



Greener Places

South Gloucestershire Council is preparing a new strategy called 'Greener Places', and we would love to hear your views and comments to help shape it.

Enjoying local green spaces is something that many of us value. During the Covid-19 emergency the role of these vital spaces within our communities for health and wellbeing has been highlighted. We know that using these spaces is not easy for everyone, and we want to learn more about how we can create, manage and improve green spaces so that we can all access and enjoy them.

We can all play a part in responding to the challenges of climate change and the nature crisis for the benefit of both people and wildlife. We want to work together with everyone who lives, works in and visits South Gloucestershire to bring together a shared vision and priorities for greener places across the area.

A public consultation on the draft 'Greener Places' strategy will take place in 2021, and your comments now will feed into preparation of this draft.

If you would prefer to discuss your suggestions for the 'Greener Places' strategy please contact CommunitySpaces@southglos.gov.uk or call 01454 868289 / 0771 8575815.

Please complete this survey by **Monday 30th November 2020**.

Your use of green spaces

By green spaces we mean any parks, public rights of way, woodlands, commons, allotments and other public open spaces which can be used for recreation and provide habitat for wildlife.

As use of green spaces may have changed for you since the Covid 19 emergency, for many questions in this survey we have asked for comments about your use of green spaces before the Covid 19 emergency (March 2020) and now.

Q1 We would like to know how often you use green spaces. Please tell us about how often you visited or visit green spaces:

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never
Before the Covid-19 emergency (March 2020)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Now. At the current time (Autumn 2020)	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q2 If your frequency of use of green spaces has changed, please tell us the main reason for that change:

Q3 What are your FIVE main reasons for visiting green spaces before March 2020 and now (Autumn 2020)?

	Before March 2020	Now (Autumn 2020)
To enjoy natural scenery and wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To relax and enjoy peace & quiet in nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To visit the children's play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To play sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To visit the cafe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a picnic / barbecue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To spend time with family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To attend an organised event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To walk, wheel or cycle to somewhere else	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To exercise my dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To take a shortcut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To visit an allotment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify:		

Q4 How much more or less do you value green spaces now, compared to before March 2020?

- Much more Go to Q5
- A little more Go to Q5
- About the same
- A little less Go to Q6
- Much less Go to Q6
- Don't know / Not sure

Q5 If you value green spaces **more** compared to before March 2020, what is the main reason?

Q6 If you value green spaces **less** compared to before March 2020, what is the main reason?

Q7 Do you consider that you face any barriers to accessing or using green spaces?

Yes

Go to Q8

No

Go to Q9

Q8 If yes, please tell us about these barriers and what may help remove them:

Your priorities for green spaces

We would like to know about the top priorities and action that you would most like to see for the management and improvement of our green spaces.

Please list up to **six** priorities, and tell us why they are important for you and what action you would like to see.

Priorities could include things like:

Access improvements and facilities, action on litter and antisocial behaviour, trees, climate change adaptation, making improvements for nature, activities and events, support for community groups, conserving historic features, information and communication.

However, these are just examples and you may have other priorities.

Q9 Priority 1

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Q10 Priority 2

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Q11 Priority 3

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Q12 Priority 4

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Q13 Priority 5

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Q14 Priority 6

Why is this important to you and what action would you like to see?

Involvement in community and volunteering groups

Q15 Are you involved in any community green space or nature conservation volunteering groups?

Yes

Go to Q16

No

Go to Q18

Q16 If yes, which green space or nature conservation groups are you involved with?

Q17 If you are involved in any groups, do you have any comments about how the council can improve support for green space volunteers and groups?

Q18 If you are not involved in any groups, is this something that might interest you in the future?

Yes

No

Q19 Do you have any suggestions about what may encourage you and other people to get involved in green space or nature conservation groups?

Q20 Is there anything the council can do to improve the information available about green spaces?

Q21 Would you like to be added to our monthly Community Spaces e-newsletter mailing list for news and updates?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your email address below. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time:

Q22 Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the 'Greener Places' strategy?

About you

This section is really important, as it is a requirement for the council to fulfil its Public Sector Equality Duty by understanding more about the people who use council services. Any responses to these questions will remain confidential, individuals will not be identified and personal details will not be published.

Q23 Are you responding as?

- A local resident
- A voluntary, community sector organisation
- A parish or town council
- Other

If 'other' please specify or if you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us its name.

Q24 Please tell us your full postcode i.e. BS* ***

Q25 Are you?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Q26 How old are you?

- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 75
- Over 75
- Prefer not to say

Q27 Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (please tick all that apply)

- No
- Prefer not to say
- Yes - Physical impairment
- Yes - Sensory impairment
- Yes - Mental health condition
- Yes - Learning disability/ difficulty or cognitive impairment
- Yes - Long standing illness or health condition
- Yes - Other (please state below)

Q28 Please tell us your ethnic origin

- Arab
- Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British - Chinese
- Asian/Asian British - Indian
- Asian/Asian British - Other
- Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - African
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Other
- Gypsy or Traveller
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group - Other
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Asian
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black African
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black Caribbean
- White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- White - Other
- White Irish
- Other
- Prefer not to say

If other, please specify

Q29 Sexual Orientation:

- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman/ lesbian
- Heterosexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Q30 Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q31 Religion/ belief

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion (please state below)
- No religion
- Prefer not to say

Q32 What types of private outdoor space do you have access to?

- Front garden / yard
- Back garden / yard
- Balcony
- Roof garden / terrace
- Shared or communal outdoor space
- None

Other, please specify:

Thank you for taking the time to tell us your views.

Please return your completed survey by **Monday 30th November 2020** by posting it to: Freepost Plus RTXL-YHGY-GSYS, South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Research & Consultation Team, Council offices, Badminton Road, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5AF

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