



# THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL PARKS & GREENSPACE



## Park Quality Assessment Result 2022

Assessment Date: 15 June 2022

**Hunter's Hall Park (Jack Kane Centre)**

**Classification:** City Park

**PQS: 64%**

**Grade C**

**Edinburgh Minimum Std Met Yes**

Criteria Score Key: 0 = N/A; 1 = Very Poor; 2-4 = Poor; 5-6 = Fair; 7 = Good; 8 = Very Good; 9 = Excellent; 10 = Exceptional

### 2022 Comments

#### A Welcoming Place

##### Welcoming

- 5** **Strengths:** Largely inviting park from main entrance with good sightlines across the main part of the park to play area. The mix of mown and relaxed grass along with mature and young trees suited the park well.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** However, there was some dumped clothing, litter, graffiti unsightly bins and encroaching vegetation that wasn't particularly welcoming. Other entrances were unfortunately worse.

##### Good Safe Access

- 6** **Strengths:** Good public transport links and car parking and cycle racks available at sports centre. Good wide tarmac paths to rear of site through what now appears to be a largely natural area. Access available from all sides.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Some entrances are unannounced and requires improved maintenance regards litter, GM and graffiti. No path from NE corner to facilities. Not a busy access road but no crossing point from Niddrie Marshall Road entrance and where pavement ends. Bollards and barriers preventing unauthorised access but access obtained from other points. A bit of vehicle movement on site by contractors,

##### Signage

- 4** **Strengths:** Notice board and history panel at main entrance announce the site.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** All entrances need improved signage and consider how better to announce that you have arrived. Some directional signage would be welcome. History board needs cleaned and could probably have been better sited near to notice board rather than at road edge.

##### Equal Access

- 5** **Strengths:** Surfaced pavement providing good access towards sports centre but no crossing. Good wide flat paths to the rear towards Little France.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Path from main entrance narrowing and could do with being redefined. Other paths available but maintenance around them needs improved. Needs seating. No paved access around main area.

#### Healthy, Safe & Secure

##### Appropriate Provision of Facilities

- 7** **Strengths:** A great range of play, sport and leisure facilities on site.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Needs seating and picnic benches near to play area would be welcome. Paved path from NE corner would be beneficial.

##### Safe Equipment & Facilities

- 6** **Strengths:** Contractor areas fenced off.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** No crossing point over road. Play area boundary fence has lots of posts missing allowing easy exit.

##### Personal Security in Park

- 6** **Strengths:** Open park with good sightlines and exits from all sides. Road lighting. Sports centre staff and contractors provide a sense of security.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Woodland area to rear was overgrown in areas and coupled with lack of maintenance and ASB indicators in the area didn't make that particular area feel particularly safe. Lots of hidden areas and not well overlooked in parts.

##### Dog Fouling

- 6** **Strengths:** Bins available and were serviced. Signage in NB and on threshold sign.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** A few instances found on shorter grass areas and with lots of longer grass, would think more could be found.

#### Clean & Well Maintained

##### Litter & Waste Management

- 3** **Strengths:** Bins available. Recycling bins at sports centre.
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** There was litter throughout the site and some hotspots. Entrances were disappointingly littered. Most bins were unsightly with what would appear to be fire damage and graffiti. Cardboard bins overflowing.

##### Grounds Maintenance

- 6** **Strengths:** Main grass area was just within LQS tolerance. A good balance of cut and relaxed grass. Sports pitches cut and marked well. Community growing area look interesting
- Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Lots of arisings on main grass area. Poor maintenance outside of bulk grass cutting. Encroaching vegetation and weeds around entrances and obstacles.



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#### Tree Maintenance

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**Strengths:** An excellent range of species and age.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** A few of the younger trees are damaged or struggling. Guards and stakes could be removed on the now established trees.

#### Building & Infrastructure Maint.

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**Strengths:** Most of the infrastructure in reasonable condition.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Some paths need redefined. Woodland paths could be improved.

#### Equipment Maintenance

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**Strengths:** None recorded.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Bins are unsightly, graffiti/stickering on notice board, signage and bins.

### Sustainability

#### Managing Impact on Environment

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**Strengths:** All current Council policies regarding environmental sustainability are being adhered to in the park.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Waste Minimisation

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**Strengths:** councils litter recycling policy is adhered to Where green waste is generated some is reused on site litter is sent for recycling n

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Chemical Use

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**Strengths:** decision taken not to use herbicides within the parks by central team

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Peat Use

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**Strengths:** No peat based bedding on site

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Climate Change Adaptation

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**Strengths:** the creation of an orchard to the front of the site under planted with wild flowers, mature trees and replanting of existing woodlands. Creation of grassland meadow along burn and unused pitch area

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

### Conservation & Heritage

#### Natural features, flora & fauna

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**Strengths:** A very good range of habitats on site.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Possibly look at interpretation at interest points.

#### Conservation Landscape

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**Strengths:** the holly walk has been retained and the paths within have been upgrades. Planting along the burn which has been returned to its original coarse. Creation of an orchard fits well with the on going health option of the park with the sports centre.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Conservation Buildings

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Not applicable

### Community Involvement

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**Strengths:** this has increased due to the proposed works at the bridge or the cycle hub

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Community Provision

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**Strengths:** local groups are active in the management of the park

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

### Marketing & Promotion

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**Strengths:** green flag park friends group have web page that is updated

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** None recorded.

#### Information Provision

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**Strengths:** Notice board at main entrance with contact details. Community growing area signage.

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Information wasn't site specific. Lots going on in the park which could be better explained. Could perhaps look at providing community



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#### Educ. & Interpretative Provision

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**Strengths:** History panel at main entrance

**Weaknesses / Recommendations:** Mostly generic. Would like to see more site specific information and possibly interpretation panels or information at interest points. Panel needs cleaned.

#### Management

#### Management Plan Implementation

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Not currently assessed

**Overall Comments:** A large park with a great range of play and sports facilities with walks thrown in but all let down by poor litter and grounds maintenance standards.

#### Main Recommendations

- 1 Ensure entrances are clean and tidy
- 2 Consider how to better announce the site
- 3 Update contents of notice board.