

Corke Abbey
Valley Park
'Have Your
Say'



Site Development History

1988: Acquired by the Council and zoned 'F' as Open Space

2012: Extensive works carried out in June-November during the Shanganagh/Bray Main Drainage Scheme. Extensive rising main works took place and new a path was installed

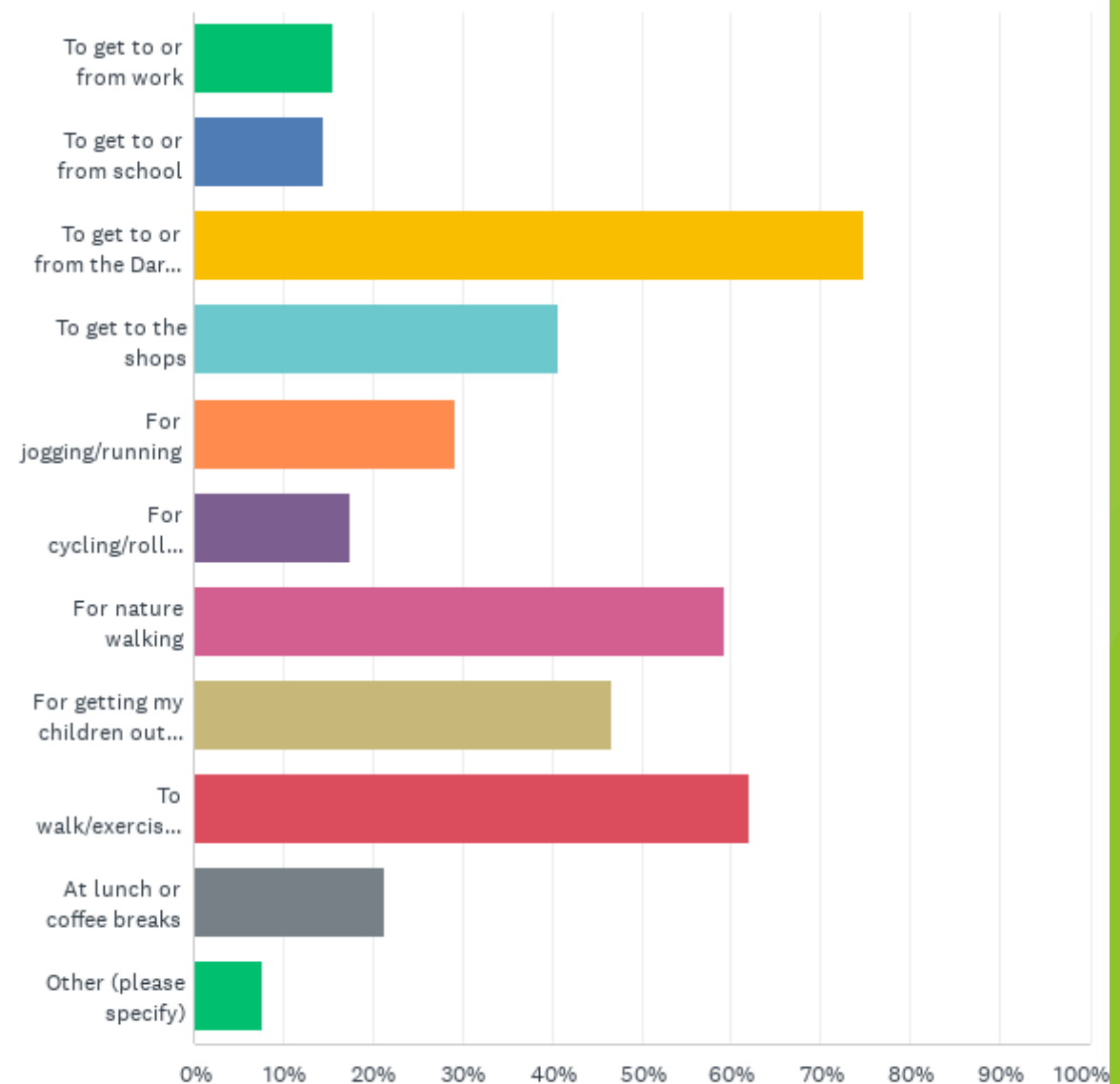
2013: Corke Abbey Valley Park Masterplan was developed. Not enacted as funding was not available



How do you use the park?

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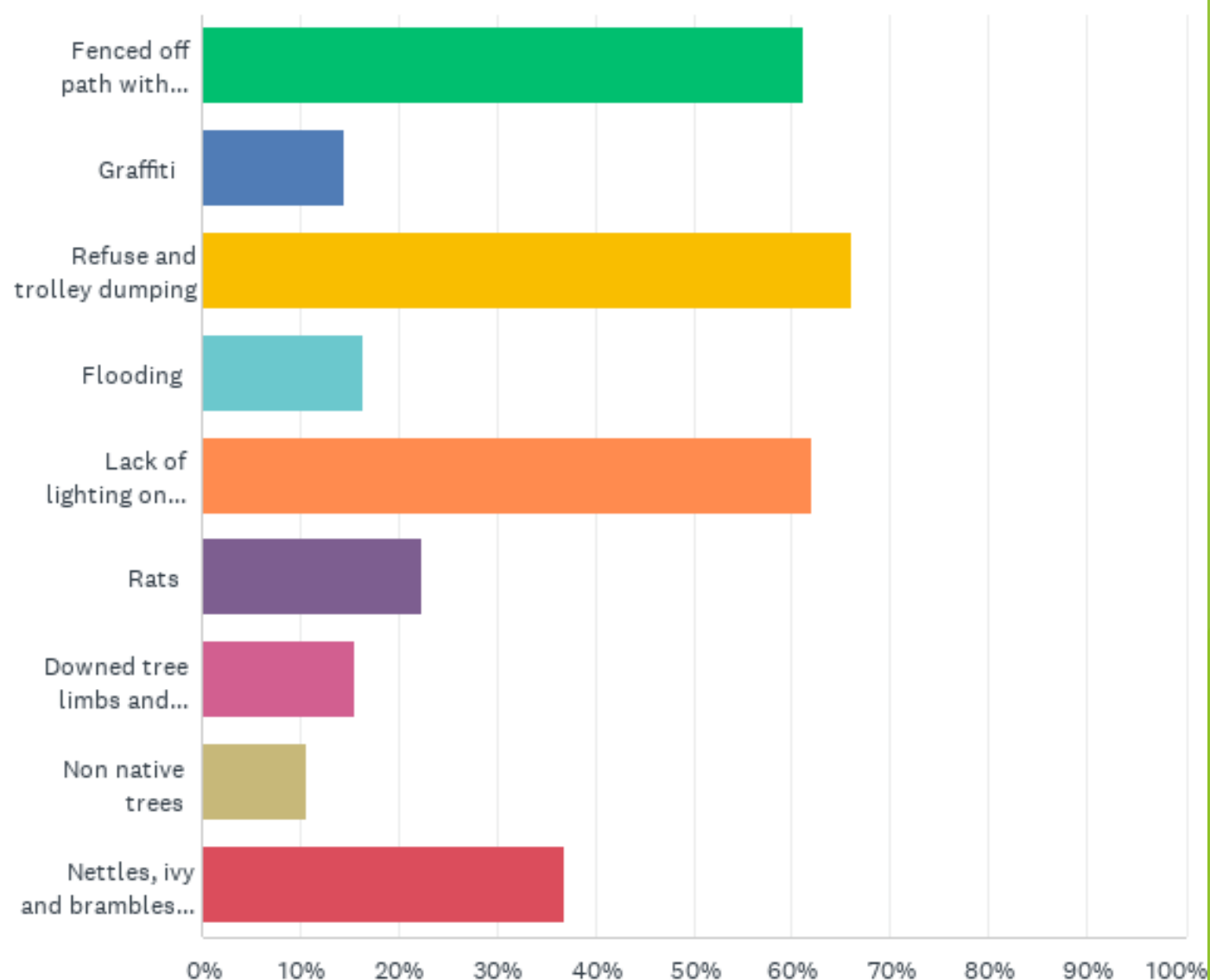
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
To get to or from work	15.53%	16
To get to or from school	14.56%	15
To get to or from the Dart Station or Seafront	74.76%	77
To get to the shops	40.78%	42
For jogging/running	29.13%	30
For cycling/roller blading	17.48%	18
For nature walking	59.22%	61
For getting my children out in nature	46.60%	48
To walk/exercise my dog(s)	62.14%	64
At lunch or coffee breaks	21.36%	22
Other (please specify)	7.77%	8
Total Respondents: 103		



Items that are most important to correct

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fenced off path with collapsing hillside	61.17%	63
Graffiti	14.56%	15
Refuse and trolley dumping	66.02%	68
Flooding	16.50%	17
Lack of lighting on Woodbrook side	62.14%	64
Rats	22.33%	23
Downed tree limbs and overgrown undergrowth	15.53%	16
Non native trees	10.68%	11
Nettles, ivy and brambles overgrowth	36.89%	38
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Site Analysis & Opportunities



Improve direct permeability links through the park, by upgrading existing entrances and removing kissing gates to encourage active mobility.



Upgrade bridge and include educational signage on ecology



Resurface and widen paths to create unified amenity routes and improve accessibility



Provide buffer zones to ecology and remove selected woodland paths



Upgrade bridge as part of amenity route through park



Unified surface finish. Upgraded seating, signage and play throughout the park



Reduce hardstand and railings around pump house and integrate into park



Improve path network and ecological observation areas



Existing Provision of Active Recreation

Given the site topography there is limited opportunity to provide for sporting recreation.

This park will focus on nature and habitats with some callisthenic equipment to promote fitness and health



Available lands for active recreation in the Little Bray and Shankill area. The map illustrates the areas where outdoor sporting activities are played and their distance from Corke Abbey Valley Park

-  Bowling
-  Football
-  Baseball
-  Golf
-  Tennis
-  GAA
-  Cricket
-  Corke Abbey Valley Park

Aims and Objectives for Corke Abbey Valley Park

- ▶ **Ecology:** Enhance and encourage biodiversity by reducing human interference and providing suitable buffer zones for habitat.
- ▶ **Connectivity & Permeability:** Improve connectivity and permeability for all users of the park to encourage an active lifestyle.
- ▶ **Amenity:** Upgrade the park in a holistic manner to include suitable areas for seating, viewing and natural play.
- ▶ **Consultation & Engagement:** Consult and engage the residents and schools to buy into the project aims and objectives and promote stewardship.

Improved Future Connectivity

Yellow: Indicates potential future pedestrian connections linking Bray to Woodbrook along a Green Corridor through approved development proposals at Woodbrook and the former Bray Golf Course

Blue: Indicates potential future access to the coast



FAQS:

Will improving the park attract more anti social behaviour?

There is a great deal of evidence that people's behaviour is affected by their local environment and areas spoiled by litter, graffiti and overgrowth encourage further antisocial behaviour. Good quality, well maintained parks and green spaces make a significant contribution to the establishment and retention of stable and law-abiding communities as they:

Provide a community focus, Provide children with opportunities for play, Provide volunteering opportunities, Learning opportunities, Venues for youth clubs and youth outreach work, Scout and Guide associations and other club-based activities, and encourage more use and passive surveillance.

Will improving the park attract more cars?

There is little of evidence that improving our local parks attracts large numbers of visitors. Improving the park though the provision of better paths and access encourages locals to walk to cycle to destinations without large increases in visitor numbers

Will providing shared surface paths attract lots of cyclists?

Based on existing greenways and the location of the park, it is expected the route will be used by recreational cyclists, school children and locals, with cycling enthusiasts choosing more challenging routes. For more information see National Transport Cycle Network Plan

Will removing kissing gates at the entrances encourage motorcycles?

Throughout the country kissing gates have been removed from park entrances and replace with bollards and there has been no reports of increased motorcycles or scooters in public parks. However, this will be monitored and adjusted if required.