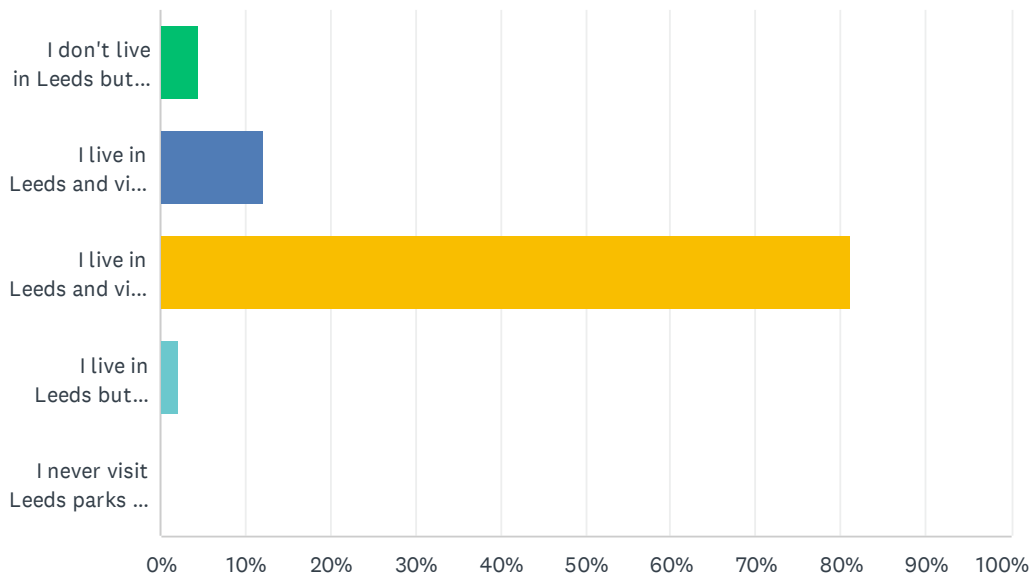


Q1 Using Leeds Parks and Green Spaces (please only complete this survey if you can answer)

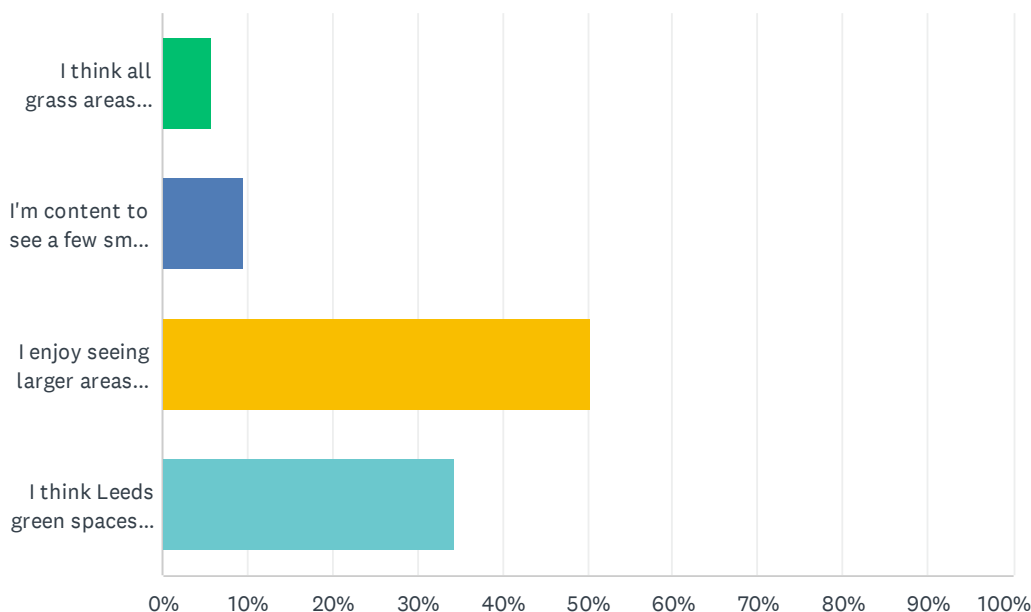
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't live in Leeds but I do visit Leeds parks and green spaces sometimes	4.51%	40
I live in Leeds and visit parks and green spaces occasionally (about once a month)	12.19%	108
I live in Leeds and visit parks and green spaces regularly (at least once a week)	81.26%	720
I live in Leeds but seldom visit parks or green spaces (less than once a month)	2.03%	18
I never visit Leeds parks or green spaces	0.00%	0
TOTAL		886

Q2 Grass mowing

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I think all grass areas should be mown regularly	5.80%	51
I'm content to see a few small areas with longer grass	9.66%	85
I enjoy seeing larger areas of 'relaxed mowing' with wild plants growing in the grass, but with large areas being cut for ball games, paths, traffic sight lines, etc.	50.23%	442
I think Leeds green spaces should be managed to maximise nature, with briars, bushes and trees allowed to grow wherever suitable. Mowing should be minimal and only where strictly needed.	34.32%	302
TOTAL		880

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1	Grass verges still need to be mown	5/22/2023 10:32 AM
2	I hate going through Leeds at the moment and seeing so many areas mown that could be left - I also hate all the tree planting which is basically planting plastic tubes and letting the trees die inside - just leave places to grow naturally and trees will plant themselves - unless there is invasive species like rhododendron which needs removing first	5/22/2023 9:29 AM
3	Specific parks for specific reasons or quarantine areas for picnic and play safety, venture areas and pathways shaded by trees and bush and areas simply left to the wild for the wild warriors. Sports pitches should be surrounded by well kept hedge.	5/18/2023 3:50 AM
4	I think it depends on the type of park. A formal 'Victorian' style park needs regular mowing to maintain its formal appearance. Other informal parks and areas can be mown much less.	5/15/2023 7:23 PM
5	I think parks should have large areas of relaxed mowing and green spaces should be managed to maximise nature. We need both but neither should be all mown and full of single use bedding plants	5/14/2023 8:14 PM
6	I am in between relaxed mowing and only where strictly necessary. I would like to see more trees and flowers but I think mowing for ball games and road safety i.e. on parts of the ring road or to ensure visibility on roundabouts.	5/13/2023 10:58 PM
7	I love to see the wildlife. It calms my mind and brings great joy	5/13/2023 2:50 PM

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8	Keep it wild, but also maintain rides around the paths for safety	5/12/2023 11:07 PM
9	Some grass verges need to be managed better ie The Ring Road as it becomes difficult to see other vehicles when grass is long	5/12/2023 2:31 PM
10	I think green spaces vary. Areas of the cemetery would look good left to wild flowers but with people still being able to see and visit the graves. There are areas that could be left more relaxed. Mowing should also be respectful of the graves with grass blown off the paths and headstones when possible. Not doing so is felt by many to be disrespectful and causes upset.	5/12/2023 10:10 AM
11	Stop mowing verges! (unless at Junctions that may reduce visibility).	5/7/2023 9:38 AM
12	Stop using weed killer	5/6/2023 8:01 AM
13	Stop cutting down trees and hedgerows and planting tiny immature saplings that don't even survive!!! We are in a biodiversity crisis. Stop concreting over green fields and develop brown field sites instead. It's not rocket science.	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
14	Somewhere between the last two- I think there should be as many natural freely growing areas as possible while still ensuring that are open spaces for ball games etc and paths for pushchairs and wheelchairs etc	5/5/2023 9:03 AM
15	Please let verges grow with the naturally occurring wildflowers of whichever area.	5/4/2023 6:24 PM
16	I think there should be as little mowing as possible to encourage wild flowers and insects. However there does need to be a balance. There are few activities for children in some areas so somewhere safe to kick a ball around is good. Also need to bear in mind that some people (limited mobility/poor sight etc) may need areas to be mown to keep access and sight lines clear.	5/4/2023 3:45 PM
17	Because so much public green space has been sold off over the years we have to balance the needs for outdoor social and leisure space too	5/4/2023 2:54 PM
18	If trimmed they MUST be done properly unlike the work done be Continental. That would be appalling!	5/3/2023 9:56 AM
19	We need sports pitches of course, but other than that, and a few picnic areas, let's nurture nature.	5/3/2023 7:16 AM
20	I think all areas should receive an edge cut adjoining paths, for the overall appearance to look "purposeful"	5/1/2023 7:08 AM
21	No artificial grasses or play surfaces in Green areas please.	4/30/2023 10:22 AM
22	A lot of narrower paths become unwalkable in summer due the nettles and other plants being allowed to grow. I would love these to be cut back more	4/29/2023 9:37 PM
23	Wild grass etc with paths mown through is a great solution for people and insects - mainly 	4/29/2023 2:38 PM
24	Need mowing for other uses as in the third option - but biodiversity needed for rest - which doesn't mean just letting briars etc grow rampant but very careful management	4/25/2023 8:25 AM
25	But also important to have large areas where people can sit in nice weather	4/25/2023 3:28 AM
26	I enjoy seeing larger areas of wild plants and think mowing should only be to provide space for ball games/play (to the extent actually needed) or where this is a hazard a	4/24/2023 4:38 PM
27	I respect the need for relaxed mowing but like some space to sit on grass (eg with a blanket/ to read or have a picnic). The mown areas should not just be for dogs and games. Unmown areas can be uncomfortable for sitting and there may be insects or things hidden there!	4/22/2023 12:43 AM
28	As long as the grass around roundabouts/junctions etc is kept short so not to block the view of the motorist	4/21/2023 12:47 PM
29	LCC stop approving artificial grass ,banned in other countries	4/21/2023 9:23 AM
30	Wild flowers would be nice	4/20/2023 10:51 PM
31	Roundabout in Middleton near Asda is a mess	4/20/2023 10:05 PM
32	I do think there should be some mown paths and spaces for kids to play but I think we must give nature and wildlife every chance	4/20/2023 8:59 PM
33	I would like to see wild flower meadows means insects means birds	4/20/2023 8:59 PM

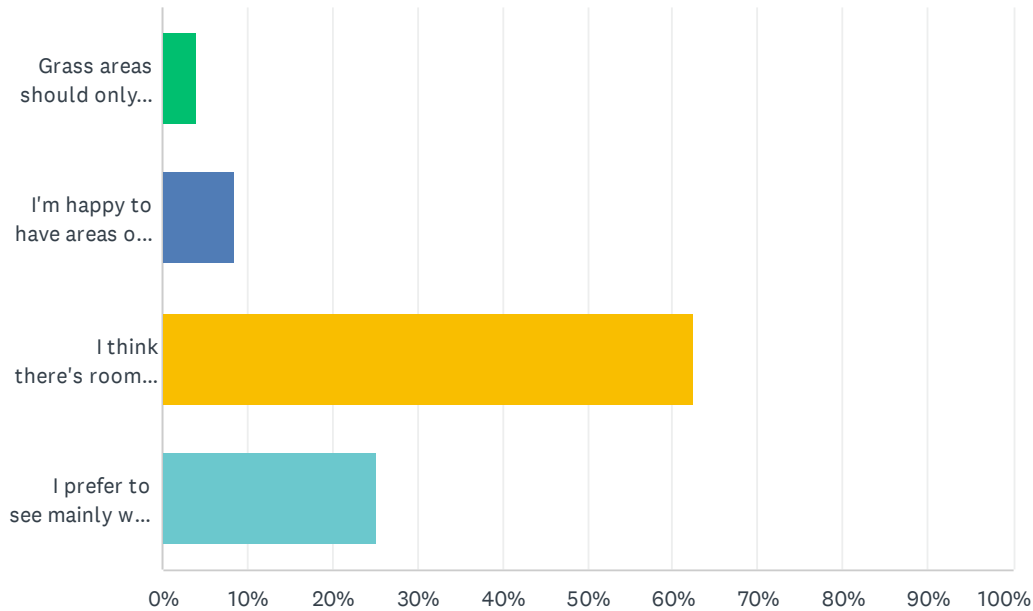
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34	The wild flowers are lovely to see	4/20/2023 8:22 PM
35	If possible, the reduced costs to be used to fund interpretation about how scrubland is essential for biodiversity (natural grassland for moths and butterflies etc)	4/19/2023 2:54 PM
36	An unmown park becomes a woodland. There's a good number of those. Plenty of both is good. Some spaces with neat parkland interspersed with 'wild' areas carries lots of benefits.	4/13/2023 9:31 PM
37	And no artificial grass anywhere! Plastic grass outside the Corn Exchange is dreadful!!	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
38	It depends a bit on the type of area. Some parks need to be more "parky", others more natural.	4/13/2023 5:22 PM
39	I enjoy seeing larger areas of relaxed mowing around the edges of parks and colourful planting ideally to include native wildflowers and shrubs.	4/12/2023 6:50 PM
40	The sports pitches and bowling greens should be prioritised for cutting.	4/11/2023 9:12 AM
41	relaxed mowing should be maximised in areas where there is no alternate use e.g. grass verges and roundabouts - there is no need to mow these	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
42	Although I would prefer the more wild approach generally I wouldn't want ball game or picnic areas to disappear	4/9/2023 11:45 PM
43	Don't mind some mowing for ball games and picnic areas but would prefer as much as possible for wild flowers and trees	4/9/2023 6:34 PM
44	The council need to check the area to be mowed and plan the cutting properly as too many community and bloom groups have had their efforts destroyed by greenspaces left to become totally overgrown and then shrubs/bulbs destroyed as a result.	4/9/2023 4:14 PM
45	I think areas that people like to use for sitting/picnics/playing should be mown so hazards (broken glass etc) can be seen easily. But I think other areas like verges/canal banks should be left wild.	4/9/2023 4:01 PM
46	And no plastic grass	4/9/2023 3:44 PM
47	Bowling greens should be mowed, to help the game be played easier.	4/9/2023 2:36 PM
48	Would have ticked option 3, but most of the areas are just overgrown weed patches	4/9/2023 2:00 PM
49	Taking away parks planting trees and wild flowers from the children and young people who need space to play and enjoy is disgusting. Bowling green have had trees planted then are seldom used by anyone and the ones that still exist are not maintained to the standard they should be. parks are a public space and there are many more areas where trees and plants could be grown.	4/9/2023 1:08 PM
50	Big parks like Roundhay - ok to have small areas of 'relaxed mowing'. Small parks like Horsforth Hall park definitely not. Should all be mown.	4/8/2023 10:29 PM
51	parks for children should be kept mowed	4/8/2023 9:48 PM
52	It should be easier for community groups to take over verges for wildflower and edible planting	4/8/2023 9:25 PM
53	Please wildflower plant grass verges	4/8/2023 8:49 PM
54	That's a ridiculous and rigged question. Why not start from the principle biodiversity is best and then work to safety, mixed use etc. If you don't make some sort of move towards	4/8/2023 7:08 PM
55	Mowing for some grass to play and sit on in all parks. Also good for starlings	4/8/2023 6:48 PM
56	And even more areas dedicated to growing food in the city	4/8/2023 6:36 PM
57	It really depends on the use of the green space	4/8/2023 5:40 PM

Q3 In the UK, meadow flowers in green spaces tend to be either native species that are often not very colourful, and/or species introduced to deliver a colourful display. What do you think should be the balance between these two groups of plants?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Grass areas should only include traditional lawn species like daisies which can survive mowing	3.95% 35
I'm happy to have areas of colourful specially-seeded or planted meadow flowers, but I don't want to see lots of native plants which some might call 'weeds'	8.47% 75
I think there's room for both colourful introduced meadow flowers AND native flowers, each in appropriate places	62.49% 553
I prefer to see mainly wild locally-occurring plants in unmown areas, even if the flowers are not showy	25.08% 222
TOTAL	885

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1	Do not say pollinator friendly area and mow all the way round a planted area full of non native useless but pretty 'wildflowers' it's greenwashing	5/22/2023 9:29 AM
2	No preference	5/21/2023 10:55 PM
3	Pictorial meadows perennial mixes are fantastic. There is a good range and once effort has gone i to the establishment year the maintenance is minimal	5/14/2023 8:14 PM
4	Native plants often provide a food source for wild creatures even when not in flower eg the caterpillars of moth and butterfly species	5/13/2023 2:50 PM
5	Need native plants to encourage native biodiversity	5/12/2023 2:27 PM
6	It is perfectly possible to untroude a colourful display with native plants.	5/12/2023 1:14 PM
7	Wild flowers are beautiful. They are colourful.	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
8	I think it's important to liaise with ecologists - I would favour any plants, native or otherwise, which increase biodiversity and encourage pollinators. I understand many people see	5/5/2023 9:03 AM

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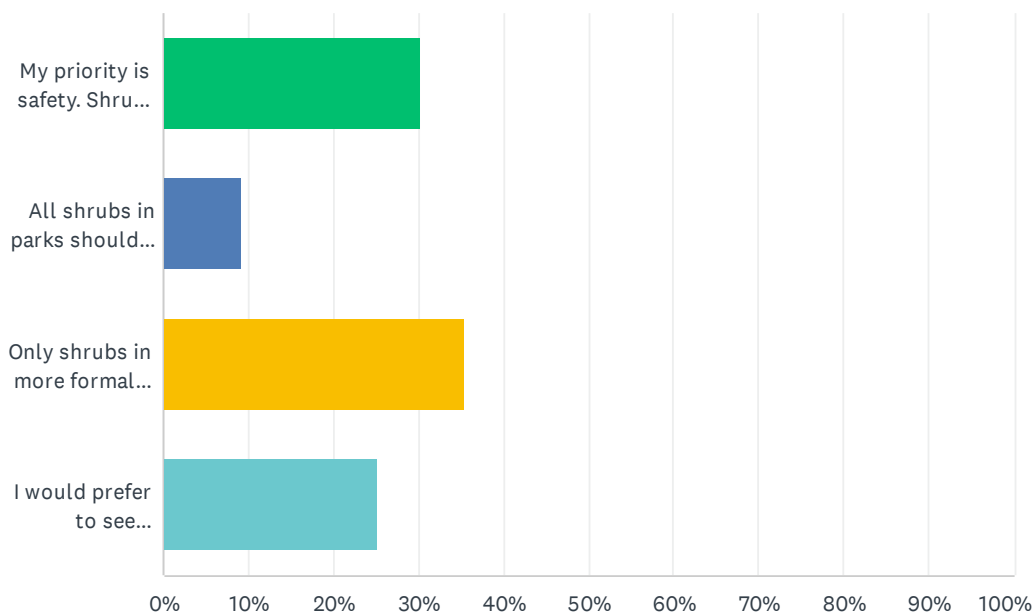
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dandelions etc as weeds, but education can help with that, and maybe having more manicured beds with other flowers to add more colour?

9	Let's have the naturally occurring wildflowers (they are not weeds). I hear this week, by the way, that LCC has mown an area under the supervision of Wildlife Friendly Otley. Please get guidance from Plantlife re verges.	5/4/2023 6:24 PM
10	Native plants support native diversity	5/4/2023 2:54 PM
11	Wildflowers have been planted in Otley and look lovely but council mowing teams are not fully briefed and have already cut down a wildflower meadow on the Weston Estate. Joined up communication needed!	5/4/2023 1:25 PM
12	I don't accept that native species are not colourful.	5/4/2023 1:04 PM
13	'weeds' is a subjective perception	5/4/2023 9:47 AM
14	Flowers fit for the future climate and best for pollinators.	5/3/2023 7:16 AM
15	no dandelions	4/29/2023 10:19 AM
16	Meadows are needed but emphasis should not be on colourful plants but ones appropriate to the local area	4/25/2023 8:25 AM
17	I think local wild flowers are actually very colourful!	4/23/2023 3:20 PM
18	I don't mind introduced flowers as long as they are not harmful to our native plants and wildlife	4/20/2023 8:59 PM
19	Our native pollinators need all the help they can get	4/14/2023 1:39 PM
20	parks should try and engage as many people as possible	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
21	Your statement is incorrect. There are lots of native species of colourful meadow/wild flowers	4/9/2023 2:00 PM
22	Big parks only	4/8/2023 10:29 PM
23	There are also places you could restore very lovely natives like bluebells under avenues	4/8/2023 7:08 PM

Q4 Hedge, bush and shrub maintenance:

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
My priority is safety. Shrubs should be cut back, especially near paths, so that people can have a clear view of others near them	30.35% 261
All shrubs in parks should be kept neat and tidy on principle	9.19% 79
Only shrubs in more formal areas such as War Memorials, cemeteries, statues and display beds should be kept trim	35.35% 304
I would prefer to see naturally-shaped plants wherever possible, even if that means they grow quite big or 'untidy'	25.12% 216
TOTAL	860

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1	On pavements and paths it is essential they are cut back so people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams, guide dogs etc. or people holding a child or vulnerable adult's hand, walking a dog etc. can pass together. Drivers need good visibility to avoid accidents.	5/22/2023 10:32 AM
2	This survey is very leading in its responses	5/22/2023 9:25 AM
3	Shrines by paths should be kept neat to make sure the paths are accessible. Nothing wrong with other shrubs being left to grow	5/22/2023 6:42 AM
4	But safety is important too	5/15/2023 10:29 PM
5	But obviously near paths they should be prevented from restricting access (ideally not planted where this could be a problem)	5/14/2023 8:14 PM
6	Cut back to keep paths clear and sight lines for road users, otherwise leave natural	5/13/2023 10:49 PM
7	Naturally shaped plants but keep the paths clear for safety purposes	5/12/2023 11:07 PM
8	Hedges should be cut back if blocking pathways for people, wheelchairs and prams. Otherwise I'm not bothered.	5/12/2023 5:24 PM
9	Neatly trimmed near narrow paths and formal areas, relaxed elsewhere	5/12/2023 5:19 PM
10	Safety is a priority, but formal areas should also be kept trimmed	5/12/2023 4:10 PM

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11	Not sure about this one. Public parks need to keep a degree of formality to make them look like 'dignified' civic amenities that demonstrate care and respect for our citizens. So we mustn't let the shrubs look 'overgrown' or uncared-for where they are part of the park's structure.	5/7/2023 7:37 PM
12	It saves money for the council too!	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
13	I prefer to see naturally shaped plants, but do think they should be trimmed to NOT overhang into fixed pathways	5/5/2023 8:18 AM
14	A mix of 1 & 3 safety is vital along some routes. Tidy cut areas are lovely but wild is essential too	5/5/2023 7:22 AM
15	Overhanging shrubs and bushes on road edges that can damage passing cars should be trimmed back regularly	5/4/2023 7:18 PM
16	My preferences are mixed, your questions are leading.	5/4/2023 6:24 PM
17	Right shrub right type of pruning required	5/4/2023 5:47 PM
18	My priority isn't safety but there needs to be some consideration for it	5/4/2023 2:54 PM
19	And along paths for safety and accessibility	5/3/2023 7:16 AM
20	trimmed for width for access for wheelchairs & pushchairs, safety of sight lines for people to see who is around them, but don't need to be 'neat'.	5/1/2023 9:28 PM
21	Small areas, formal areas, Town centre areas should be trimmed tightly with a more relaxed approach the larger the space	5/1/2023 8:55 PM
22	On footpaths next to roads, shrubs and hedges should be kept shot but on the other side left natural for wildlife, insects and birds.	4/30/2023 10:22 AM
23	Naturally "wild" bushes are a host to a variety of birds and other wildlife. The bushiness of the hedges don't change safety.	4/29/2023 3:15 PM
24	Safety is not compromised by hedges being natural. What a strange and biased perspective.	4/29/2023 3:09 PM
25	keep paths and pavements clear	4/29/2023 2:49 PM
26	Hard as safety is important - you should tidy up what keeps people and children safe but allow others to grow	4/29/2023 1:21 PM
27	Concerned though about minimising harbourage for rubbish	4/25/2023 7:17 AM
28	Allowing plants and shrubs to grow more naturally in areas where it is appropriate with them being cut back in other areas to allow for safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians.	4/24/2023 4:39 PM
29	But "safety" is important. Better choice of planting would help	4/23/2023 3:20 PM
30	Cut back near paths and for some sightlines	4/21/2023 2:00 PM
31	Cut back by pavements	4/21/2023 11:43 AM
32	Depends on the place. Generally I would prefer to see natural growth but near paths and in formal gardens the shrubs should be pruned appropriately to their growth and flowering needs alongside the need for a more formal cut.	4/21/2023 11:11 AM
33	Paths and road verges should be cut back for safety but anything else no	4/20/2023 9:56 PM
34	If bushes or trees are obstructing the view of the road I think they need to be trimmed occasionally for safety	4/20/2023 8:59 PM
35	formal areas, overlooking paths and where safety is a concern shrubs should be kept tidy otherwise let them grow wild	4/20/2023 8:45 PM
36	Not severely cut back, but kept in check so that paths are safe	4/20/2023 8:43 PM
37	Safety is important but apart from this I think just keeping shrubs tidy in more formal areas is ok	4/19/2023 10:02 AM
38	... as long as there are not large shrubby areas from which muggings etc can be launched.	4/14/2023 1:39 PM
39	Again, my answer is to the question about 'parks'. Neat tidy beds is what you have in a park. It's fine to leave 'untidy' but then it's a 'woodland'!	4/13/2023 9:31 PM
40	Some shrubs need to be trimmed to promote flowering. Some need to be trimmed for safety.	4/13/2023 5:22 PM

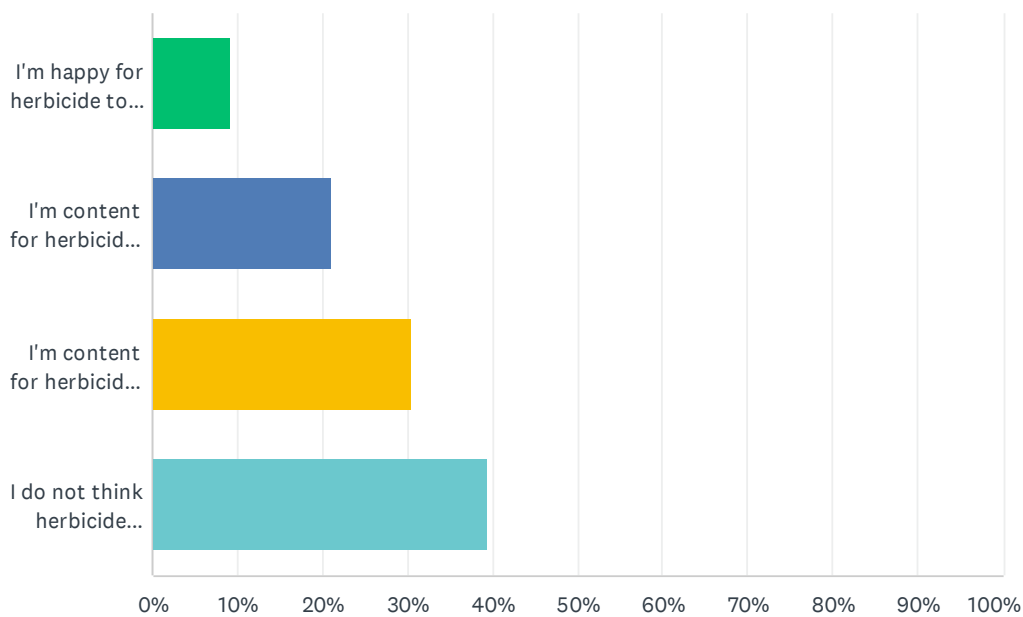
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41	Shrubs should only be cut back in September once birds have finished nesting.	4/12/2023 7:04 PM
42	Fourth choice, except that safety, including sightlines and visibility of other people, is a potential issue	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
43	None of these options fit with my perspective and seem very specific and suggest that the people who wrote this survey have an existing agenda they are trying to promote, proceed or disprove. Decisions about green space should always try and balance the needs of nature and humans, but nature primarily	4/11/2023 10:42 PM
44	Shrubs should not intrude on paths for safety/accessibility but otherwise should generally grow wild/untidy	4/11/2023 9:09 AM
45	Combination of 1 and 4 access by paths requires cutting back, shrubs not by paths don't need to cut back	4/10/2023 3:31 PM
46	I really think women's safety is really important here	4/10/2023 10:06 AM
47	Naturally shaped but point on safety near paths is very valid	4/10/2023 8:58 AM
48	it would be great if the council can promote the idea of nature corridors and raise awareness locally	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
49	As well as safety, the council could also do with prioritising shrubs in urban parks and greenspaces along main roads to be kept neat and tidy too as it makes an area look really tatty if these are left overgrown. Other areas can be left to look more natural and establish wildlife habitats but its not an excuse for the council not to employ skilled parks staff and maintain parks and greenspaces.	4/9/2023 4:14 PM
50	And leave them in place. Stop digging them up for plastic football pitches	4/9/2023 3:44 PM
51	Accessibility should be a consideration	4/9/2023 2:39 PM
52	Wheelchairs need to be able to use paths, otherwise I'm ok with shrubs and hedges being left natural	4/9/2023 8:24 AM
53	Cut the ones by paths but for goodness sake do it like gardeners, no one needs cubes	4/8/2023 7:08 PM
54	So long as the needs of disabled folk are taken into account I see little wrong with laid back trees and shrubs management	4/8/2023 6:36 PM
55	Or make sure the shrubs chosen won't outgrow their space	4/8/2023 4:49 PM
56	Why is cutting right back safe? Council cuts hedge around my allotment right back. Me and other females plot holders get so much more sexual harassment over the short hedge.	4/8/2023 2:47 PM

Q5 Herbicide: Leeds City Council does not use insecticides, but does use some herbicide (usually glyphosate) in paved areas to stop plants damaging path edges, walls etc. It's also a cost-effective way to stop grass out-competing newly-planted trees. But herbicide can cause grass to go brown and it may kill plants which provide vital nectar for insects. (Strimming is used increasingly less because it can cause noise nuisance and various types of damage, including to hedgehogs and other small mammals, so we have not included it as an alternative to herbicide):

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I'm happy for herbicide to be used anywhere and as often as is needed to control weeds	9.07% 80
I'm content for herbicide to be used routinely, but only where strictly necessary	21.20% 187
I'm content for herbicide to be used occasionally, such as around new trees, but it should not be used routinely	30.39% 268
I do not think herbicide should ever be used in public green spaces	39.34% 347
TOTAL	882

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1	The problem is various methods of control carry different costs and people available too. One person for one weed would be great but we are simply out numbered and surrounded. So it's a use and control problem versus anything goes. Wildlife first.	5/18/2023 3:50 AM
2	And only on residential verges if necessary	5/15/2023 10:29 PM
3	Not sure	5/12/2023 11:42 PM
4	If there is more relaxed mowing then paths are going to be compromised. I think paths need to be kept clear. It doesn't look or feel good when herbicides are used around graves and headstones. Strimming would definitely be preferable	5/12/2023 10:10 AM

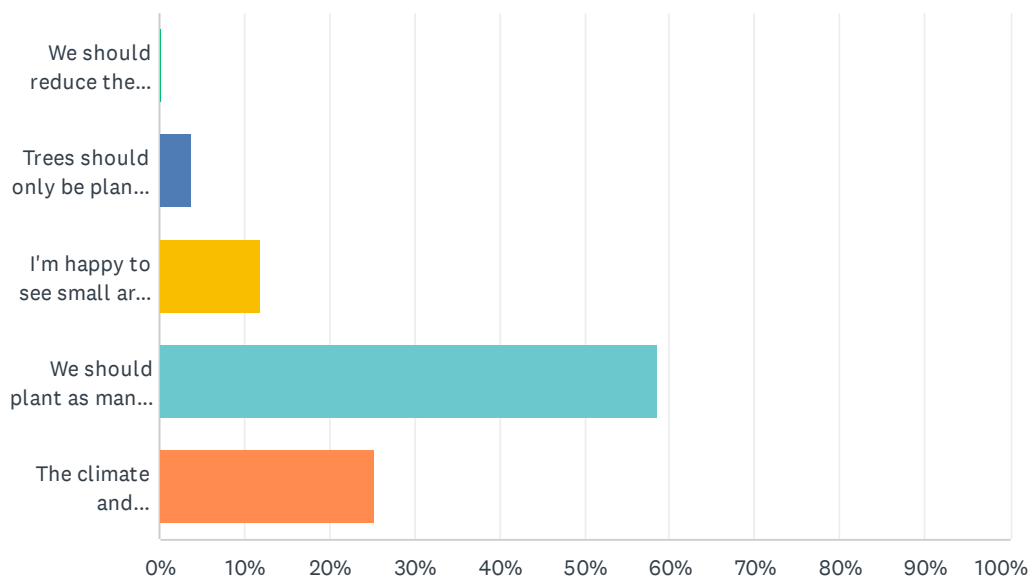
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5	I am unsure of how safe small amounts of herbicide is, but think should be kept to minimum and only where essential to allow other wildlife friendly habitats to grow.	5/12/2023 9:39 AM
6	Scientist have clearly shown the link between herbicides and human disease and the WHO considers glyphosate a likely carcinogenic. I think Leeds should follow the example of other cities across UK and the world and ban it's use in both public and private spaces, including allotments, open fields and farms to in proximity of houses and food producing areas.	5/9/2023 8:51 PM
7	I worry about the enormous quantities of glyphosate used with abandon in the city.	5/7/2023 7:37 PM
8	I feel VERY strongly about this. I garden organically and this ruins it	5/7/2023 9:38 AM
9	Hate weedkiller	5/6/2023 8:01 AM
10	A number of scientific studies have found a link between exposure to glyphosate-based herbicides and increased risk of certain cancers, including Non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) and its subtypes https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/does-roundup-cause-cancer#cancer-risk	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
11	Also has negative health impacts for humans (glyphosate is a carcinogen).	5/4/2023 7:14 PM
12	Should use natural methods such as sheep!	5/4/2023 2:54 PM
13	You don't mention that it eventually pollutes our streams, rivers and seas - it all adds up	5/4/2023 9:47 AM
14	new trees shouldn't just be plonked & abandoned, follow up of plantings is needed.	5/1/2023 9:28 PM
15	And please stop using 'blowers' for goodnessake	5/1/2023 8:05 PM
16	Glyphosate is carcinogenic	4/29/2023 5:19 PM
17	Other mulching and no dig methods solve the same issues of new tree planting	4/29/2023 3:15 PM
18	And if strimmers are used then proper training should be given. We have a number of young trees that have had their bark strimmed at the base	4/23/2023 3:20 PM
19	Weeds can mostly be removed along pavements by hoeing type tools	4/21/2023 11:16 PM
20	I think it should only be used as a last resort if there is no alternative	4/20/2023 8:59 PM
21	herbicide contaminates water courses, but can be needed in some areas.	4/14/2023 1:39 PM
22	I would like to say "never use it", but the alternative is a lot of graft and finding people to do that is a challenge.	4/13/2023 5:22 PM
23	Until suitable	4/12/2023 9:00 PM
24	Grass does not out-compete new trees, so there's no reason to use herbicide around new plantings.	4/10/2023 1:07 PM
25	i think the council should adopt more modern integrated pest management as an approach and recruit local volunteers to assist in managing spaces without resorting to pesticides	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
26	Leaf blowing could maybe be dropped - brooms used	4/9/2023 7:27 PM
27	It goes against the idea of improving biodiversity if we are poisoning our parks. Surely some of this could be done by hand/people rather than using poison??	4/9/2023 4:14 PM
28	I see areas of path and kerbs get sprayed , I do worry about animals, for example my dog eats grass	4/9/2023 12:45 PM
29	Volunteers should be used to mulch recently planted trees with cardboard etc as an alternative to glyphosate.	4/8/2023 9:25 PM
30	Dogs, children, wildlife. New trees do not need herbicide.	4/8/2023 7:08 PM
31	It's used indiscriminately by contractors and very overused. Should have stopped this a long time ago!	4/8/2023 5:40 PM
32	Strimmers and burners used with caution and checking before hand are better option Herbicides kill bees .	4/8/2023 4:49 PM

Q6 Tree planting:

Answered: 872 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We should reduce the number of trees in our parks and green spaces	0.11%	1
Trees should only be planted in parks to replace any that have died or fallen	3.78%	33
I'm happy to see small areas of tree planting in parks	11.93%	104
We should plant as many trees as we can without compromising the open aspect of parks	58.72%	512
The climate and biodiversity crisis is so urgent that we should sacrifice all but essential open areas, and plants as many trees as possible	25.46%	222
TOTAL		872

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	There needs to be less green-washing with high numbers of trees planted and create proper habitats with more natural hedges and bushes than just fields full of trees	5/22/2023 10:59 AM
2	As previous answer - I strongly disagree with default tree planting - natural regeneration once invasive species are removed should be the default - do not plant trees in plastic tubes unless absolutely no chance of natural regeneration ie inner city	5/22/2023 9:29 AM
3	Where it would help prevent soil erosion especially	5/21/2023 5:17 PM
4	I would like to see suitable trees planted on more residential roads	5/15/2023 10:29 PM
5	There is room for many more trees in parks, and also many more trees on the fringes of all playing fields and many roundabouts and central reservations. Eg middle of scott hall road	5/14/2023 8:14 PM
6	Fruit trees pears and apples? Trees and flowers in all scraps of land with additional space for trees and meadows in public park areas?	5/13/2023 10:58 PM
7	Nature needs a range of habitats	5/13/2023 2:50 PM
8	Only native species, unless in a botanical garden. There has been some interesting use if Chilean pines on roundabouts in central Leeds, these are large trees and should not be planted in clumps	5/12/2023 2:27 PM
9	Dense tree planting can make the place feel less safe particularly for women.	5/12/2023 1:14 PM

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10	Everything is a compromise. We need trees but also open spaces.	5/12/2023 10:10 AM
11	Obviously open green spaces are also important for people to enjoy green spaces.	5/12/2023 9:39 AM
12	I think a certain portion of parks (10% perhaps ?) should be planted with fruit trees so that people with reduced income can still eat fruit. (There is a link between poverty and reduced fruit consumption)	5/9/2023 8:51 PM
13	it's good to see trees being planted with proper protection after failed attempts in recent years. In the future it would be nice to have paved walks through these little patches of woodland.	5/7/2023 7:37 PM
14	The green public spaces I use are woodlands, over parks.	5/7/2023 9:38 AM
15	Leeds cc planted loads of whip trees in Wharfemeadows Park Otley. They are all too close together. Lots have failed yet Leeds CC boast of 100s of trees being planted! Why not buy 20 decent size instead of 100 tiny ones most of which don't. Stop spraying weedkiller round the trunks which they do regularly. Finally whichever clown cut all the wild flower primroses doen at Bennetts Court Otley despite there being signs it was a wildflower area wants sacking. Whoever authorises work I'm Otley area is useless	5/6/2023 8:01 AM
16	Plant decent sized mature saplings in areas that are not going to be trampled on and destroyed by kids and dogs (like in Otley park by the tennis courts, most have died) Saplings need looking after. Why are you even asking the general public for their opinions? We are in a biodiversity crisis and climate crisis and we should be doing all we can to address this situation regardless of what the general public think!	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
17	Again, I mainly agree with this but would leave some areas for ball games and easy walking. But kids love running through trees as much as adults like walking through them.	5/5/2023 9:03 AM
18	We need to ensure that scrubland, vital to ground besting birds is not compromised	5/5/2023 8:44 AM
19	Wild grassland/ scrubland is also as good at absorbing carbon! Think knepp has some research about this that may help you	5/5/2023 7:53 AM
20	I think that there should be a vegetation survey undertaken of green spaces before deciding whether they should be planted with trees, to determine whether important species rich grassland habitats are present, in which case those areas should not be planted, and instead tree planting should be prioritised where the grassland is not species rich. Both woodland and grassland habitats are important for biodiversity if managed correctly, and both can store carbon. The right tree in the right place should be your mantra. Please also consider wetlands such as ponds, which are also very important for biodiversity.	5/4/2023 8:00 PM
21	Wildflower meadows also capture carbon wood meadows, https://www.woodmeadowtrust.org.uk/are my preference	5/4/2023 6:36 PM
22	Answers shouldn't be exclusive, different planting needed for different areas. Some short grass, some allowed long, trees and shrubs as appropriate.	5/4/2023 6:24 PM
23	We have to think about what kinds of trees to plant too - for food, recreation, beauty, biodiversity, carbon caputurr etc, not just throw down a load of trees to get targets eg design cherry blossom avenues, orchards, trees for climbing and Forest school	5/4/2023 2:54 PM
24	But older trees need to be preserved too	5/4/2023 2:27 PM
25	Trees and native woodland is an open area	5/4/2023 9:47 AM
26	Trees should be planted with care and with biodiversity in mind, not with targets of 'numbers of whips in the ground' as the main focus.	5/2/2023 10:35 AM
27	Tree planting should be widespread except on areas of wildflower meadows, Heather's, grassy areas and were trees would naturally rewind.	5/1/2023 11:41 PM
28	i'm happy to see about half of any park taken with trees & shrubs, rolling grassland is dull. But just 'planting trees'in rows is oversimplistic. A mixture of cut grass for play, long grass, wildflower, scrub, shrubs & trees is needed.	5/1/2023 9:28 PM
29	We should keep existing, mature trees and hedgerows.	4/30/2023 10:22 AM
30	We should plant as many trees as possible, but with sensitivity to the local use of the open space. If people feel they get in the way, the trees will be broken. They should be planted at edges and out of the way corners, with planning taking into account entrances, dogs, ball games.	4/29/2023 4:49 PM
31	Newly planted trees should be watered in dry periods, and planted in naturalistic ways not straight rows.	4/24/2023 9:57 PM

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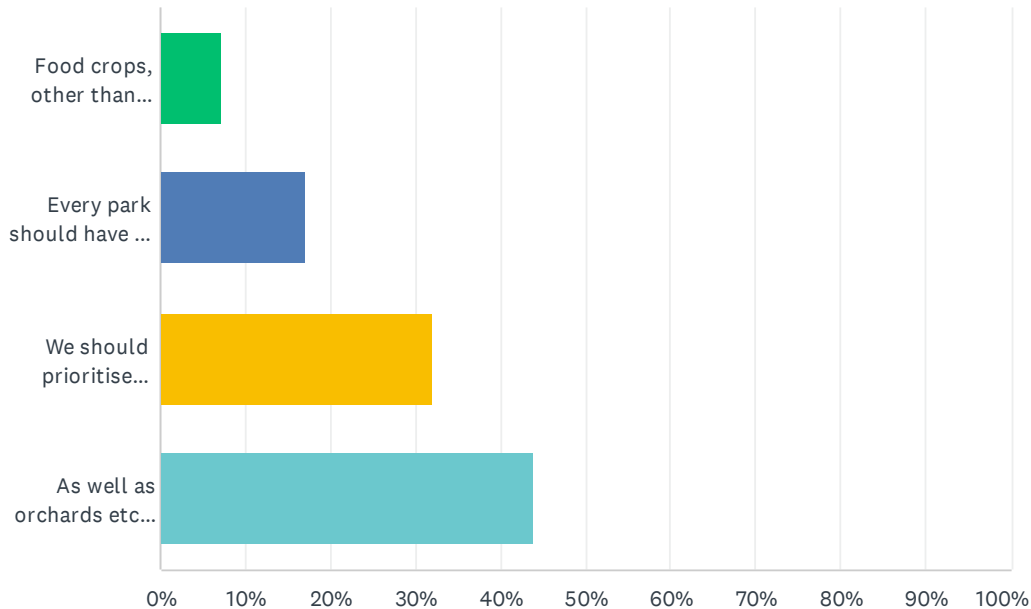
32	Tree planting is great and I have helped volunteer to plant trees. However I think there is more land that can have trees planted on in waste spaces and not just parks, so we can keep some good open space in the parks	4/22/2023 12:43 AM
33	Except in historic designed landscapes and vistas	4/21/2023 11:16 PM
34	But don't just plant on rough areas, so much meadow has been lost to tree planting	4/21/2023 4:06 PM
35	stop felling good tree's for any reason except were there is adanger to the public	4/21/2023 1:41 PM
36	Trees are not always the answer to wildlife conservation as some wildlife needs open spaces or grass land and not just trees so a mixture of habitats is probably a good option	4/20/2023 9:54 PM
37	but only if they're not taking the place of rough grassland essential for species biodiversity such as green woodpecker that rely on undisturbed rough grassland on woodland edge	4/19/2023 2:54 PM
38	Trees need to be seen in the context of landscape. To appreciate trees you need some places without them. Trees may also grow to obscure views and vistas, which are part of what makes walking a joy.	4/13/2023 5:22 PM
39	The selection of the species of tree is crucial. What I've seen of planting so far is poor in terms of habitat development and landscape appreciation which is part of how our mental health is protected. Dense planting causes problems -see Prof Kathy Willis analysis.	4/13/2023 1:35 PM
40	Until suitable/effective weed control is possible, judicious use of current herbicides may be a necessary evil	4/12/2023 9:00 PM
41	it is important that parks and green spaces are used and engage the population. The biodiversity crisis is urgent but engagement across the community is an important aspect of promoting this - this is a well recognised idea in environmental strategies and everyone should live within 15 mins of a green space	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
42	Plant actual trees don't just stick twigs untended in the ground, and reduce the number of mature trees allowed to be cut down!	4/9/2023 9:03 PM
43	I would rather trees were planted in urban areas to provide shade and cool tarmac and concrete heavy roads. Also in smaller unused green spaces. We shouldn't be filling the parks with trees but planting them along the roadside to reduce traffic pollution and noise	4/9/2023 6:34 PM
44	Happy to see more trees but not in bowling greens, council should be promoting the game it good for well being health for all ages and disabilities	4/9/2023 5:39 PM
45	We need to look to plant and MAINTAIN trees everywhere we can whilst leaving some open spaces for recreation. No healthy tree in a park or green space should be removed. Any unhealthy trees should be replaced and more urban trees and shrubs should be planted in areas that are built up see the Methley's in Chapel Allerton as a good example of meaningful urban planting. Places like Harehills with very little in the way of open spaces and parks could really benefit from urban greening.	4/9/2023 4:14 PM
46	Perhaps trial the last option first? Unless the last option is widely accepted I'd go for the previous option in the meantime.	4/9/2023 4:07 PM
47	More needs to be done to protect new trees planted against mindless vandalism	4/9/2023 4:01 PM
48	And stop cutting down veteran trees and hedgerows	4/9/2023 3:44 PM
49	Trees should only be planted if there is a solid plan and resources in place to look after the trees as they start to grow otherwise they will die within the first year or two which is just a waste	4/9/2023 1:58 PM
50	Plant fruit trees	4/9/2023 1:19 PM
51	Keep the trees OFF areas that are used for recreation! IE bowling greens!!!	4/9/2023 12:44 PM
52	Trees aren't always the best form of carbon capture. I don't know much about the science, but grasses or wetland might sometimes be better forms of carbon-capture. LCC has also planted a lot of saplings which don't survive, and trucking those around has its own carbon footprint. Sometimes it might be better to just stop mowing and let the local vegetation do the work of planting trees.	4/9/2023 12:39 PM
53	Other habitats, such as grassland, bog etc are equally as important as trees for biodiversity	4/9/2023 8:22 AM
54	There would not be the necessity to plant so many if our council stopped cutting established trees down Like the ls11 cockburn fiasco to lay a plastic football pitch.	4/8/2023 9:42 PM
55	There should be a commitment to ensure trees planted survive. This isn't the case with 90%	4/8/2023 9:25 PM

of the trees planted under the woodland creation scheme.

56	Sorry I don't understand how a survey can use loaded language like 'sacrifice' and collect meaningful opinions. Also the choices are poor. Trees will grow if we stop mowing and they will be better able to survive we don't always need to plant	4/8/2023 6:48 PM
57	Please plant more fruit trees in concrete jungle areas like Harehills	4/8/2023 6:36 PM
58	Mixed planting - trees, shrubs, grassland, meadow, wetland	4/8/2023 5:40 PM
59	Trees planted should be fruit trees that residents can forage for	4/8/2023 3:11 PM
60	We should plant as many fruit and nut trees as we can	4/8/2023 2:56 PM

Q7 Food and other crops. The climate emergency has led to suggestions that food might be grown in parks and green spaces, as happened during World War II when additional allotments were located in parks:

Answered: 878 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Food crops, other than berries and nuts that happen to grow on common trees and bushes, have no place in parks	7.18% 63
Every park should have a few fruit trees, perhaps as a small community orchard and/or 'jam hedge'	16.97% 149
We should prioritise trees and shrubs which deliver food for wildlife and people, perhaps using 'forest garden' principles or similar to maintain a natural look	31.89% 280
As well as orchards etc, we should encourage community horticulture, including raised veg beds and/or allotments, in parks	43.96% 386
TOTAL	878

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	This is difficult as I believe trees should be native in the main - wildlife will thrive on these native trees - I do think farmland should be used for this and reduce livestock production, allotments and community horticulture is fine as long as it is organic with no pesticides or herbicides and I am not sure if that is policed at all at the moment	5/22/2023 9:29 AM
2	No preference	5/21/2023 10:55 PM
3	People should be encourage to grow food plants in their gardens or allow community volunteers to do so.	5/18/2023 3:50 AM
4	There is allotment space at the back of Fearnville going unused and totally over grown. Use this area and similar first.	5/16/2023 9:17 PM
5	Jam fruits are good	5/12/2023 11:42 PM
6	I think it's a good idea to grow fruit / veg locally I just fear that they will get vandalised	5/12/2023 9:59 PM
7	Parks are not allotments, a few fruit or nut trees are okay but other native species are	5/12/2023 2:27 PM

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	important for biodiversity.	
8	Not sure. Depends on park.	5/12/2023 2:15 PM
9	I would have marked the last option but I'm afraid any planting and subsequent food would be stolen, or worse, damaged by vandals.	5/12/2023 1:24 PM
10	I think that rather than using parks as allotments, Leeds City Council should aim to convert green belts into farmland and aim to build sustainable food systems based on local community supported farms	5/9/2023 8:51 PM
11	I think growing of food by communities is always a good idea if there are enough volunteers to run it, but I don't think it would scratch the surface of the climate emergency.	5/7/2023 7:37 PM
12	Especially with the cost of living crisis and the climate crisis. The more food we can produce locally the better. I also agree with the point above too but it won't let me pick 2 solutions.	5/5/2023 11:47 PM
13	These answers shouldn't be mutually exclusive, something might suit one park but not another. In general please be more relaxed with mowers and strimmers. Do you know how important dandelions are to pollinators?	5/4/2023 6:24 PM
14	Having said that these things cannot succeed with community involvement from good hearted people who know what they're doing to support the rest of us who are novices!	5/4/2023 2:27 PM
15	Community food planting only works with ongoing support. There needs to be more but in the right places	5/1/2023 8:55 PM
16	Parks have a vital role to play offering all kinds of space for all kinds of people. Even as an ardent allotment owner I also enjoy seeing young children able to run around and play on open grassland	5/1/2023 8:05 PM
17	This is never going to work unless staff are employed to care for the vegetable plots	5/1/2023 11:28 AM
18	Believe no 3 but with a little option 4	4/25/2023 8:25 AM
19	I agree with selected option above as long as there are funds and resources to maintain these.	4/24/2023 4:39 PM
20	Would love to see more brown field land converted to allotments (appreciate that most brown field needs significant clean up for this to work) and would rather see that than lose park space.	4/24/2023 3:49 PM
21	And I agree with point 4 as well	4/23/2023 3:20 PM
22	We have enough countryside in the UK to grow food. Parks are vital for those in cities to have access to green space for their physical and mental well being. Especially those with small or no gardens who live in built up areas. So much inner city green space has been lost to developments.	4/23/2023 9:46 AM
23	There are always waiting lists for allotments ..this would help..but needs supervision..	4/21/2023 11:16 PM
24	I would be concerned about nut trees for people with Alle	4/21/2023 11:18 AM
25	I do think the community horticulture/veg beds/allotments idea sounds great	4/20/2023 8:59 PM
26	Forest Gardens as well as Orchards, raised beds, community growing and allotments	4/20/2023 6:01 PM
27	there's space in larger parks to do this	4/19/2023 2:54 PM
28	I would pick both bottom answers	4/18/2023 10:52 AM
29	I don't want to dismiss the 'forest garden idea' - it has its place	4/16/2023 8:06 PM
30	and also encourage community horticulture projects	4/14/2023 1:39 PM
31	in addition to forest garden principles	4/13/2023 9:05 PM
32	I think you should only put allotments in where there is space. Eg where the Lido was in Roundhay Park could be used as an allotment with fruit trees planted	4/13/2023 5:48 PM
33	The difficulty with veg in parks is how to share them out. Fix that, and it's a great idea. But parks are about walking, playing etc as well.	4/13/2023 5:22 PM
34	Species with regard to climate change please .My experience of having an allotment shows me how labour intensive this is for many.	4/13/2023 1:35 PM
35	More allotment space and veg beds is a great idea, especially to encourage people to grow	4/12/2023 11:09 AM

their own veg. But ideally on other land than parks, we're not so short of space. I appreciate its more of a challenge in city centres.

36	I want to select all of the last 3 options!	4/11/2023 10:42 PM
37	Who would do this? Community growing is great as a casual thing but it really would be daft to think it can replace commercial farming. The dig for victory suggestion reeks of daily-mail-reading-back-in-my-day nonsense	4/10/2023 10:06 AM
38	i think community orchards are a great idea, ideally I would prefer parks to be parks and other land to be converted to allotments etc - this is great for local communities	4/10/2023 8:33 AM
39	The council need to focus on shrubs and trees that are useful. Every park should have an orchard, everyone should live close to a "jam hedge". All planting should follow forest gardening principles and there should be community herb beds in all parks and next to council owned buildings and hubs. The council need to support community gardening groups to help people to get involved with this. Too much funding has been lost so lots of community and bloom groups, especially in deprived areas, can no longer afford to function properly.	4/9/2023 4:14 PM
40	I'd support the last three options	4/9/2023 4:07 PM
41	Aslong as orchards are not planted on bowling greens and can actually be accessible to the public thats fine	4/9/2023 12:44 PM
42	Some places ok. Not everywhere	4/9/2023 7:16 AM
43	Pruning of fruit bearing trees is critical- if they're cut back too much they won't fruit	4/8/2023 11:22 PM
44	Being mindful of safety of animals and young children as poisonous plants can be fatal esp to dogs	4/8/2023 10:50 PM
45	I agree with the last option in addition to the forest garden option	4/8/2023 9:25 PM
46	Never mind neat or eat, we really don't need neat or eat	4/8/2023 7:08 PM
47	Community food growing makes people come together	4/8/2023 6:36 PM
48	And allow/encourag scrub corridors and wildlife ponds.	4/8/2023 2:47 PM

Q8 How old are you?

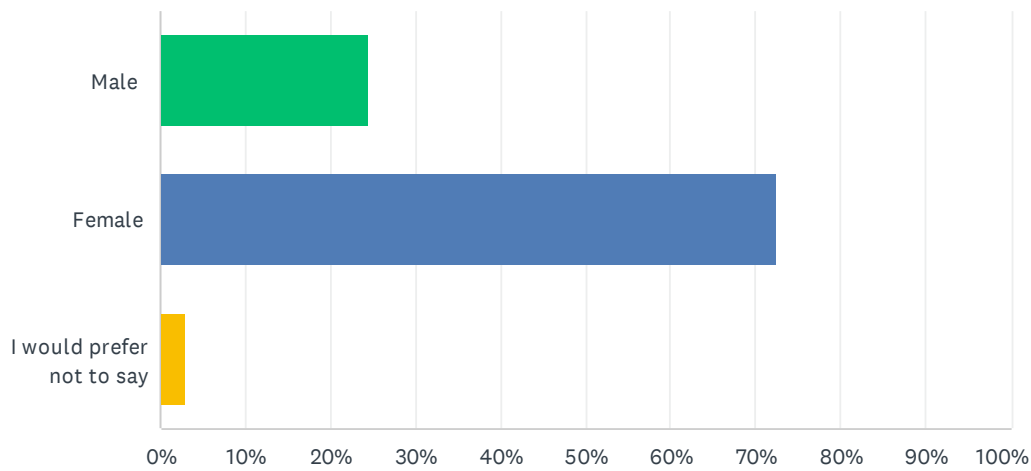
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Answers to Q8 were individual, so run to over 20 pages. These have therefore been omitted from this report, but the data will be included in our wider analysis of this topic.

Q9 Please tell us how you identify your gender

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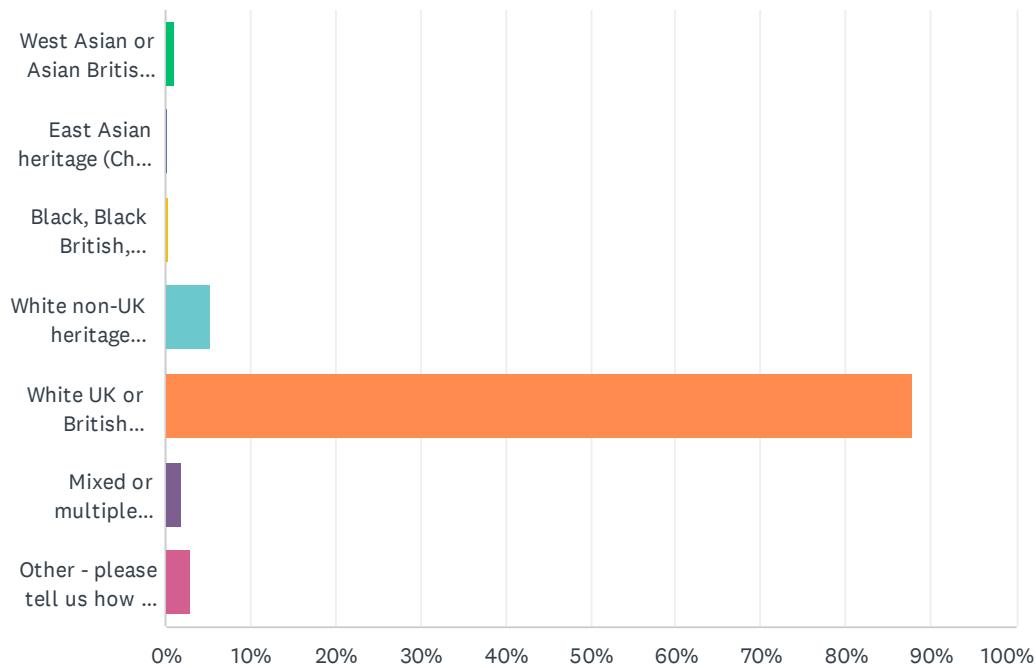


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	24.43% 214
Female	72.49% 635
I would prefer not to say	3.08% 27
TOTAL	876

#	I PREFER TO SELF DESCRIBE AS	DATE
1	n/a	5/21/2023 10:55 PM
2	Normal	5/12/2023 10:26 PM
3	Human being	5/12/2023 2:27 PM
4	A person	5/7/2023 9:38 AM
5	Adult human female	5/7/2023 6:01 AM
6	A person, not a gender ffs	5/1/2023 7:08 AM
7	Transparent	4/20/2023 8:57 PM
8	Non-Binary	4/9/2023 2:39 PM
9	Nb	4/9/2023 12:05 PM
10	Unnecessary question.	4/9/2023 9:23 AM

Q10 How do you prefer to describe your race/ethnicity? (Please choose only one.)

Answered: 881 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
West Asian or Asian British heritage (India Pakistan Bagladesh etc)	1.14% 10
East Asian heritage (China Korea Japan etc)	0.23% 2
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African heritage	0.45% 4
White non-UK heritage (Americas, Europe including Ireland etc)	5.33% 47
White UK or British heritage	87.85% 774
Mixed or multiple heritage	1.93% 17
Other - please tell us how you prefer to describe your heritage	3.06% 27
TOTAL	881

#	OTHER - PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU PREFER TO DESCRIBE YOUR HERITAGE	DATE
1	n/a	5/21/2023 10:55 PM
2	white yorkshire . although race is not important to me	5/14/2023 11:17 AM
3	Human being, 67percent(pc) Celt, 27 pc Middle Eastern, 1 pc Neanderthal, 4pc Finish/Siberian, 5pc Nordic	5/12/2023 2:27 PM
4	I prefer not to say	5/12/2023 1:14 PM
5	Human	5/9/2023 8:51 PM
6	Human	5/5/2023 8:15 AM
7	Welsh	5/4/2023 9:55 PM
8	Semitic	5/4/2023 1:47 PM

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9	Mixed European/British	5/4/2023 1:41 PM
10	White American	5/3/2023 10:58 PM
11	British heritage	5/3/2023 11:55 AM
12	Jewish	5/1/2023 8:15 PM
13	Human of Leeds	5/1/2023 7:08 AM
14	Human	4/25/2023 8:25 AM
15	Irish Pakistani	4/20/2023 9:43 PM
16	Good	4/20/2023 9:26 PM
17	Roman Saxso	4/20/2023 8:57 PM
18	I don't think heritage should come into it	4/15/2023 2:50 PM
19	prefer not to say. totally irrelevant	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
20	how far back do we go?	4/13/2023 1:35 PM
21	God made everyone equal	4/10/2023 8:59 PM
22	Irish	4/10/2023 10:06 AM
23	Not relevant	4/9/2023 8:24 PM
24	Prefer not to say!	4/9/2023 12:44 PM
25	White English	4/9/2023 12:30 PM
26	Another unnesesary question	4/9/2023 9:23 AM
27	PNTS	4/8/2023 9:35 PM