

Waterfall Park Questionnaire 2018 – collated responses

26 completed questionnaires

Wildflowers in the park

1. What do you think of the work so far to make the park more accessible and attractive?

- Good. I have just moved to Gt Ayton from Lincolnshire and knew the area in the 70's. Still has the same ambience.
- The gravel path and picnic tables are a good addition to the area. It would be a shame to over develop the area.
- Sorry I was away for previous activities
- Clear water
- Good. Pleased it has been kept simple.
- Coming along nicely, but it needs a notice at the bridge to let visitors know the park exists. Donation available if required.
- Good
- Not too noticeably different to the untrained eye. More tables would be nice.
- It is very good and you are to be commended. "Thank you".
- Looking great. Path a nice addition when weather bad.
- It's lovely but it needs a handrail at the top of the path.
- All the plans look perfect. The more colour the better, maybe some activities for kids.
- It looks great although could do with more colour.
- I rarely walk through the park but the new path struck me as a good new feature - gives it more of a 'park' feel and helps with accessibility.
- I like the oak trees and the nice waterfall.
- I like it. Granny can get down to the water now.
- Wonderful, it is a beautiful place with a perfect balance of practicality and nature.
- Excellent
- The seating area has made it a pleasant place to relax and listen to the water.
- Good
- Hadn't noticed
- Good work - in progress
- Please re-use the bridge - even if only as a sculpture.
- I think it looks nice but would look better with an archway saying Waterfall Park to get people to notice the park. Design attached.

2a. Would you like there to be more wildflowers?

- Yes – 21 = 81%
- No - 1
- Maybe – 2
- N/a - 2
- Total = 26

2b. If yes, which wildflowers would you like to see?

Colourful ones * 4 (Any which add a splash of colour here and there.)

Any native to Yorkshire especially those which grew in this area when the older generation were children.

Mix of different types

Any

Specific varieties

The current wildflowers, nettles etc suit the area. Native daffodils would look cheery in Springtime.

poppies and cornflowers

Buttercups

See the result of the first plantings - maybe bluebells, wood anemones.

Daffodils, iris, water lilies

Snowdrops? Possible have them anyway, can't remember.

Lots and lots of daffodils and bluebells would be lovely. General wildflowers for butterflies/bees.

Daffodils, iris, bluebells

Daffodils, sunflowers, snowdrops, wild roses.

Strawberries, daffodils, red campion

Plants that are helping pollinators survive. Lavender, stonecrop, crocus.

A small area with mixed wildflowers including poppies (1918/2018)

Poppies

Ragged robin, wild (small) daffodils - not big garden varieties.

Red clover, old man's beard, daisies, yellow poppies as well as red, ladies slipper, cowslips, more vetch, English bluebells, dog violets, gorse/broom, witch hazel, honeysuckle, thistle.

Fritillaries

3a. Can you remember any of the trees being planted?

- Yes - 1
- No - 21 = 81%
- Maybe - 1
- N/a - 3
- Total = 26

3b. If yes, which were they, do you know when and do you know why they were planted?

For oxygen

I remember when I was a child, but unsure when. Age 35 now.

4. Would you like a few trees to be taken out to give more light?

- Yes - 9 = 35%
- No - 9 = 35%
- Maybe - 6 = 23%
- N/a - 2 = 8%
- Total = 26

Yes, if it allows plants to thrive

They give shade in summer and shelter at other times of the year.

Take out all non-native trees and plants.

Possibly would be nicer.

Ideally not but I understand why.

Need to retain light/dark contrasts and areas of shade.

I want them all to stay.

Save the hornbeam.

5. Would you like boxes for bats, birds and bees to be put up in the park?

- Yes – 21 = 81%
- No - 0
- Maybe – 3
- N/a - 2
- Total = 26

Not too many

Absolutely, hedgehog homes/habitats too.

Bats - everything for each one.

Please can we work with you on this - inform when planting and will donate Batmaster (guano).

Yes, for birds but no for bats and bees

On a limited basis

Other areas of Great Ayton

6. Where else would you like to see more wildflowers in Great Ayton?

Low Green /High Green * 8

Health Centre * 2

Bank of river along walks * 2

Roadsides * 3 (Notice small areas already planted); Any of the grassed corners of roads eg Roseberry Drive/Avenue instead of bulbs. Easy to mow when died back but need signs - dogs keep off).

Little Ayton

Cook Garden

Cliff Terrace rear - clear and plant wildflowers

Window boxes of businesses.

Hedgerows

Woods

Anywhere that could do with a splash of colour! * 2

7. What other work would you like to see happen in the village to encourage more pollinators and other wildlife?

Action needed

Control of sewage pollution - underground pipes etc. Another source for diverting sewage in dry weather. E.g. recent publicity about water board using those often. Also smells and concern with health of children paddling.

The public footpath at Hall Fields is becoming difficult to navigate, the blackthorn is now growing both sides and is taking over from other species.

More flowers

More wildflower areas.

Flower pots/boxes around village. More flower hanging baskets.

A show of flowers that encourage pollinators to increase awareness of locals and possibly a stand of information/interpretation panel.

Hanging baskets on High St. Buddleia attracts butterflies.

General planting of flowers.

We need a spread of flowering plants through the year - jasmine, forsythia etc, witch hazel.

Warning people not to buy hybrid and double flower plants that do not attract bees and other insects.

Shops (?)

Bees and hedgehogs

Beehive, hedgehog box

Bee houses, more flowers

Beekeeping talk

Not sure

Don't know - ask the bees

I'm not sure.

8a. Do you live in Great Ayton

- Yes – 15 = 58%
- No – 8 = 31%
- N/a – 3 = 12%
- Total = 26

8b. If no, which town/village are you from?

- Guisborough * 3
- Marton * 2
- Kirklevington
- Southport
- Yarm
- Leeds and Stockton (group of 3 including one from Great Ayton)

Keeping in touch

9. Would you like to help look after Waterfall Park?

- Yes – 13
- No - 8
- Maybe – 1
- N/a - 4
- Total = 26

10. Would you like to receive Moor Sustainable's e-news update?

- Yes - 10
- No - 8
- N/a - 8
- Total = 26

Moor Sustainable recommendation for where varieties of wildflowers suggested could be planted:

Park

bluebells

dog violets

honeysuckle (3 plants donated and planted)

red clover (seed sown)

wild roses

wood anemones

Note: Will order the above with balance left on portion of grant for buying plants.

Plant elsewhere in village

poppies (red and yellow)

cornflowers

sunflowers

cowslips

Great Ayton station

gorse (some already at station)

broom

witch hazel

Not appropriate as uncommon in north east Yorkshire

ragged robin

old man's beard (traveller's joy)

lady's slipper orchid – rarest species in UK only found in one spot somewhere in limestone area of Yorkshire.