



Reference: FOI0352

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you provide me with the following information:

1. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area, and what was the figure in 2009/10?
2. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves in your local authority area for which members of the public are charged to access (including spaces which only charge for access on particular days of the year or for certain events), and what was the corresponding figure for each in 2009/10?
3. What is your local authority's total budget allocation for spend on a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves in your local authority area for 2017/18, and what was the total budget allocation for each in 2009/10?
4. How many staff are employed by your local authority to maintain or manage a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves, in your local authority area in the year 2017/18, and how many were employed for each in 2009/10?
5. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area which have limited opening hours, and what was the figure in 2009/10?
6. What is the current total area in km<sup>2</sup> of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area, and what was it in 2009/10?
7. What was the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area for which the management or services are provided by an outside organisation rather than the local authority, and what was the corresponding figure for each in 2009/10?

**Response:**

1. There are 6 publicly accessible Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) and 26 publicly accessible parks. The figure was the same in 2009/10.

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2. The public are not charged for entering the Local Nature Reserves, woodlands or parks. Allotments are not accessible to the public, only allotment tenants who pay a rent.
3. The Council's revenue budget for Parks & Open Spaces which incorporates elements of a) to f) was as follows:

2009/10: £5.451 million

2017/18: £3.868 million

4. 3 of our Local Nature Resources are located in parks; 26 people are employed in parks including apprentices, but excluding catering staff and casual education wardens and events staff. This equates to 21.7 FTEs. The figure for 2009/10 was 16 FTE. There is 1 person employed in allotments, in 2009/10 there were 2.
5. All of our parks (with the exception of 2), LNRs, woodlands have unlimited opening hours. There are 2 parks which are locked and the grounds of a Visitor Centre are locked in another. There has been no change since 2009/10.
6. Local Nature Reserves - approximately 120ha (1.2km sq). For parks it is 308ha (3.08km sq). The figures are the same as in 2009/10.
7. LNRs – none. All 26 parks managed and maintained by NTC. In 2009/10 all 26 were managed NTC, but 2 were maintained by external contractors.

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