

South Somerset Open Spaces Survey



Parks and open spaces are one of the most widely used facilities provided by local authorities; South Somerset has some superb open spaces and has much to be proud of, however, we are always keen to improve so that you, the visitor, can enjoy them more.

Fill out one of our Open Spaces User Surveys to let us know what you think about our parks and green spaces. Your feedback is important to us and will help to inform how we manage these spaces in the future and improve local parks and green spaces for residents and visitors.

1. Have you visited any open spaces within the last 12 months?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'No', please proceed to question 15

2. Please select the types of open space you have visited (please tick as many answers as relevant):

Park or public garden

Green corridor e.g. Linear open spaces, Footpaths, Cycle ways

Amenity green space e.g. Large grass or landscaped areas within housing estates, village greens

Country park

Natural open spaces (Local nature reserves, wildlife & countryside areas)

Churchyard/Cemetery

Visual green space (small grassed or landscaped areas within housing estates)

Allotments

Civic spaces (Town centre areas)

School field

Woodland

Private open spaces (National trust, National garden Scheme etc.)

Other (please specify):

3. How often do you visit? (please tick **one** answer)

Every day

Between 2 and 4 times per month

More than 4 times per month

More than 4 times per month

Less than 4 times a year

Other (please specify):



4. How long does it take you to travel to the open space you use the most? (please tick **one** answer)

Less than 5 minutes

21-30 minutes

6-10 minutes

31-60 minutes

11-20 minutes

Other (please specify):

5. When visiting an open space, how do you usually get there? (please tick **one** answer)

Walk

Bus

Drive

Cycle

Other (please specify):

6. Please indicate your reasons for visiting this open space (please tick as many answers as relevant):

To go for a walk

To eat/drink

To cycle

To walk the dog

Use playground

See birds/wildlife

Quiet time

For exercise

Informal games

To take family

To meet friends

To play sport

Other (please specify):

7. If known, please indicate the name of the space you visit most often

8. How would you rate the condition or features of the open space you use the most?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
Standard of cleanliness (litter picking, graffiti etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General horticultural maintenance (grass cutting etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of boundaries (railings, fences, hedges)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of paths / seats & benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall impression of the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planted areas (shrub and flower areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
Range of visitor facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How easy is for you to get around the park (footpath condition & position)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. What do you like **most** about the open space you visit most often?

10. What do you like the **least** about the open space you visit most often?

11. Can you think of anything that would encourage you to use the open space more or would improve your visits?

12. Would any of the following issues ever stop you from visiting your most used open space?

	Definitely would	Probably would	Not sure	Probably wouldn't	Definitely wouldn't
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	Definitely would	Probably would	Not sure	Probably wouldn't	Definitely wouldn't
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of suitable paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. If we could improve the open space you use most often, which, from the following list, would you most like to see changed?

Please rate your top 5 choices on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the most wanted and 5 being the least wanted	1	2	3	4	5
Designed with a theme e.g. winter garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring bulb planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bins (dog & litter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planted areas (shrubs & flowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CCTV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information/notice boards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved boundaries (railings, fences, hedges)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art/Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restricted opening times e.g. locked at night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park warden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 13 continued...



Suitable lighting

Other (please specify):

14. If we could provide more of these types of open space, which would you, choose?

Please rate in order of importance from 1-10 where 1 is very important and 10 is not important at all

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Park or public garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Corridor e.g. Linear open spaces, footpaths, Cycle ways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenity Green Space e.g. large grass or landscaped areas within housing estates, Village greens etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private open spaces e.g. Town square	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural open spaces (local nature reserves SSI's)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Green Space (small areas within housing estates)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have completed questions 2 to 14, please proceed to question 16

15. If you have not used any open space in the last 12 months, why is this? (please tick as many answers as relevant):

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|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time | <input type="checkbox"/> Route to nearest space is unsafe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of interest | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not allowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport cost | <input type="checkbox"/> Use other parks/open spaces outside the district |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not feel safe there |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuitable facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Too close to a busy road |

Other (please specify):



16. If you have any further comments or any other suggestions as to how the parks and open spaces in your area might be improved, then please let us know in the space below.

Please return to reception at Brympton Way or Petters House, Yeovil for the attention of Environment Services, Lufton, or via post to:

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Thank you on behalf of South Somerset District Council for taking the time to complete this survey.