

## Scoring System

| Attributes                               | Descriptions   | Scores |
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| Main entrance                            | Easy to find, with a welcome/advisory sign, appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting                       | 4      |
|  | Appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting   | 3      |
|  | Obvious, open inviting and clean   | 2      |
|  | Apparent as an entrance and clean  | 1      |
| Boundaries (including hedges, gates etc) | All clearly defined and well maintained  | 3      |
|  | All clearly defined – maintenance ‘patchy’   | 2      |
|  | All clearly defined – maintenance needed   | 1      |
| Roads, Paths, cycleways and accesses     | Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free, good disabled access throughout | 5      |
|  | Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, disabled access in most areas  | 4      |
|  | Suitable materials, level for safe use, some disabled access   | 3      |
|  | Suitable materials but with some faults, disabled access poor  | 2      |
|  | Road/paths in correct place, but in need of obvious repair, disabled access poor and very restricted                                 | 1      |

## Scoring System *(continued)*

| Attributes                                      | Descriptions   | Scores |
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| Planted Areas (trees, shrubs, floral areas etc) | Numerous planting, with appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a very high standard  | 5      |
|   | Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a reasonable standard  | 4      |
|   | Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants and 'patchy' maintenance  | 3      |
|   | Limited range of plants, maintenance acceptable  | 2      |
|   | Limited planting with limited maintenance  | 1      |
| Grass areas                                     | Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut  | 5      |
|   | Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut, few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep length short  | 4      |
|   | Full grass cover throughout main area but some 'thin' patches evident; some bald areas discreet; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts, cut quality good (no tearing) | 3      |
|   | General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at poor frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor  | 2      |
|   | General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious and cut quality poor                      | 1      |
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| Facilities: Bins                                | Numerous and in good condition   | 5      |
|   | Numerous and in average condition  | 4      |
|   | Adequate number in good/average condition  | 3      |
|   | Insufficient number but in good condition  | 2      |
|   | Insufficient number in poor condition  | 1      |
| Seats   | Numerous for the size of the site and in good condition  | 5      |
|   | Numerous for the size of the site and in average condition   | 4      |
|   | Adequate number in good/average condition  | 3      |
|   | Insufficient seats but in good condition   | 2      |
|   | Insufficient seats in poor condition   | 1      |
| Toilets   | Provided within the park, easy to access, signed and well maintained   | 5      |
|   | Provided within or adjacent to the park, difficult to find, maintenance/condition is average   | 4      |
|   | Provided within the park or adjacent to it and visible, but not well cared for and generally uninviting  | 3      |
|   | Provided within the park or adjacent to it, but in very poor condition and generally avoided by park users   | 2      |
|   | Temporary toilet provision for events only   | 1      |

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| Parking          | Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces, site clean, tidy, in good condition and well signed | 5      |
|                  | Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces but maintenance could be better                      | 4      |
|                  | Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited spaces, maintenance good or reasonable                       | 3      |
|                  | Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited space, maintenance poor                                      | 2      |
|                  | Parking provision very limited  | 1      |
| Lighting         | Good lighting scheme installed and well maintained  | 3      |
|                  | Reasonable lighting scheme installed  | 2      |
|                  | Poor lighting scheme  | 1      |
| Information      | Information available for locals and visitors (could be on boards or leaflet form) in some detail                           | 2      |
|                  | Limited information about the park made available   | 1      |
| Cleanliness      | No evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti  | 5      |
|                  | Very limited evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti  | 4      |
|                  | Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade B   | 3      |
|                  | Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade C   | 2      |
|                  | Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade D   | 1      |
| Events programme | Full events programme with supporting leaflets  | 5      |
|                  | Full events programme   | 4      |
|                  | Events programme is in place which delivers at least one major event each year with some minor events                       | 3      |
|                  | Some events   | 2      |
|                  | An event  | 1      |

Note: 'boundaries' includes all types of boundary, such as hedges, railings and gates. the scoring system for bins and seats is essentially the same but scored separately in order to give a comprehensive assessment. In addition, litter is often the subject of public complaints. The 'lighting' category may cover only the main part of a park.