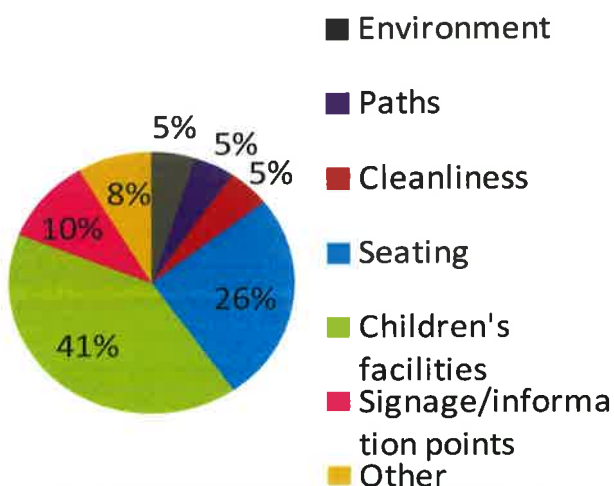
## How do visitors rate the parks current facilities?



### Visitor opinions of the park

- 78% of respondents **agree** that the park has adequate information and signage.
- 64% of respondents are **not satisfied** with the activities available and feel that there is not enough to do at the park.
- 61% of respondents **agree** that the park has a map that is clear and easy to use.
- 67% of respondents are **not satisfied** with the current facilities in the park.

### Facilities that visitors would like improved (MAS)



### What additional features would visitors like to see in the park? (MAS)

Respondents were offered a variety of additional features that would encourage them to visit more often. The following list details their response, from most desired to least desired of the facilities suggested:

- 26% would like new toilet facilities
- 24% would like a wet play facility
- 23% would like a new play park
- 10% would like bike stands
- 10% would like new sports facilities
- 4% would like a car park

3% identified other features they would like the park to have in the comments section:

- "Would be good to have regular evening Police patrols"
- "The Bandstand being used more regularly"
- "Dog walking area with bins"
- "Age appropriate equipment for older children (upper primary to high school age)"
- "A bigger play park"
- "Picnic tables"

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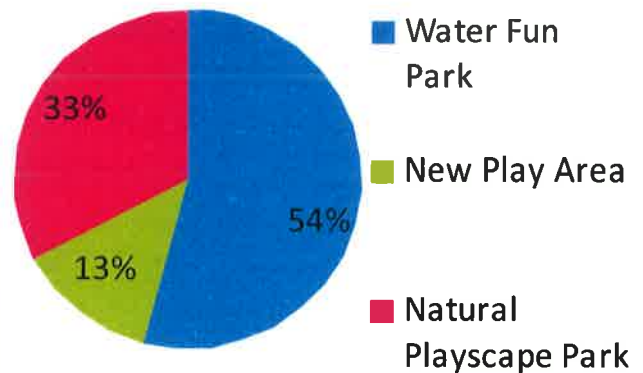
## Other changes or improvements respondents want to see:

- The majority of comments included requests to update the play park, make it more modern and to make sections that are appropriate for different age groups (e.g. Cuthill Park)
- A number of people also commented that they would like more activities and facilities for children and young people in the area (especially for older children)
- Some said that the park needs more activities/events that attract people to the area (e.g. use of the band stand for live music), such as Live at Lewisvale or an Open Doors Day to promote the park
- Another common suggestion was to build a cafe with toilet facilities
- A number of people commented that they would like to see the paddling pool updated and in use again



## Voting Sheet:

A total of **232 people** voted on the three proposed projects for young people. The results below are consistent with the results of the survey, where a new wet play facility was selected as the second most popular, new facility people would like to see in the park.



## Quotes:

- “Make some of the tennis courts public so they can be used by all, any time, without having to sign up to be a membership.”
- “I don't agree with birds being in cages but if they are it should be as natural an environment as possible.”
- “Put up picnic benches for public to use”
- “More dog warden patrols to reduce dog fouling.”
- “School car park should be available at weekends.”
- “Should ...give consideration to community events throughout the year ...themed around seasonal highlights and festivals”
- “Some interpretive material about the wild-life and the history of the park”

## Proposed projects...

To Replace the existing Play areas and Paddling Pool

No.	Action	Photo	Photo	Photo
1	Create a Water 'Fun park' at Lewisvale Park			
2	Create a New Play Area at Lewisvale Park			
3	Create a Natural Playscape Park			

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