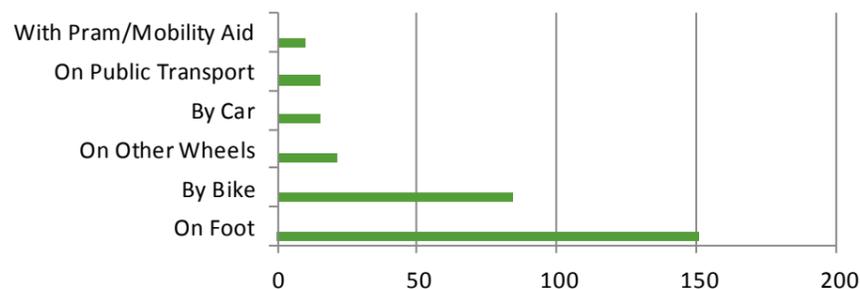


How do you travel to the Parks?

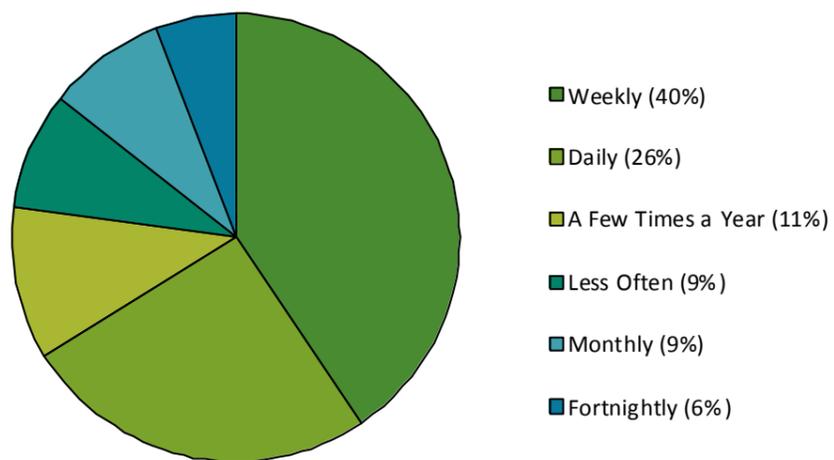


Most park users get to Deptford Park and Folkestone gardens on foot or by bike. Most users are local from the Deptford area. DeptfordFolk's future plans will reflect the need to address local need as we continue to engage with park users and local organisations.

"I use a buggy to get to the park so it would be good if the footpaths could be improved especially in Deptford Park."

"The new quietway is great but there are still problems with the junction on Surrey Canal Road."

How often do you visit the Parks?



Most park users (72%) visit a least once a fortnight with the vast majority (81%) visiting at least monthly. When DeptfordFolk discuss our strategies and ideas we have an understanding of impact across the year and seasons.

"The new café is great. Folkestone Gardens has now become a destination when I used to just cycle through."

"I visit Playclub a few times a week and come to the events. The volunteers are brilliant. Thanks."



Park User Survey 2016-2017

What We Learned

The last year of DeptfordFolk events has shown us that there is an appetite for further activities in the parks. There is also much scope for improvements and the survey we have been running all year has given greater insight into how we can prioritise projects in our strategy for the next few years.

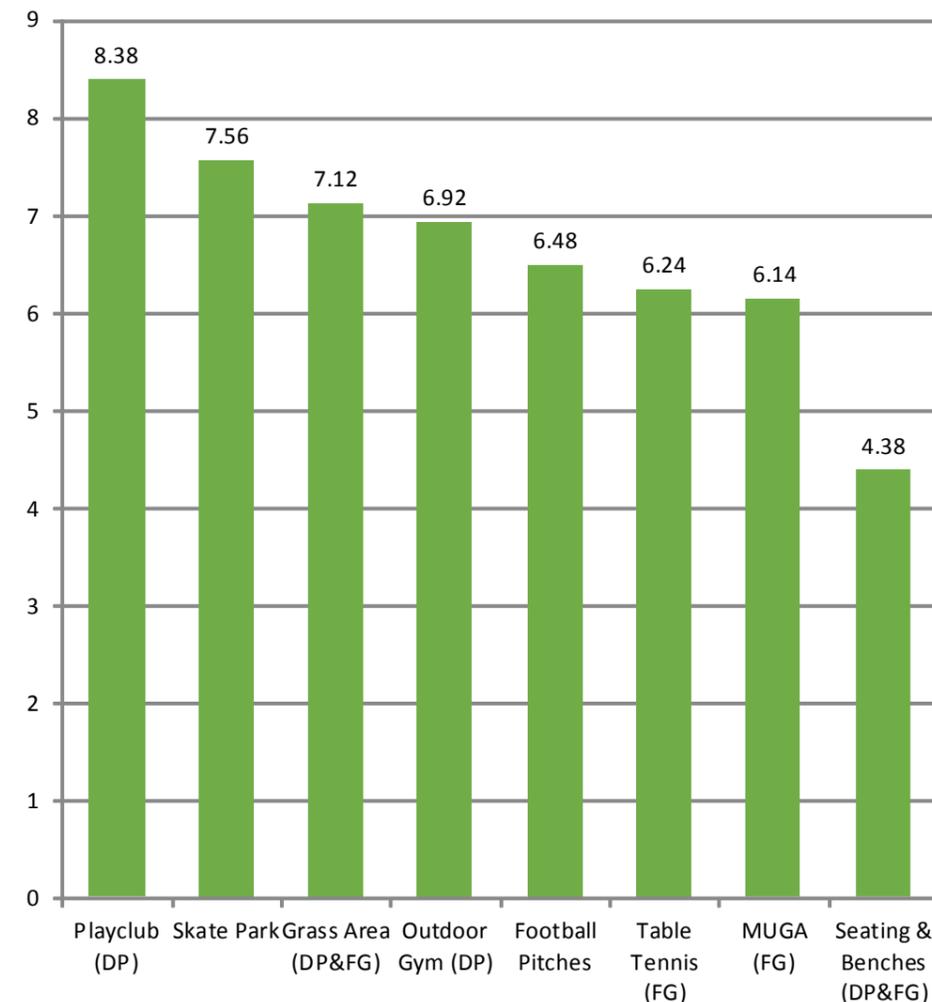
The results of the survey will enable us to revisit the 2008 Deptford Park master-plan. We will incorporate improvements to Folkestone Gardens into DeptfordFolk's new 2018 master-plan for Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens.

Deptford Park
7.95/10

Folkestone G.
2.5/10

Rate the Playgrounds
on scale of 1 to 10

How would you rate the current facilities?



Deptford Park Playclub run by volunteers and Evelyn Parents Forum scored highly with park users. The lack of seating was an issue for most park users.

"Please replace all the missing benches in Folkestone Gardens and get some new ones for Deptford Park."

How would you rate the Playgrounds?

Folkestone Gardens was rated poorly and there were many comments about the failure to build the playground alongside the skate park. Deptford Park playground scored well and, while it needed a little attention, it was well used by park users.

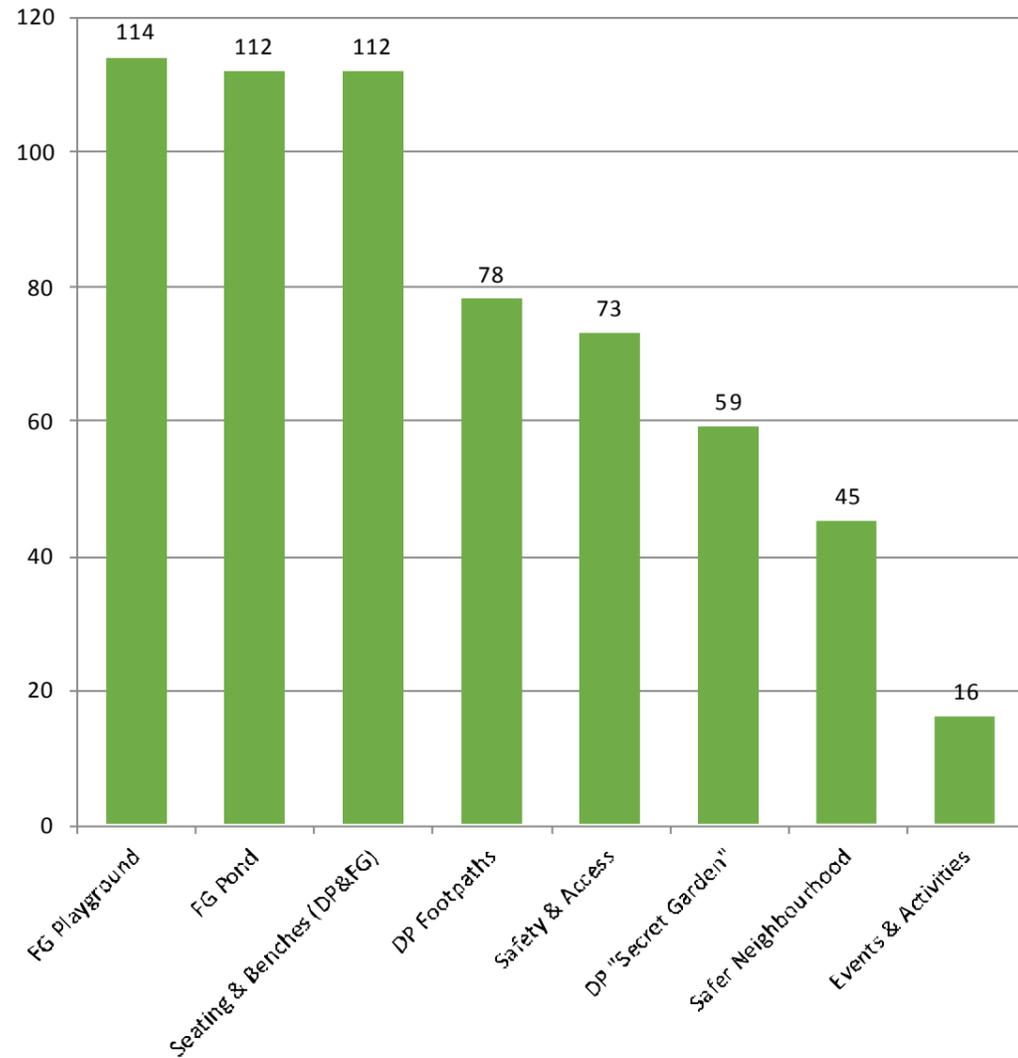
"We need a new playground for Folkestone gardens."

"Children enjoy Deptford Park playground but it needs to be fixed up a bit".

DeptfordFolk Priorities

DeptfordFolk asked park users to identify the most urgent improvements that need to be made. We will focus our efforts on addressing these improvements through consultation with park users and local residents.

DeptfordFolk has developed good relationships with Lewisham Council officers and Glendale, the park management. We will work in partnership with all stakeholders to consult, fund and contract improvements to Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens for all park users.



"Really enjoying the DeptfordFolk and Playclub events. Keep up the good work."

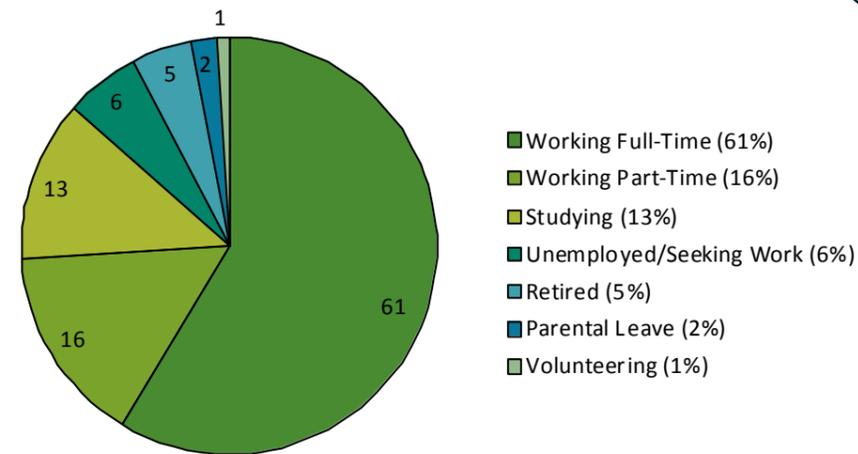
"These parks have been neglected for years. Glad something might actually get done."

"NO more building on the park. We need to keep our green spaces green. No more concrete."

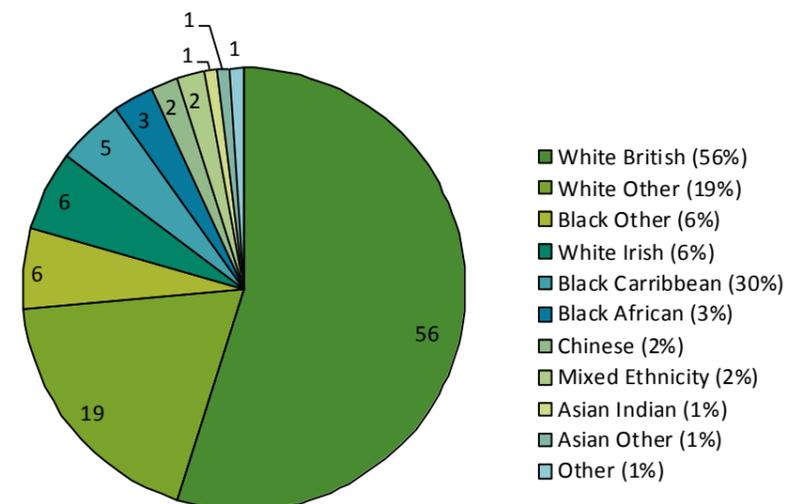
"I really like the pond. With a bit of work it could be amazing."



Work/Study



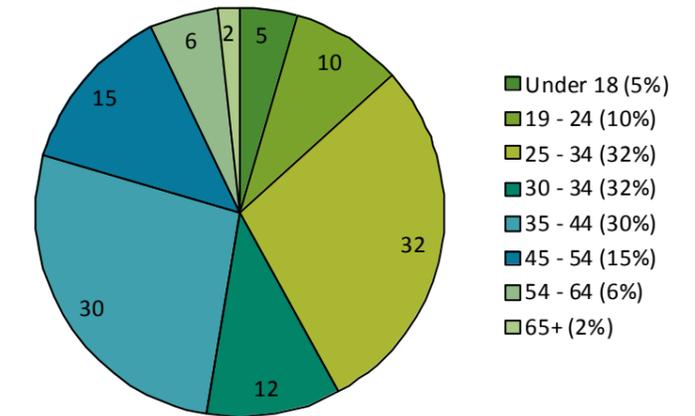
Ethnicity



Monitoring Data

DeptfordFolk surveyed 211 people using the parks to understand how our organisation might make improvements and support engagement with Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens. The parks are well used by a range of people. The information below shows the wide range of people we engaged with the DeptfordFolk Park Survey 2016-2017.

Age Group



52% Male
48% Female

Monitoring Framework

DeptfordFolk used the same monitoring framework as Lewisham Council in order to make our data sets comparable with other data sets across the borough.

Evelyn Ward

The ward where Deptford Park and Folkestone Gardens is located has a child poverty rate of 37% (against a borough average of 24%) and is the most deprived area in Lewisham. 10,000 new homes will be built in the ward over the next decade which will lead to a rapidly changing demographic and population numbers.

DeptfordFolk aims to ensure our green spaces and the routes by which they are accessed are protected and improved.