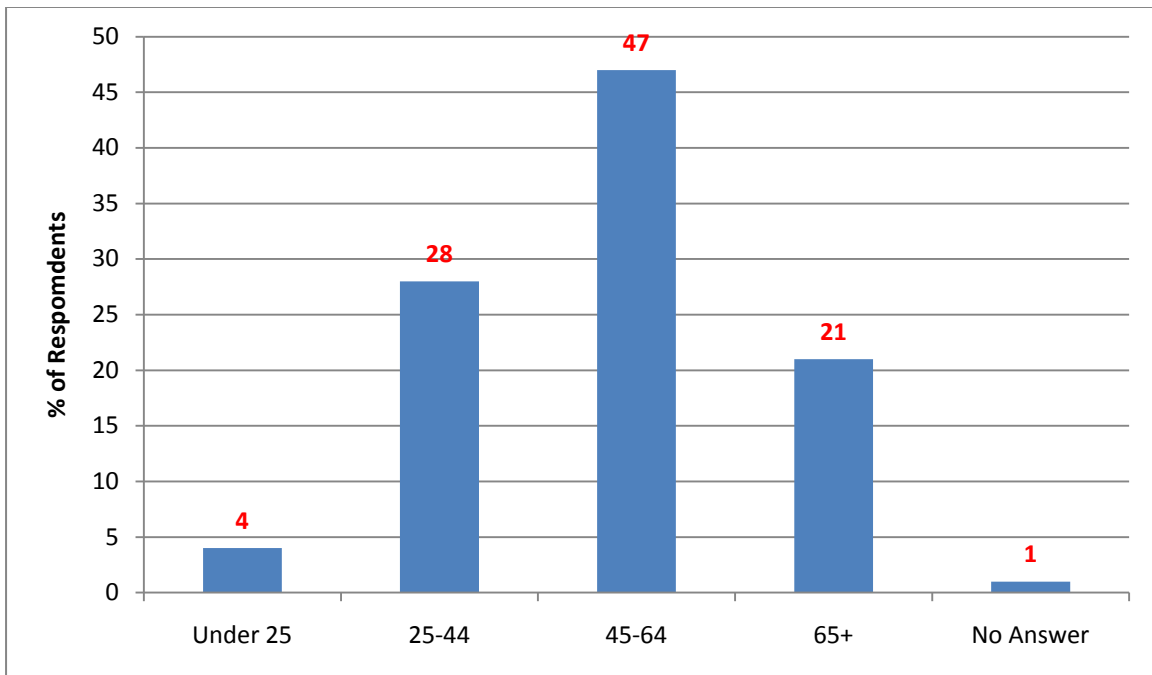


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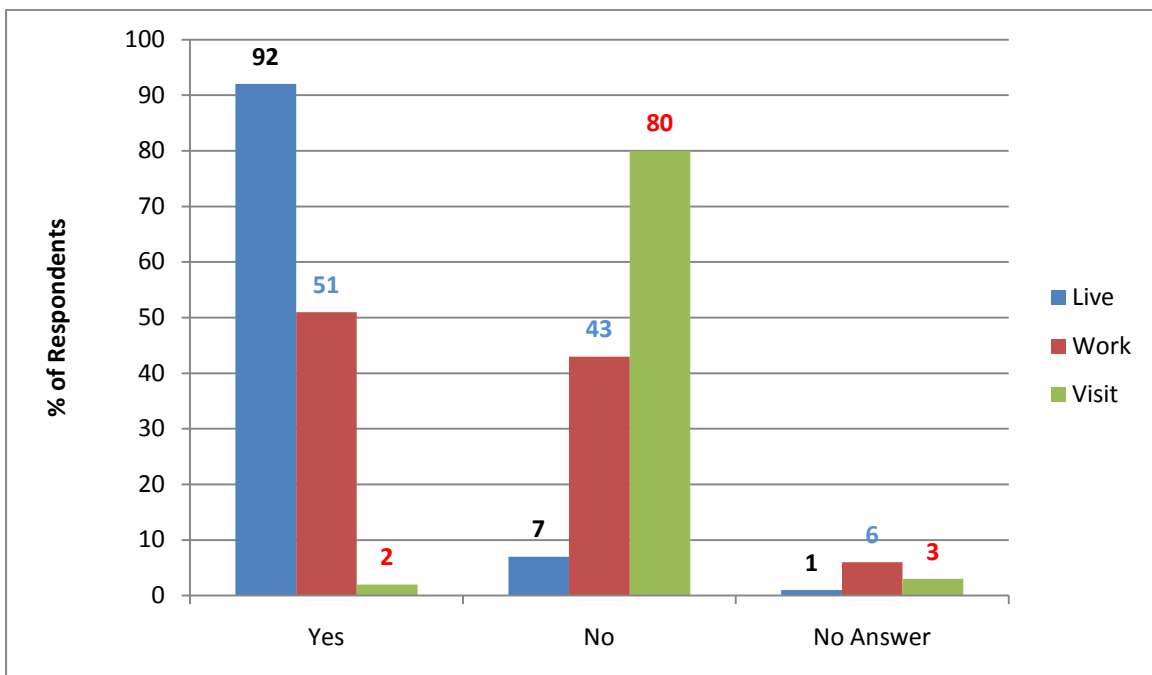
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Breakdown of Respondents

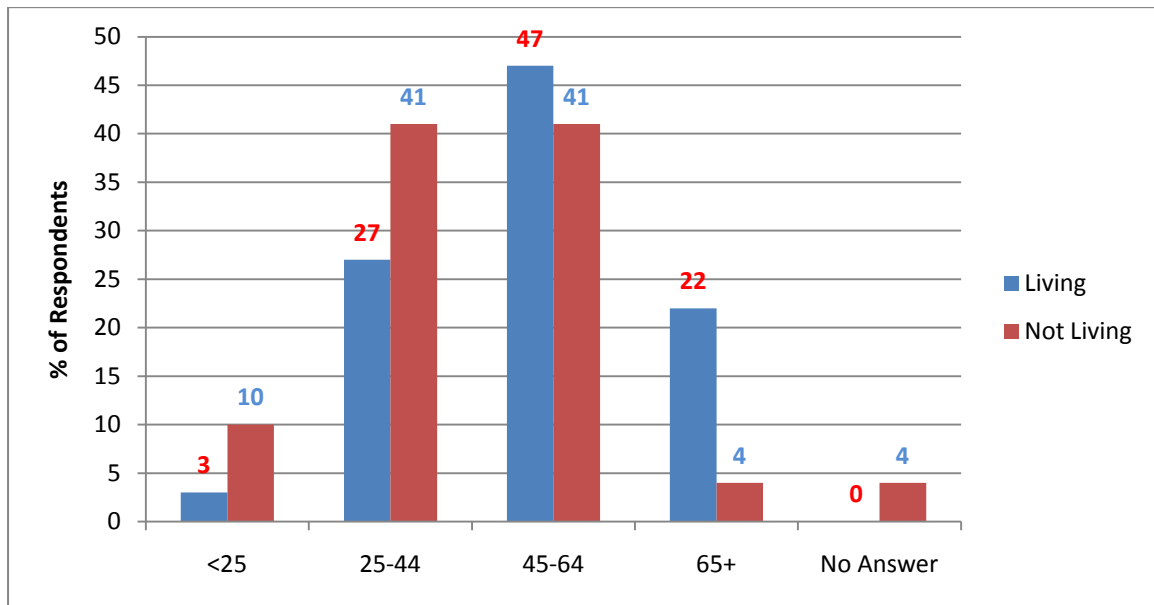
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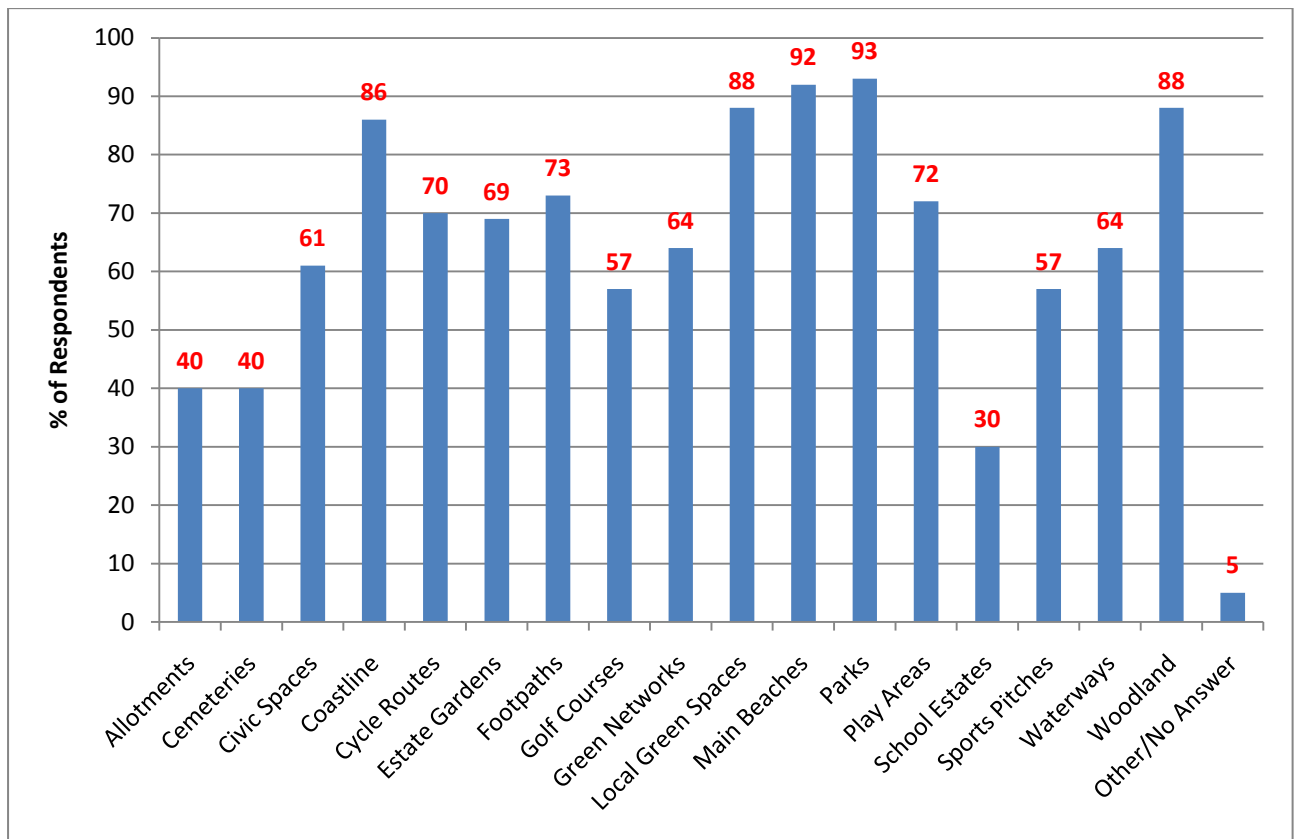
Living, Working and Visiting South Ayrshire



Breakdown of those living and not living in South Ayrshire by age



Qu 1. What type of land do you consider to be open space?



'Other' types of land considered 'open space'

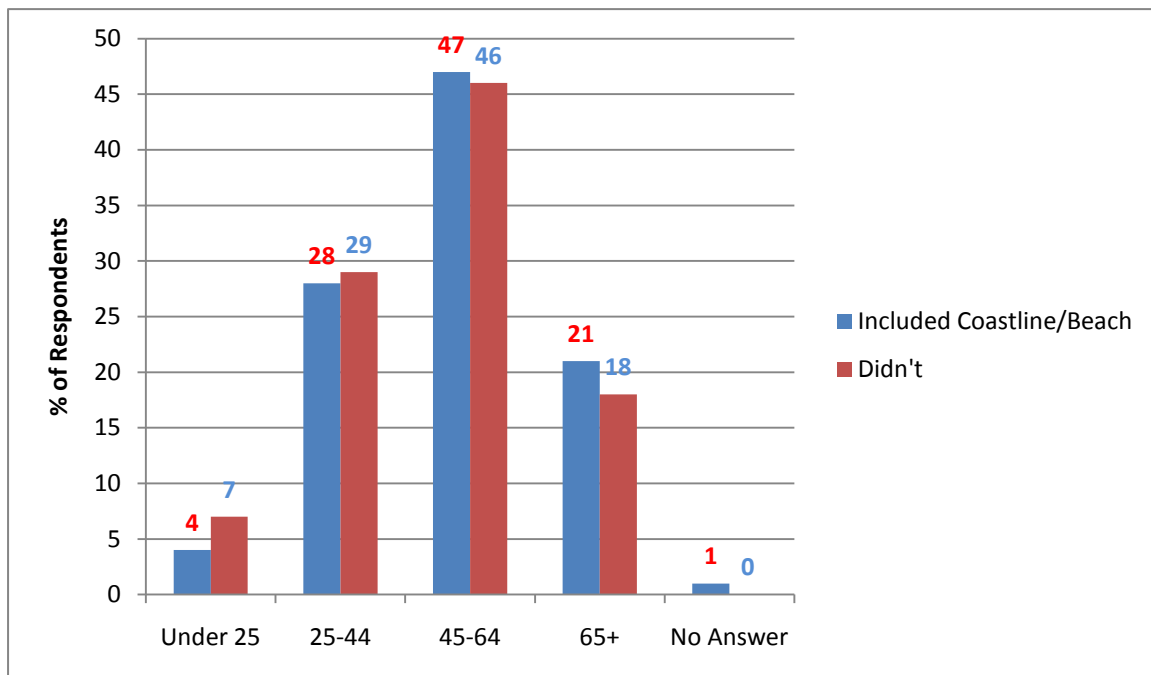
green belt
town green patches
only natural non constructed sports pitches should be considered as open space & if permanently open
Brown sites (undeveloped ground)
forests
transport networks and concourses
Country Walks
Caledonia Road
visitors need to be made aware of the existence & how to access.
any under South Ayrshire remit.
Civic sites
pavements
large gardens
mountains/hills/marilyns, hill forts, caves, battle sites, historical sites such as castles, abbeys
waste land and derelict sites
Fields
Waste ground- wildlife
Gardens
Waste grounds
Private gardens
Town centres
small beaches, hills and heathland
road verges
Hills
town pavements
residential gardens
space in front of flats
harbour (looking out at sea)

Supplementary breakdown for those including coastline/beach in their response to Qu 1 versus those who did not

Breakdown by Age

Numbers including coastline/beach: 528

Numbers not including coastline/beach: 28



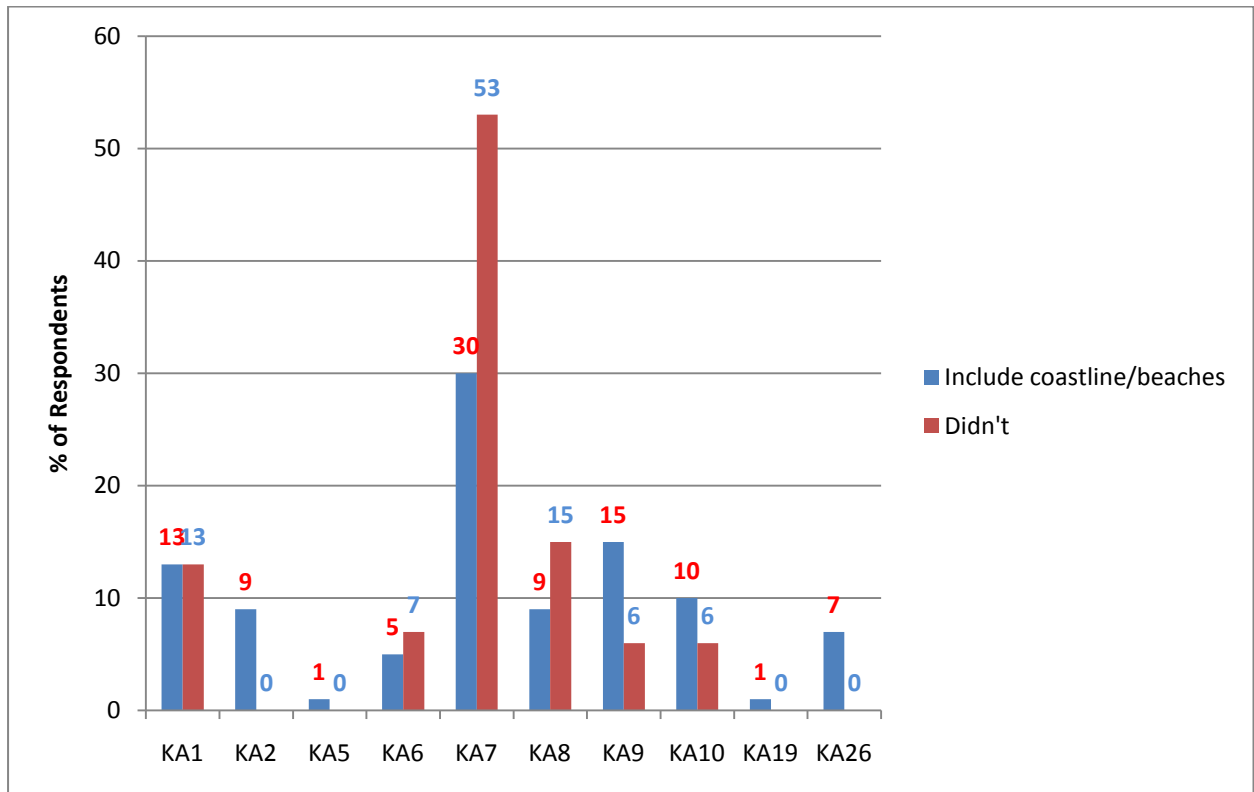
Breakdown by Postcode

Numbers providing postcodes: 275

Of which numbers including coastline/beaches: 260

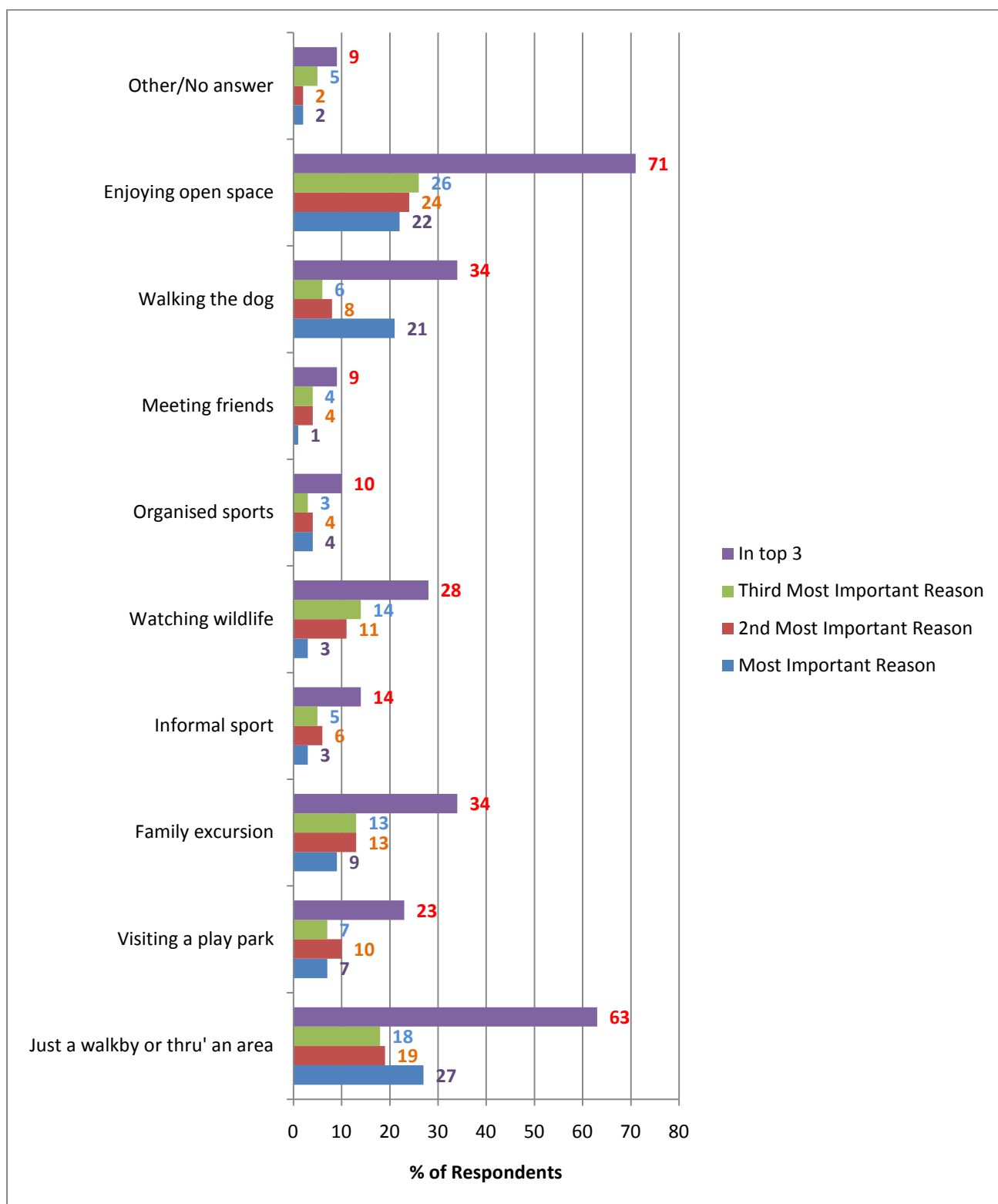
Numbers not supplying postcodes: 291

Analysis only for those supplying postcodes



NOTE: Numbers supplying a postcode, but not including coastline or beaches in open spaces was too small (15) to be significant

Qu2. What is the main reason for visiting an open space? (Top three reasons)



NOTE: 'In top 3' means it is list as first, second or third most important

'Other' reasons for visiting 'open spaces' included in top three

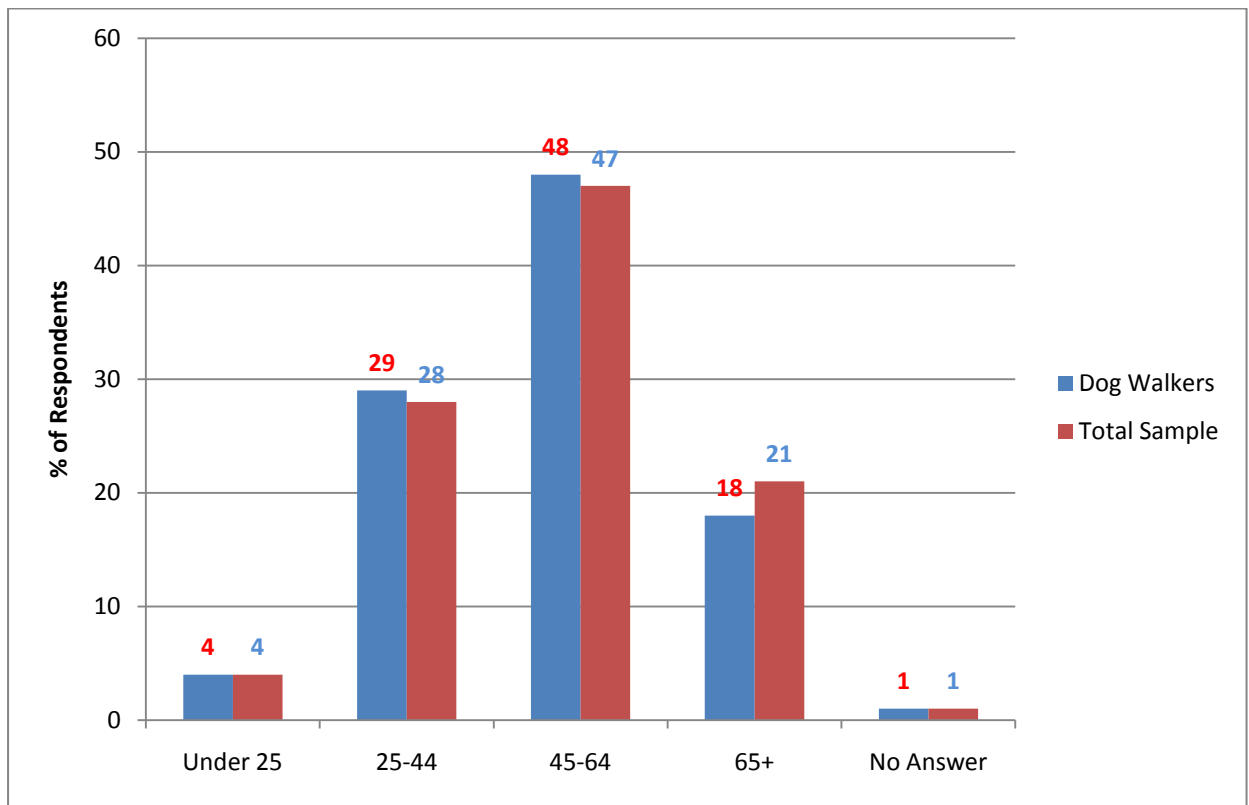
cycling
Cycling - cycle paths/dedicated routes
To cut the grass in the Merkland Road field which South Ayrshire Council abandoned!
Walking as exercise to improve health and fitness, areas for horse riding which are safe and away from traffic
play golf on municipal courses
Healthy Excercise (at any level)
Cycling for exercise
watching the Sunset @ the beach
To see if it is being well maintained.
No , I pressed the box 'Enjoying open space, quiet relaxation and or contemplation Enjoying open space, quiet relaxation and or contemplation
Enjoying open space, quiet relaxation and or contemplation
discovering the undiscovered
exploration, surveying, cartography, photography, rock-pooling, fossil-hunting, castle-bagging, crag-hopping, camping, etc
I did not choose "other"
Excercise
Allotment Working
Golfing
No I did not -1 just walking, 2 walking the dog, 3 visit play park
Allotments
N/A
Cycling
Going for a walk
Golf
Allotment

Enjoying the countryside
cycling
exercising my horse
hill walking

Supplementary question of people listing dog walking in top three reasons

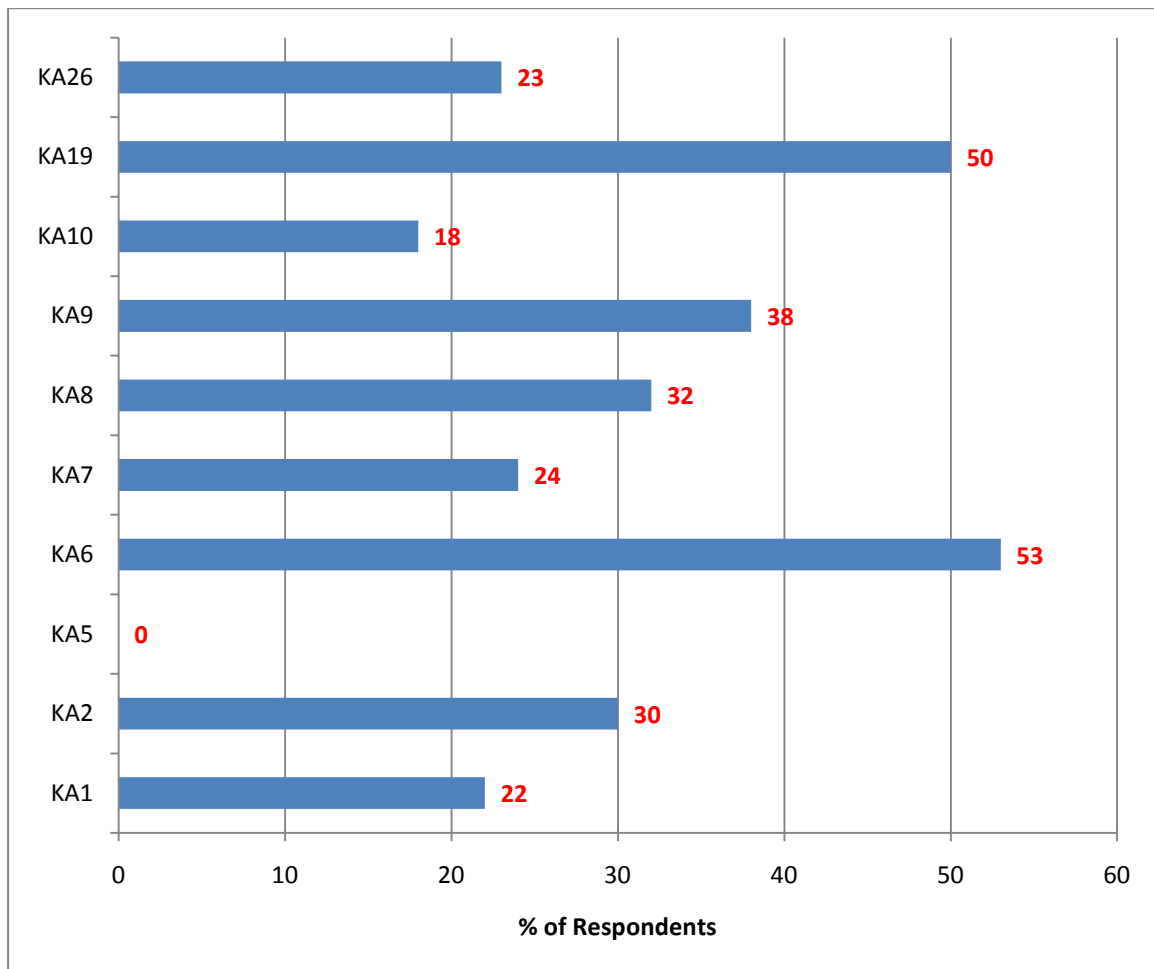
Numbers listing dog walking in top 3: 190 or 34% of the sample

Breakdown by Age

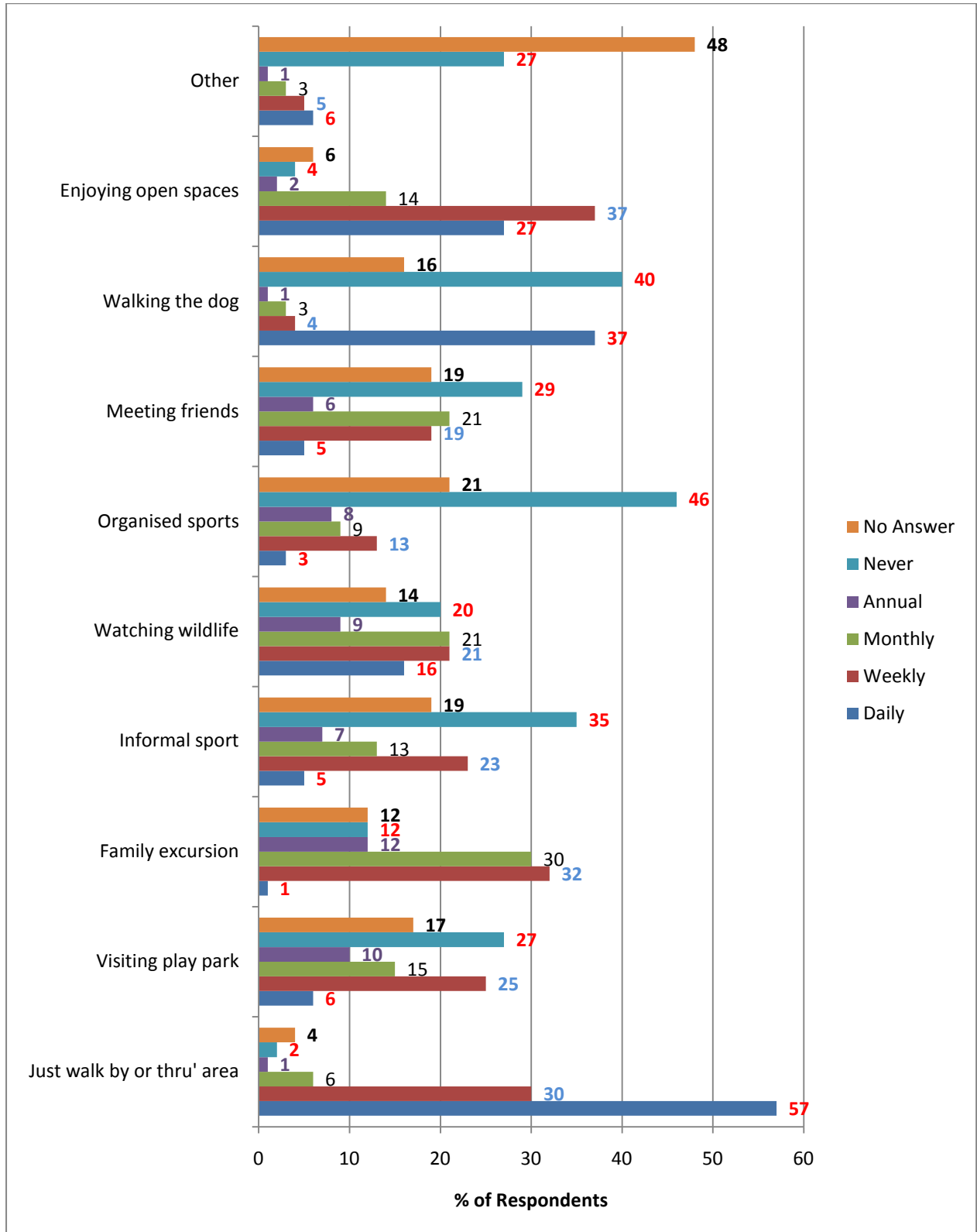


Percentage of people who listed working the dog in top three reasons for visiting open spaces by postcode.

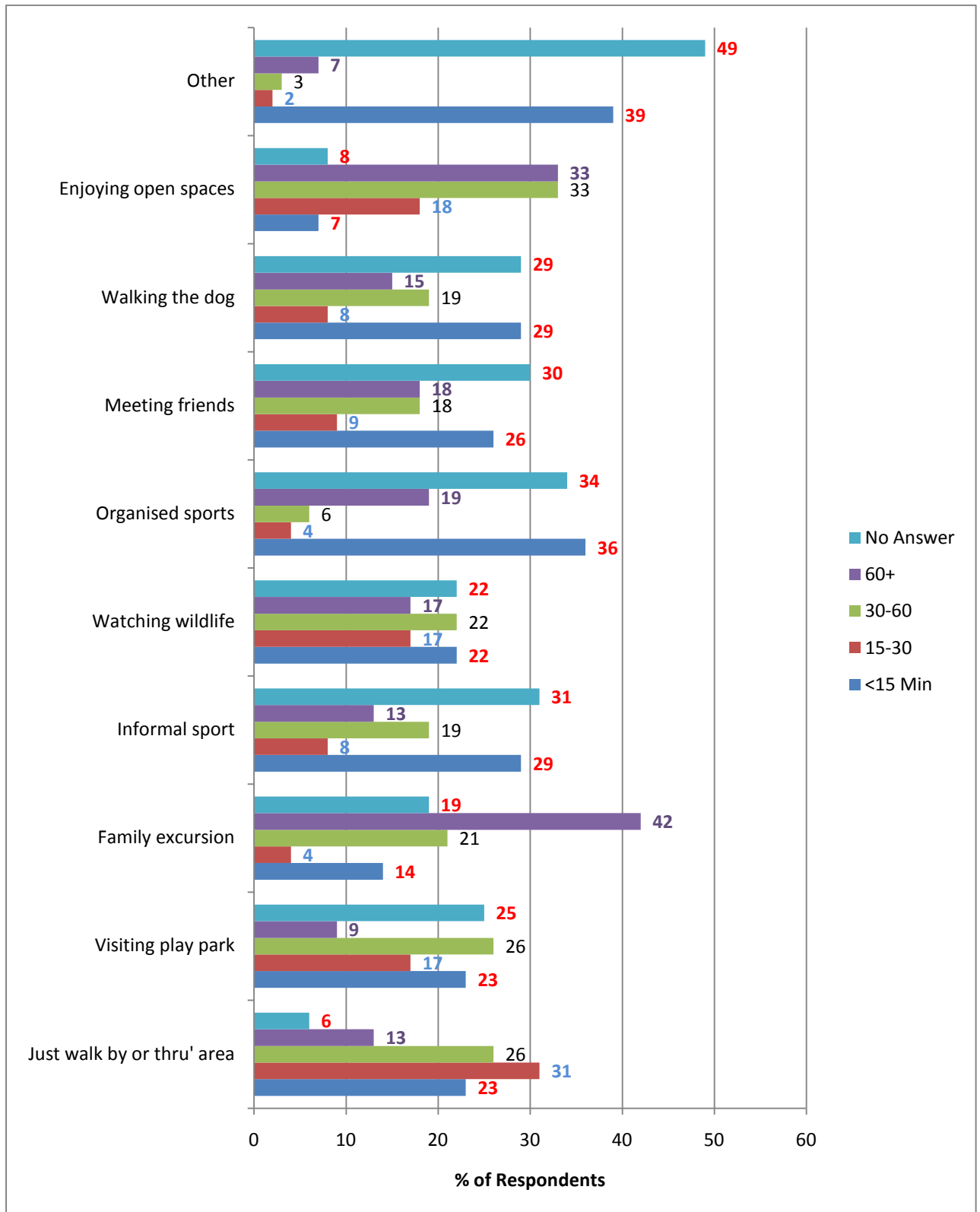
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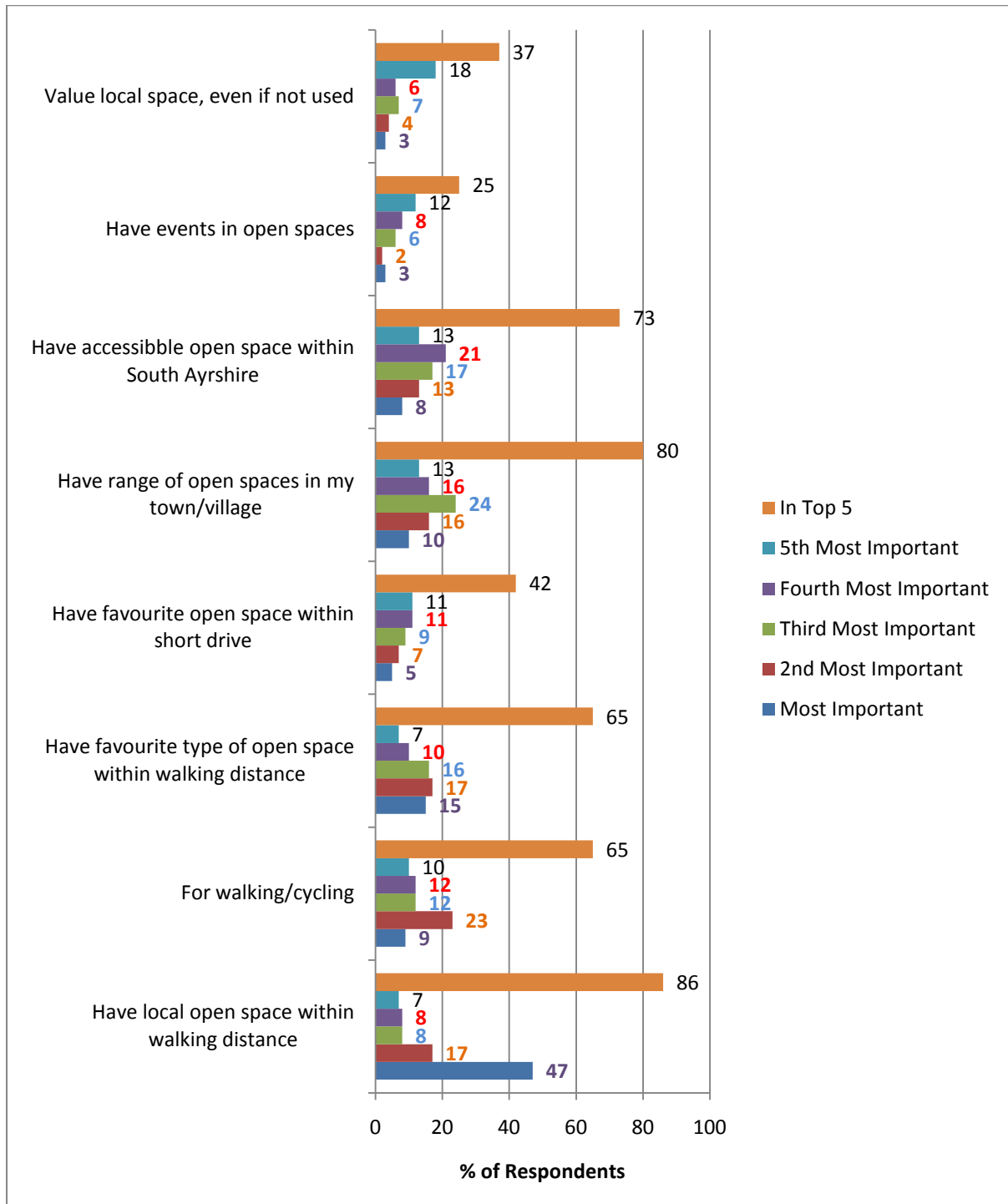
Qu3 How often do you visit or make use of an open space for the following activities?



QU4 How long is your average visit?

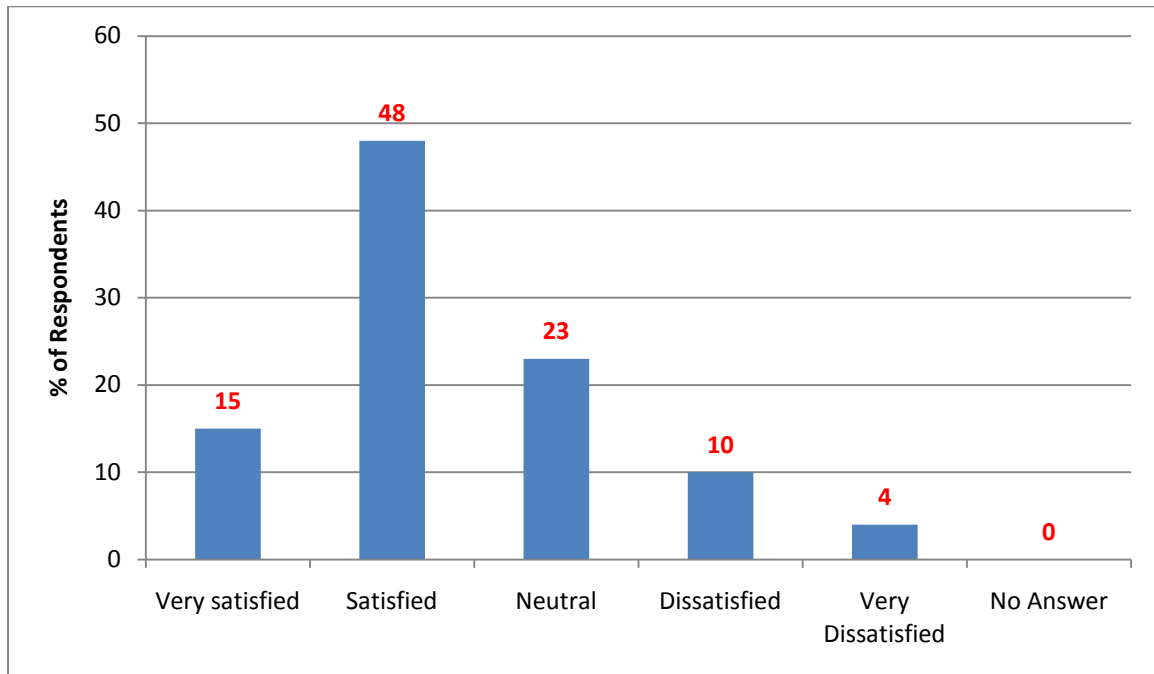


Qu 5 What is important to you about open space? (Ranked top 5 priorities)



NOTE: Only about half of respondents gave more than 3 reasons

Qu 6 How satisfied are you with the quality of open space located within South Ayrshire?



Qu 7 Comments on quality of open space

I have only two points about the quality and shared use of the open spaces within South Ayrshire, not sure if this is the correct forum to mention them.
1 The amount of cars that disregard the dedicated cycle lanes on the Esplanade and park without regards to other users
2 The lack of dedicated mountain bike trails here in South Ayrshire, i have to travel down to Dumfries and Galloway, and from what i have seen, South Ayrshire has a far superior infrastructure. However, in saying that, these are two very small niggles, in what is otherwise a fantastic range of parks, beaches, walks

We are extremely lucky to have wonderful open air attractions in Ayrshire. Most of us are horrified that they have not been taken care of in recent years and allowed to decline. Why were SAC too proud to ask local people and volunteers to help before it all became too late? Why look outside Ayrshire to get things done cheaply? Why not encourage local groups and craftsmen? Volunteers may be willing to help without being paid - but it would need council workers at all levels to lead by being a shining example in caring for our open spaces, above and beyond the call of "duty".

It seems if it wasnt for golf courses parts of Ayrshire would be 1 big built up area with no distinction in boundary of 1 town to another. This indicates a lack of value of wild, natural landscapes.

open spaces have become less well kept over the years maybe due to cuts but it has led to a decline in civic pride. if our open spaces were better stocked with flowers again, had TOILETS, more seating and bins it might lead to more civic pride and increase ease of use of these areas. Lack of toilets is a huge issue for all ages and can prevent people accessing our open areas even in the town centre. it also leads to people urinating on these areas. Dog fouling and fear of loose dogs also prevents people accessing open areas and can make them fearful to return as do gangs and open air drinking of alcohol.

If the council could work in paernership with private estate owners, woodland areas, park areas and forest areas they could perhaps improve the availability of open space to the public.

I think the quantity of open space is good but the quality of maintenance could be much better - people need to be allowed ownership of their work and be able to take pride in their workplace and be recognised for doing a good job - too many indifferent people only in it for the money.

sometimes overloading bins and rubbish lying about. vandalism to play park equipment. old playpark equipment being removed and replaced with less equipment, children having to go elsewhere, involving crossing a main road.

The difference in standard of S.A.C. parks and open spaces accross Ayr is Huge. I Am aware that areas are "zoned" but some Areas in North Ayr are a shocking Standard. Many thanks.

The open spaces we have should be managed and maintained. The Council is good at telling people what they cannot do 'no ball games' or proposing to ban dog. There need to be constructive use of the spaces we have to make them viable for all residents and visitors.

As long as I can take my dog, but it appears that South Ayrshire Council are trying to stop dogs from attending public areas, due to the minority of irresponsible dog owners. No point in creating more open spaces if dog walkers are going to be banned.

Don't ban dogs from them.

open space is essential for dog-walkers

There are plenty of open spaces within South Ayrshire; however, there is currently a consultation going on looking at banning dogs from certain areas (beaches, golf courses). Therefore, how am I and my family supposed to enjoy the use of open spaces when 1 member of our family (our dog) may not be allowed to come with us!

I would like it if there was a bigger effort to clear litter and dog fouling from lanes and paths. Cyclists gravitate towards quiet lanes and these are often neglected with broken glass and rubbish the norm rather than the exception. Could the Community Service teams be brought in to do this? It's also not clear who maintains what - e.g. if a cycle path runs through a golf course, who maintains the path? Is it the golf course/Council/cycle path provider/volunteers?

More could be done with Rozelle to make it an enjoyable place with activities for all the family. Apart from the flower show, football tournaments and the cafe, there is very little to do other than walk round the park. A quality play area like Ayr or Troon seafronts would make this an excellent space, possibly with a park ranger similar to Eglinton Park in Irvine.

I do think that more facilities should be available for young people to play e.g. football areas, skating or boarding - boys in particular need these facilities. Some kind of hardwearing multi-purpose area would be good for ball games i.e. basketball, badminton, tennis or football an area that would be low maintenance. These kind of facilities are important if we want to encourage our kids to play outside without having to be a member of a club as not everyone can afford this luxury.

The council have recently ceased cutting the grass & attending to the open space near my house. It has now become a no-go area full of litter (beer cans etc.) & dog's mess. It is an eye-sore at best & very unpleasant at worst. It would be better concreted over if it's just going to be ignored.

Why don't South Ayrshire Council face up to their responsibilities & maintain "areas of unknown ownership" instead of wasting money on pointless surveys?

The quality of the openspace range drastically within South Ayrshire some are well kept whilst other are beautiful but require additional management and maintenance to bring them up to a better standard. Open space is not just about areas people utilise for activities but also about areas which contribute to the setting and character of an area of a village or town. Often key areas of openspace can assist in creating more attractive environments, however if not managed or maintained these areas can also have a negative impact on the amenity of an area. These areas have not been given much consideration in this survey.

There is too much dog fouling or broken glass in a lot of open spaces which makes it dangerous to take young children, especially if they are barefoot, i.e. on the beach.

Definitely want to see dogs curtailed. Nothing worse than walking through dog dirt and terrible for children in play parks, sports pitches and beaches.

I think that our woodlands are aging and not being replanted - Our estate parks are looking tired and these areas give Ayrshire its character. Maintenance could be changed to improve variation in textures and colour - letting more wildflowers grow.

Consider open space as a health asset - access improves both mental and physical health Improve access for horse riding monitor access, need to avoid abuse of open spaces (litter, dog fouling, noise etc)

We are lucky in Ayr to have so many great areas to visit, sadly a few have went to ruin in the last few years, mainly Beleisle. It used to be a great area for families. Also the availability and standard of public toilets is 3rd world.

Beleisle has fallen on sad times. Facilities on promenades including for play and for toilets are ever diminishing. Frequency of grass cutting in some parts is getting less. Litter is disgusting. need for more bins even if only a percentage of individuals are using them for sensible disposal.

There are many high quality open spaces in S Ayrshire which have been badly neglected, and no evidence of coherent overall vision, management or maintenance. We read of endless initiatives, but very few come to reality. Much could be achieved for comparatively little financial input.

Serious concern about loss of further open space in Craigie Estate if the proposed Ayr Academy is relocated there. A beautiful park environment will be reduced to a river walk. This is the main park north of the river and is sadly being neglected when compared to how it was once maintained.

The reason I am dissatisfied is the amount of dog fouling and dogs allowed off the lead within the public areas

I am bemused as to why South Ayrshire council on the one hand is stressing the importance of open space here whilst at the same time allowing a bus turning circle to be built on open space in Symington.

I know there is a variety of types of open space within South Ayrshire but some of this is only reached by a vehicle journey which can itself be long or stressful, so undoing some of the benefits achieved by being in the open space. I would love there to be more variety of open spaces locally reached on foot. For example, where existing parks or open areas are, these could be enhanced by more trees, varied planting, sculptures and wildlife. (Was very pleased at the developments of Newton Park visited recently)

As a user of football pitches in South Ayrshire I believe a very low priority is placed on providing facilities to the sports communities. Somewhere like KGV pitches, when all pitches are used, look after 160 children and youths every 2 hours. This is structured sports activity and ensures that the participants energies are focused on doing something constructive and positive. Without the sports pitches in South Ayrshire we could have significantly greater social problems than we do. The Open Space Policy should have been in place many years ago and the fact that it is only now being considered and discussed is actually an indication of the importance that successive councils have placed on these vital areas.

Ayr should take a leaf out of the Council of Largs, the open spaces along the coastline all have benches and picnic tables, bins and dog waste bins provided. Encouraging people/families, dog owners, cyclists etc. to all use the open space and enjoy it. Surely South Ayrshire could provide some facilities on the Ayr beach front ie on the Lowgreen-let the people of Ayrshire and the tourists that visit enjoy the open spaces we have!

I do not believe South Ayrshire council do enough to 'market' their managed open spaces. Parks are un signposted, childrens playparks have been closed 'Former Peter Pan Playground' on the beach. Craigie park is clearly not valued as an open space, but has been and will be built on over the years The council planning officials I believe has a policy to sell seafront open spaces to the highest bidder and actively work against the elected councillors and the people of Ayr. South Ayrshire should do much more to promote and protect open spaces for residents and tourists alike. I fear this administration as sadly lacking in any vision, passion or motivation to this effect.

I would like to continue to walk my dog on the beach. lots of people get good exercise from this. If dog walkers have to pick up after their dogs there should be more bins on the beach. horses should also have to picked up after. There is also lots of other rubbish on the beaches. I would like more cycles paths and as I have a trike I would like to be able to access the cycle paths without barriers that I cannot get past.

It is essential to protect all the existing public parks in Ayr regardless of any national standards as they are all unique and create the character of the town.

The quality and upkeep of our public gardens, flower beds, etc. are excellent compared to other areas and this quality should be maintained. Shame about the privately owned (formerly Council maintained) 'garden' areas which are no longer being maintained (some are!), which brings down the level of attractiveness for visitors and residents. A list of those private owners that are not maintaining their land to a reasonable standard should be drawn up and they should be 'encouraged' to improve !

Currently the open spaces tend to be managed with one main purpose in mind. MAny of the spaces could be multi-functional.

Should be an investigation into suitability of groynes on Prestwick beach to prevent current erosion of the beach.

South Ayrshire has left numerous open spaces without maintenance due to the council failing to implement policy in the early 1990s and adopt open speaces in new developments. South Ayrshire needs to recognose this failure and provide a solution. There is insufficinet formal field sports provision in Troon Troon North Beach has recently had barriers fitted which prevents horse owners accessing the parking areas with trailers

I am very concerned about the rate at which open space is being lost from the area, the extensive, Castlehill, the Paerk upon which Saibnsburys now stands, developments in Carigie Park, the building along the South harbour and shore front, the abandoning of the local pitch and putt at Rozelle and Dalmilling, Holmston House and surrounding grass area being put up for sale to name but a few. I think the playpark at Ayr sea front was superb and a great asset but am now concerned that it is being neglected and is in a very sorry state. I realise these losses have taken place over many years but these green areas have decreased considerably and once gone are unlikely ever to be replaced and are a huge loss to the area in so many ways.

Dog fouling frequently spoils open space and annoys me, particularly when I always pick up after my own dog.

Build more council houses and then I could move back to Troon from Symington please.

This years lack of maintenance of some areas leading to overgrown footpaths ie Fullerton Woods, Troon. Open space near home not managed at all this year and becoming unsightly wilderness. Cleaning of Troon Beach overdone. Cleaned even on cold wet windy days when workforce would be better employed elsewhere, and removal of sand may lead to erosion problems.

I have seen bus adverts suggesting that dogs could be banned from a wide range of open spaces. This would be wrong. I do believe it is very important for dogs to be kept under control and for dog waste to be removed. I also believe it is very important for people (adults and children) to behave in a way that shows respect for others and their environment. Litter, vandalism and noise nuisance is widespread. This need for respect should be taught at home and at school (though the worst offenders are often adults). Fines should be enforced.

Within my area the quality of open space is under attack by the intrusion of windfarm developments which are destroying the quality of life in South Carrick

Rozel Park is a Jewel in the SAC crown. I would have said very satisfied if the toilets were open!!

Confusion over where to ride my horse, believe beach is not open for horse riding at certain times of the year, don't know where I can park the trailer if using Rozelle.

In my area of Troon there are many open spaces under used. During the summer months there is not one football pitch available for children to use. The only football park is at Hosiery Park and the goals are removed in the summer. The playing pitches at Marr Colledge are the most under used space in South Ayrshire. Other than a Saturday morning during school term they are not used. I find it a disgrace. Likewise there are no all weather facilities in Troon so the use of open spaces for sports purposes is seasonal. We should be encouraging healthy lifestyles and exercise in our children, not restricting it. It's little wonder our country's health costs are exploding out of control.

The beach is the Jewel in the crown for Ayr - more facilities to have a coffee/glass of wine to sit & enjoy the view under-cover in bad weather. Even a telescope would be nice. PS: Too old to hang-out change your choice of words in the questionnaire.

The open spaces available are poorly maintained.

More cycle paths away from traffic.

Make our valued open spaces, parks and estates worthwhile attractions to visit again. They have been neglected over the years and require funding to draw in residents and visitors again

Everyone gets different things out of open space so the nature of the question elicits a subjective answer. For me, open space is natural, requires little management and is open to all to use at any time of the day or night for the purposes of relaxation, leisure, meeting etc. I am puzzled by some of the definitions of open space such as allotment and cemetery. To me these spaces have a definite purpose and are highly managed and do not fit in with my criteria for open space.

too much litter

They are finite. we will never knock down a neighbourhood to create a park for instance. it is very important to protect these spaces for now and the future as the lungs of the town. Im sure you are aware we need them for wildlife and our own wellbeing. it is vital that no planning consent is given in these areas. the people spoke very loudly re the low green and the old race course on this! Now it is time we fight for Belleisle Park- No to a garden centre! We should not have to fight to keep these areas open/green space available to all. Children need places to be able to run free in safety, where wildlife can live, where all members of society can get something from it!

I was actually quite impressed with what we had in place here, but a recent visited Yorkshire has me thinking we could definitely do better.....

There is not enough open space areas, and I find it very worrying that the council want to build houses in the Caledonia Road and Glencairn Road areas

I can` t beleive that the council are consedering building houses on my local green space where my young son play, in caledonia road.

The decision to stop the maintenance of open spaces in the Meadowgreen estate in Troon was disgraceful. I don't see how the council can claim to be working towards improving the quality of open spaces unless they revisit - and overturn - the decision to withdraw mainitence in Troon. To neglect open space maintenance will result in the whole area looking neglected. The decision was short-sighted and shameful.

Quality of playing surface at Prestwick Oval football pitches is very poor compared to KGV. The recent campaign to clean up Ayr Town Centre is another example of SAC taking their eye off the ball and letting things fall into disrepair in the first place. Don't let it happen again! The list of things that SAC have failed in their responsibilities is very long. Hang your heads in shame.

The local council is currently planning to place a childrens home and low income housing on the only open space in our area We have yet to be consulted on this and none of the local councillors have shown any interest in talking to us.

open spaces are the lungs within our housing schemes, taking them awaywould detract from the area and give our kids less areas to play. Open spaces should not be used for new housing or community care homes.

it is vitally important than the council as a group think very carefully about the impact that removing local open space areas will have on the affected community, local parks and small green areas are the lungs of the community and provide mental and physical stimulation to those lucky enough to experience these areas, once parts or all of these areas are removed there is no going back and we have a duty to keeps these areas sacred for future generations.

While South Ayrshire is generally well-endowed with open spaces, some of the facilities on offer (eg. Bellisle greenhouse/pets corner, seafront amenities) have been abandoned or left to decay in recent years. An effort needs to be made to keep the high standard we already have. The new woodland between Joppa and Sundrum is an excellent idea and I congratulate the council on its planting.

I believe that local space is in short supply, especially within certain areas of the town and what we have at the moment we should hang on to and maintain, providing a service for the community and the people that use it. Not all homes have a large garden and kids especially like to use the space for various activities without being blamed for breaking windows due to ball games etc etc.

need more public toilets in/near it; too many seagulls; too much litter and dog dirt.

The quality of childrens play parks is well below par in my opinion, especisllay in Prestwick and Ayr which have huge family communities! If I had the money.....

Huge concerns over proposed reduction of open space in Forehill area because of proposed new housing and secure childrens unit. Also feel woodland area in Craigie/River Walkway is badly lit and footpaths (staircase at Holmston Road) are poorly maintained.

Local kids playpark has been downgraded since a new one was provided on the opposite side of a very busy main road as part of a housing development - whilst there are traffic lights, this is the wrong location for this type of facility and is a typical example of bad planning in South Ayrshire.

Constructive separation of cyclists and walkers and education of both about considerate behaviour eg discouragement of dogwalking[with wander leads!] in bike lanes. Encouragement of bicycle bells and acknowledgement therof by pedestrians.

Ayrshire, all of Ayrshire, needs to capitalise on its links with Robert the Bruce, John Balliol, William Wallace, James Boswell, and countless others. It also needs a coastline image boost.

We leave very close to low green area, a lot of rubbish is disposed of in streets, not just on the low green, it would be helpful if these areas could be cleaned at the height of summer also. The open spaces are what makes ayrshire special.

Quality varies across the area, some are not so well looked after
The destruction of the Auchincruive estate
Play parks often have broken glass around them or dogs excrement around them. Belleisle could be a much better open space if someone put some thought into it. The low green area at the Ayr India end is an eyesore. Prestwick beach/seafront lacks facilities
Upkeep of Allotments is poor
You keep the gardens very well
BEACHES NEED MORER WASTE DISPOSAL AT PEAK TIMES THE BEACHES SHOULD BE MORE DOG FRIENDLY
The facilities just South of The harbour Flats (KA7 2PT) are awful, with exception of big play parks next to pirate petes
Not just dog fouling. Rubbish left by people and grass not cut properly.
Lots of it, but poor management and communication, eg closure of Croy Shore for boat launching. The parking farce at barassie Beach.
Need to enforce dog fowling more strictly
Dont want to lose what we already have
More with wildlife - bat boxes in appropriate places, help for red squirrels.
Better local signage of what's available- e.g. putting green in Girvan and the interpretation through signage of the sand dune project on Girvan beach is needed.
The potential to make better use of the open space is enormous
Many playparks have had the facilities reducued. Golf courses are covered in dog fouling.
Feel they are under threat
quality of design and management poor
Litter collection and open space education could be improved. Dog dirt problems
I like the way that the grass above the beaches and the beaches themselves are controlled.
The quantity is excellent however the best is not made of the available space

WHAT WE HAVE NEEDS TO BE KEPT

Dog wradens urgently needed in parks, beaches, play areas.

Could always do better, love the new walkway/cyclway along the old railway at AYR/ALLOWAY/DOONFOOT

Plenty of parks, would like to see mountain bike facilities similar to the 7 stanes in Dumfries and Galloway

Better enforcement of dog fouling laws

Enjoy what is there but i am concerned about housing developments in open spaces.

There can never be enough

beach combing should extend not just to the main prominades but to the wider areas...or at the very least regular litter/rubbish picks especially in the tourist season

Should like to see more use of Low Green such as Craft Markets / Celebration events (e.g. troops)

Gerenerally of good quality but some areas spoilt by dog fouling and litter

Old railway made into walk/cycle path

Natural Spaces Good, Others less so, Bellisle

We need to keep the open spaces we have and stop building houses on it.

Dog fouling in parks and beaches hinders enjoyment in my experience.

Disapointed in the state of Bellisle, Craigie, Longreen Ayr

aYR HAVE A GOOD MIX, NO REDUCTIONS

South ayrshire needs to learn from east ayrshire, they value their open space

RUBBISH AND DOG FOULING

MORE DOG WARDENS AND FINES

Like the amount of woodland and river walks

Some excellent play areas, some could be better

Prestwick prom is very shabby and there are very few facilities other than derelict buildings.

Could and should be better

Lucky to have golf courses and the beach near my house.
We are fortunate in this area
better management of open spaces needed
Litter and lack of maintainence
The playpark on the seafront needs more than a lick of paint this year!
Prestwick Beach Park could be better. Bellisle and rozelle should be significantly improved.
Dog dirt is an issue
Random wind farm developments ruining open spaces
Troon beach tidy
Feel strongly about the number of flats and building which have caused open spaces to be lost
Shore areas good
Always room for improvement. should be proud of the spaces provided.
Good range
Very dirty parks, beaches and open spaces
Have dogs banned on certain section of low green and parks and beaches
Wrong to allow bulding on open spaces
There is a good variety however dog mess and litter are a problem
Need to keep all green areas
Control ayr riverside it is a missed oppertunity
Dissatisfied at the amount of litter
Could be better
Benifit from coastal open spaces
Troon library gardens are nice this year
sOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL KEEPS BUILDING ON OPEN SPACE!!!
some green belts which are local to me have become neglected by the council. Noone maintains them anymore

I dont think South Ayrshire should lose any more open space and become built-up and depressing

could be better in the summers

like seeing open space at beach or to carrick hills - dont want to see windfarms - too many now in ayrshire

This is for improvements in management/ maintenance of Craigie Park e.g. Roundabouts could be planted up - sandgate, Burns St e.g.

It is great being able to walk the dogs in a good place withing walking distance instead of driving. P.S please keep lots of places open like the golf course!

Very fortunante in range and quality e.g. a favourite place is Auchincruive combining a variety of habitats, accessable to people with different levels of fitness, and only a short journey away

ok just now but no more open space should be lost to developments

too many of the 'open spaces' have become drinking dens for the feral vermin in our community

too much vandalism and dogs mess

dog mess all over the place!

Except having to walk though a dogs toilet (beach)

very dirty and full of litter

For the surroundings for where i live

great range of areas

No facilities on beach, toilet facilities very poor or non existant

the closure of Belleisle Park has forced us to take the kids to Dean Park in Kilmarnock for days out

some areas are 'taken over' in evenings by our 'youth' with cans and bottles - restricts older folk from going there - a great pity

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the cutbacks seem to be having an affect

Aye is a nice town, relaxing at nights walking down the beach

There are seated areas (with nice metal benches) positioned on concrete slabs, next to a bin and facing busy roads; what a view! and the fumes!!!

Many have more than one dog, in limited area i.e. flats (many who live in flats have dogs (i had thought council by laws forbid this but nothing done)

cleanliness stops me visiting more often

I love Prestwick beach area but miss the shelters which were great for relaxing and enjoying the sun and the views. I also love Rozelle but Belleisle has gone downhill

not enough good walks/ woodland (hugely important and not very well managed)

Would like connected open space to cycle distances free from traffic

Object to litter and dog droppings left in open areas

stop dog fouling

Not great to be honest, should be a lot more, especially for the West of Scotland

Rozelle mini golfcourse, whitletts football pitches, petscorner among others have been closed down as well as 18 primary and secondary school playgrounds. What open spaces are we discussing? A map of the open space from 1990 and 2011 would be a help

Apart from dog dirt but do not want dogs banned - just owners caught!!

I would not like there to be any less

Being a dog owner I am appalled at the amount of dog fouling in our open spaces and not being cleared by the owners

i value the fact that I can walk my dogs on the beach every single day of the year. I appreciate the work that goes into maintenance of the beach and low green

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Dog and horse mess are a problem. Dog owners are supposed to lift their mess. What about 'horse riders' they make a much bigger mess and not required to clean up

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e.g. building college along ayr river very peaceful place now cant visit

Glorious natural and inherited resource squandered. Lost Craigie Centre, Belleisle, Corsehill (have improved playgrounds and cycle tracks and links)

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have easy access to parks , cycle paths, beach and river walk from my doorstep

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plenty of open space in small towns

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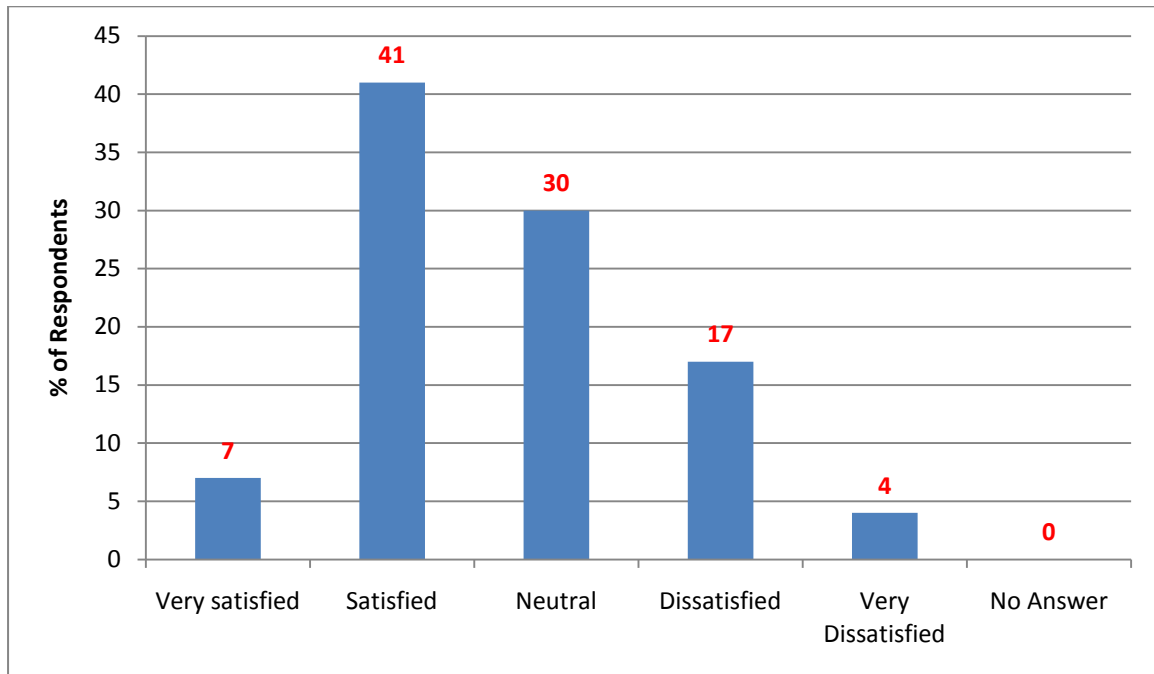
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Grass cutting clippings should be lifted and not allowed to trail all over pavements. Also weeds on pavements
Since they built the new university in Craigie the grounds in the estate and along the river are in a terrible state

some are better than others

Lack of grass cutting makes area look downbeat and neglected

Stonework and railines along River Ayr (north) have been left to disintegrate. We were promised hanging flower baskets years ago - still waiting

What about shelters at Prestwick Beach?

See above and floral displays not imaginative, not enough of them, roundabouts very dreary

could do better

Not enough being done to enforce the public to clear up after themselves

Allowing areas of meadow/ woodland could reduce maintenance costs and enhance enviroment

The open spaces could be made to look even more attractive which then might attract visitors. More bins/ emptied more quickly

improvements in some areas e.g. planting trees at Rozelle , the Loaning but generally little long term planning / development

Prompt repair and collection of litter costs less and discourages vandalism. Lost formal areas to sit etc shelter

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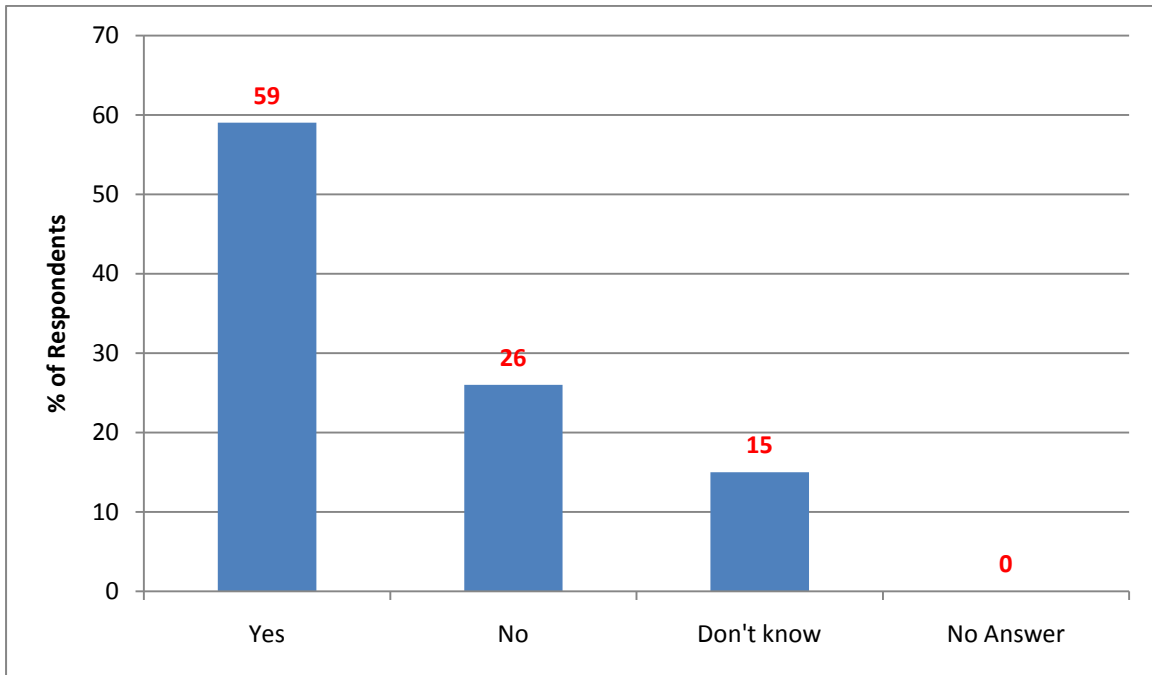
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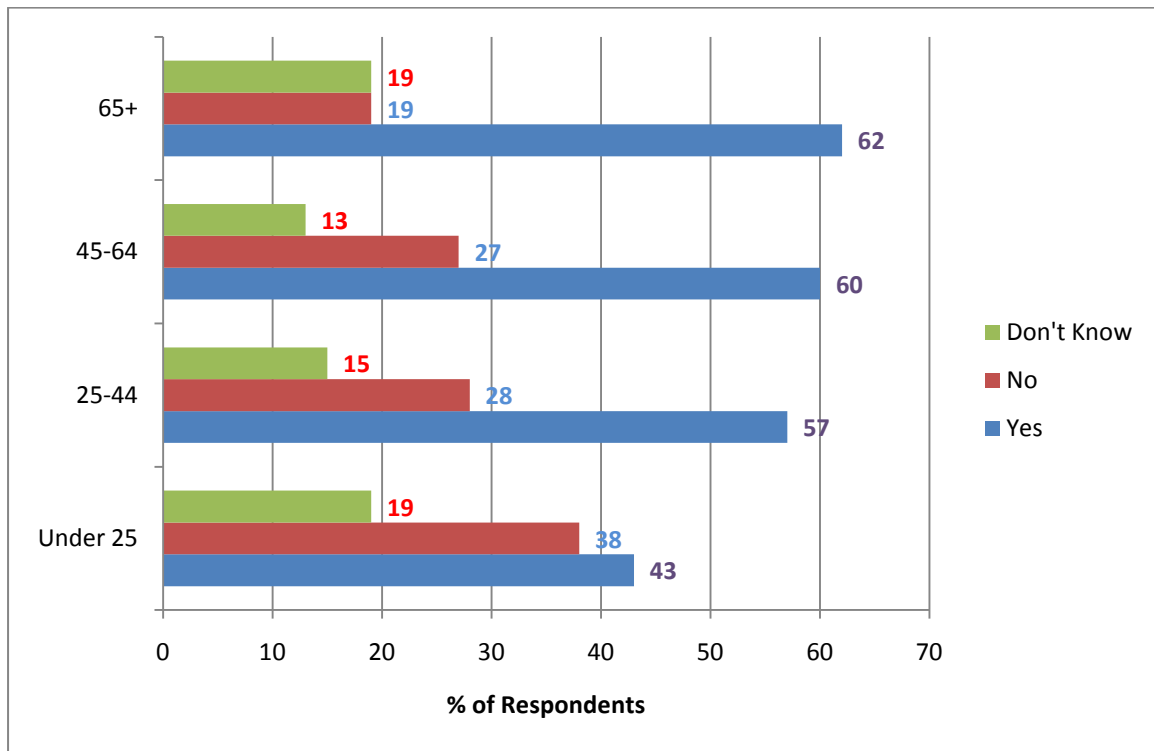
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except Belleisle

Qu 10 Do you think there is enough open space located within South Ayrshire?



Breakdown of Responses by Age



Qu 11 Why do you feel that way open availability of open space?

No matter whereabouts in South Ayrshire you live, you are always within easy reach of a park or the countryside
Coastal area with beaches, countryside with farmland and natural spaces
There is sufficient open space
There are many areas in Ayrshire including the coast, parks and sports grounds such as golf courses which are easily accessible
I live in Girvan.
there can never be too much open space! people need it. it can change people's behaviour and outlook on life to have natural beauty and more natural places to enter freely as they go through their day. seats, toilets, bins, shelters would all make our open spaces more accessible and allow people to spend longer periods enjoying them.
I think space in South Ayrshire is good but there is always room for improvement, areas outside the town do not have proper footpaths and its dangerous to walk on the roads
we are blessed with plenty of open space in South Ayrshire, lots of space and lots of different types of space
there are very many gardens, parks and beaches all within reach in South Ayrshire
There is less open space than there was a few years ago due to local development - e.g. West of Scotland University. - and this trend seems in danger of continuing to use up open space to facilitate other development needs.
Because the taxpayer can't afford to pay for any more.
South Ayrshire is too keen to sell of the ground for commercial purposes. Passing on the responsibility to others, reducing the Council responsibility for Common Good land. We need to stop selling ground. There are new developments popping up everywhere.
beutiful parks,low green
There is a great variety of open space to suit all needs
Because their is more than enough.

The possibilities are good and plentiful. One can walk on a beach, a park, a wood or local paths and enjoy a healthy outdoor life. The variety of plants and wildlife is excellent and whatever the weather, opportunities to get out and about are available.

It is a green area. I have lived in cities prior to here & the amount of open space here is lovely - it just needs to be better looked after.

There is plenty of open space in Ayrshire - it just needs maintained by a competent Council.

Overall I think that there is lots of space the question is is it being used in the best way e.g. no ball games signs and no place for kids to play

House Building, wind farms etc are encroaching and spoiling some beauty spots, destroying natural habitats and threatening wildlife. Built up areas do not include enough open spaces and should be considered more at planning stages

Why not?

We seem to be in the habit of creating more and more housing stock, and then retail areas to support the housing stock, but no new parks or recreation areas. All the recreation areas are getting crowded out.

I compare the area with others - but quantity is much devalued by quality and access. A strategy is essential, but it must be supported by a proper management regime. I believe that South Ayrshire's open spaces are major social and economic assets that are not properly appreciated at best, or treated as uncoded benefits at worst

it is coastal and in the countryside

I think we are very fortunate

We live in a beautiful part of the world and there are many walks and cycle routes along quiet roads which can be used if you take the time to look.

Because I have sufficient choices of different walks for me and the dog, not all on council owned land - Culzean Castle, Auchencruive all provide extra open space.

The Victorians left us a wonderful legacy of parks for the community benefit. Successive administrations have let these gradually deteriorate.

There is a good balance between accessible open space and developed areas.

We have a low population and are surrounded by sea, beaches, parks and playgrounds. However as previously mentioned, I do not have any confidence or trust in South Ayrshire council to promote, preserve or protect these assets.....good example.... plot9 on Ayr Beach..... Ayr India, Blackburn car park.

I would like more safe areas to cycle and more paths around Bogend/craigie area as I have to drive to walk my dog as roads are not safe around here as there are no pavements.

I feel the balance between open space and residential buildings is probably right in my local area - Alloway - but suspect the standard of open space is perhaps not as well-maintained or as plentiful in other parts of Ayrshire.

I live in Prestwick, and I believe there is more than enough open space with the beach, the Oval, and small community gardens, Prestwick Cross, Caerlaverock road etc. to meet the needs of the residents of Prestwick. I also visit Auchincruive for river walks and walks through the walled garden etc.

balance

quality open space is ring fenced for golf football in design alienating it from non golfers non football players, accommodation for walkers/cyclists would help. More wildflower areas and better tree management in Estates would help eg remove weed rhododendrons at Rozelle

South Ayrshire does not maintain sufficient local play areas, both formal and informal, for children and sports

Existing spaces underutilised/under-maintained

I feel there is a disregard for the legacy of open space left to us by previous generations. Craigie park is a prime example of a large open space accessible to much of the town being built on and much of it now turned into a student campus. These areas should be maintained as beautiful natural areas, providing inexpensive recreational areas for all, in an otherwise busy town.

not enough dog bins and litter bins, public toilets, benches, access to drinking water

South Ayrshire has a wide range of open spaces. We are very lucky.

South Ayrshire is not lacking in open space. The ability of the public to use and enjoy the space is however extremely lacking. As the council's funding comes under even more pressure I feel even this will have to be reduced.

council want to build houses or childrens home on them

Very green commute to work

Adequate areas for my needs

Need more most spaces are behind walls

South Ayrshire has many and varied type of Open Space, development of these spaces seems limited to maintaining the status quo rather than programmes of development.

There is an impression of greenness while walking or driving around Ayrshire

I feel that in some Housing Schemes and estates that there is little useable open space and it is often ill maintained

Existing Parks etc are currently underused, so no requirement for additional space.

I just have a feeling that some areas/villages/towns have more than others, or have developed theirs more than others.

As I have already stated that the Caledonia Road park and Glencairn park area are the only places for children to play in this area, and I have read in the Ayrshire post that houses are going to be build in these two parks

Disappointed that Craigie was given up for development without a requirement to create a similar park somewhere else. Apart from that, there is enough open space generally, just maintain it properly!

every local scheme should have an area to escape to, that is not the case

I feel the loss of Craigie Park is a huge disadvantage to Ayr. I hope no other open areas are built on

I live in north harbour st and there's nowhere for children to play in that area

South Ayrshire has some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland but needs an injection of energy from an enthusiastic council/body who will keep it so. Not enough large,fit for purpose, gull proof bins. We have laws which stop law abiding citizens from having wine/alcohol with their picnics but fail to stop the "others" from causing mayhem and litter. This make a mockery of the system. Where are the signs to tell tourists of this law?

The range and accessibility of beaches, parks and woodland areas is extensive.

Having a coastline means there is enough

I usually feel free to walk and cycle.

Certain areas should be more accessible e.g. area around St Johns Tower.

I am fortunate enough to benefit from the open spaces of the low green and beach, and enjoy cycling. Additional cycling paths would be great.

I feel that it is very important to have well maintatned Green spaces in your local area for everyone to enjoy

Yes there is enough but the quality of maintenance has decreased over the last 12 to 24 months.
living in local countryside
Feel that currently we have good amount of land available. However, extremely concerned with SAC proposals highlighted in recent years to "sell off" ground that was donated to the people to use as recreation space e.g. Low Green; Old Racecourse Playing Fields. Some Council members seem to forget they are elected to represent the opinions of the people and not to force through their personal opinion.
Council do not have the financial resources. Quality of life takes many courses. Green space is only one
Miles of Beaches and plenty of parks, such as Low Green, Belleisle and Rozelle
The large parks are superb
NO COMMENTS
There are a lot of parks and other open spaces available in the town, But there needs to be an upgrading of paths and facilities such as toilets.
South Ayrshire is a rural area with only a small urban area.
NO COMMENT
We have an abundance of open space
Use it a lot
Generally very green area, open beaches, rivers.
Well served with Open Spaces but not enough resources to go into them.
NO COMMENT
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Compared to others however concern for erosion of quality and quantity of facilities such as sports pitches, craigie estate
There are currently good spaces available but some are up for development in my area.
NO COMMENT
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Worried that housing and infrastructure will affect open space
NO COMMENT
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Too many green areas being built on or around
Culzean estate is brilliant
IOTS OF OPEN SPACE, BADLY MAINTAINED.
NO COMMENT
live close to beach and park
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But dont take any of it away
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NO COMMENT
better is a good aim
Newer housing estates do not have enough local provision and not enough access to local open spaces.

Area is lucky to have beaches and coastline. Disappointed in parks and provisions for kids.

Plenty of options available

Because what is there is gradually being lost to construction

provides open spaces but need to encourage people to use them more

Girvan has very few amenities and nothing for older people

Any more would be costly to keep, other areas would get less attention and upkeep

Insufficient open space in ayr town centre

better access to open spaces than a lot of other places

Less litter and more maintenance

More open spaces being used for housing

Currently have access to plenty of open space would not like to see this curtailed.

Too many spaces being eaten up by buildings

Supervision of irresponsible people who do not know how to behave in a social way

Good beach facilities

NEW MANY NEW BUILDS

Loosing open spaces to wind farm developments

many natural features

Gradually more and more is sold for building

Good range of open spaces and activities

Enough for me

low green zone lucky to have them

In some towns there is very little maintained spaces

ONgoing improvements and repairs where needed

CHOICE OF OPEN SPACES IN AYR

Unfortunately the council have destroyed and used up our open spaces with houses

I think south ayrshire council is not pro-active in maintaining open spaces. selling off spaces to private enterprise.

Green grass/ trees/ parks make people feel good. Too much litter is depressing and humiliating

We have a wonderful coastline and what could be a beautiful park (Belleisle) good cycle tracks and excellent golf courses.

However, with many facilities being axed this would be a 'NO' in the future

As long as they are not depleted in favour of housing etc

more benches requires and rubbish bins in and along the scenic routes

may be because i am getting older and grumpy

we have lovely areas

because its fine for me

not enough for children - no special areas like pets corners and pitch and putt golf.

there is a lot of choice for walks

Too many "green" areas being built on - Yes houses are needed - but so is wildlife, trees, flowers, grass etc.

too many new developments allowed out of town and in sports fields (i.e sainsburys)

the larger towns are well catered for and the small towns and villages speak for themselves

Building would take place unless the public protest and this does not always happen because the public dont know.

because we see evidence of new buildings going up and woodland coming down (e.g. campus at Craigie woods (ayr) - instead of utilising existing, e,pty, decrepit buildings.

There are plenty of beach walks but more sheltered walks would be good. I like Rozelle but there is no park like this in Prestwick

Enough around but not always well-publicised/accessible

There is a variety of open space

Not enough footpaths or woodland around towns, in council owners spaces

open space and public land should be utilised and not abandoned as was Rozelle and Craigie Mini golfcourses. Public playing fields and school grass parks are no longer available while the local councils continue to pay PF , contracts that were responsible for the sale of school playing fields

with the loss of Craigie woodlands another major loss in town centre need new housing developments e.g. doonfoot / SW Ayr to have wild / woodland open spaces.

could do much more to improve ad maintain what already exists

could always be more but on the whole a very good balance

at age 54 i'm quite happy as it is now. I can still enjoy old racecourse open space with grandchildren

good access for walking in a secure environment

well off areas = more space . More deprived ares = more built up

plenty of parkland

they are not too crowded when i use them

The area in which we live is polluted with wind turbines

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being a regular dog walker on a local beach i spend a lot of time picking up broken glass! (as well as my own dog litter)
too much litter
as with most items/subjects more money could be spent on upkeep - especially Ayr seafront (more gardens/flowers please)
Grass cutting clippings should be lifted and not allowed to trail all over pavements. Also weeds on pavements
Since they built the new university in Craigie the grounds in the estate and along the river are in a terrible state

some are better than others

Lack of grass cutting makes area look downbeat and neglected

Stonework and railines along River Ayr (north) have been left to disintegrate. We were promised hanging flower baskets years ago - still waiting

What about shelters at Prestwick Beach?

See above and floral displays not imaginative, not enough of them, roundabouts very dreary

could do better

Not enough being done to enforce the public to clear up after themselves

Allowing areas of meadow/ woodland could reduce maintenance costs and enhance enviroment

The open spaces could be made to look even more attractive which then might attract visitors. More bins/ emptied more quickly

improvements in some areas e.g. planting trees at Rozelle , the Loaning but generally little long term planning / development

Prompt repair and collection of litter costs less and discourages vandalism. Lost formal areas to sit etc shelter

A great deak can be learned from D.G

the council needs to tackle the anti-social behaviour listed above, and the health and safety of the majority needs to be protected

dog walkers pick up poop but theres nowhere to put it, too few dog litter bins anywhere

lots of litter and not enough dog bins. lots of weeds on tarmac and paths and pavements

except Belleisle

SUPPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS OF OPEN SPACE SURVEY RESULTS

Background

This analysis looks at the relationship between the type of open space people regarded as most important and the types of open space used, frequency of use, satisfaction with quality and maintenance of open spaces and satisfaction with the general availability of open space. To facilitate interpretation, open spaces were subjectively divided into 4 categories:

- 'functional' spaces (allotments and cemeteries);
- 'coastal' areas (coastline and main beaches);
- 'recreational' spaces (cycle routes, footpaths, golf courses, play areas, sports pitches and waterways); and
- 'green' spaces (civic spaces, estate gardens, green networks, local green spaces, parks, school estates and woodland).

The last category, 'green' spaces was considered to differ from the third category, 'recreational' spaces, in that the former was treated as involving passive rather than active use of the space. Using these four categories, the results were then analysed for those people who regarded that particular type of open space as the most important use for them; that is to say the second, third, etc most important uses were ignored, because of the complexities in constructing cross-tabulations.

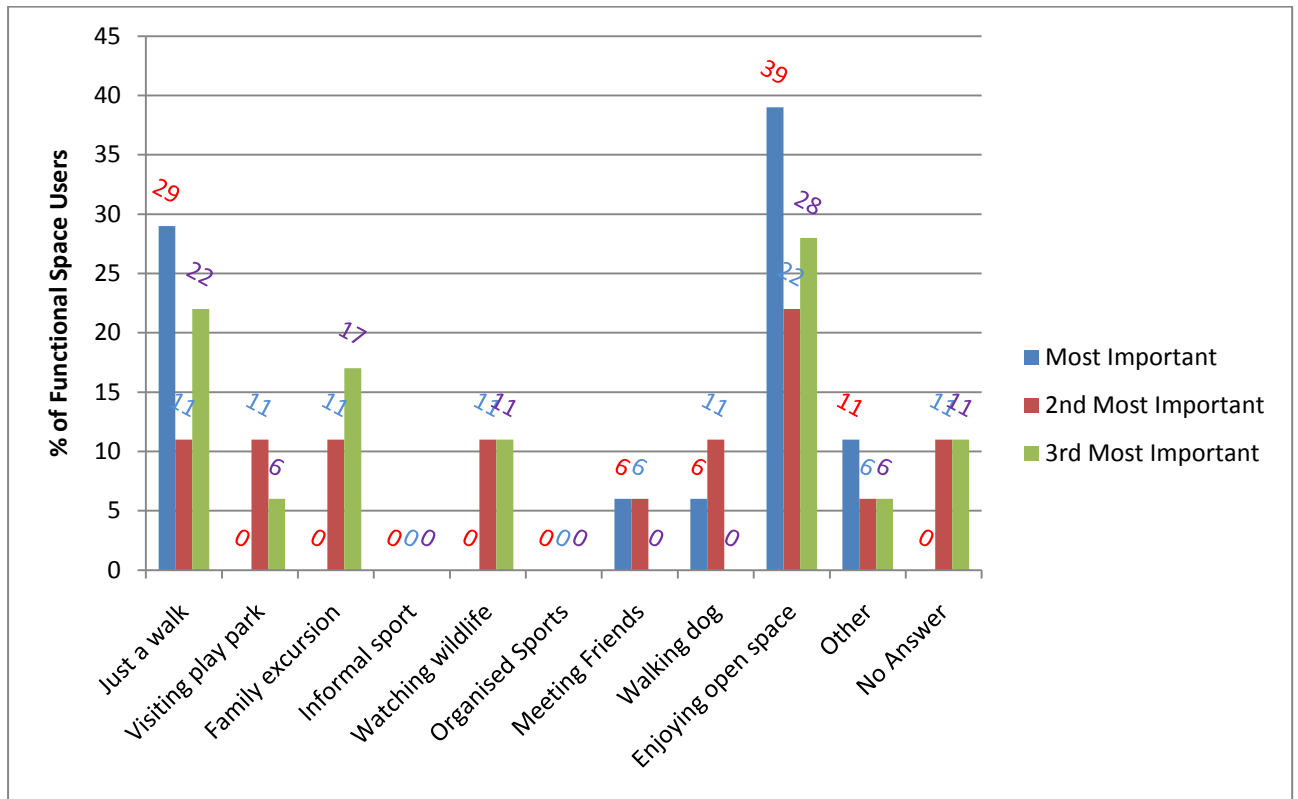
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Users for whom Functional Space was Most Important

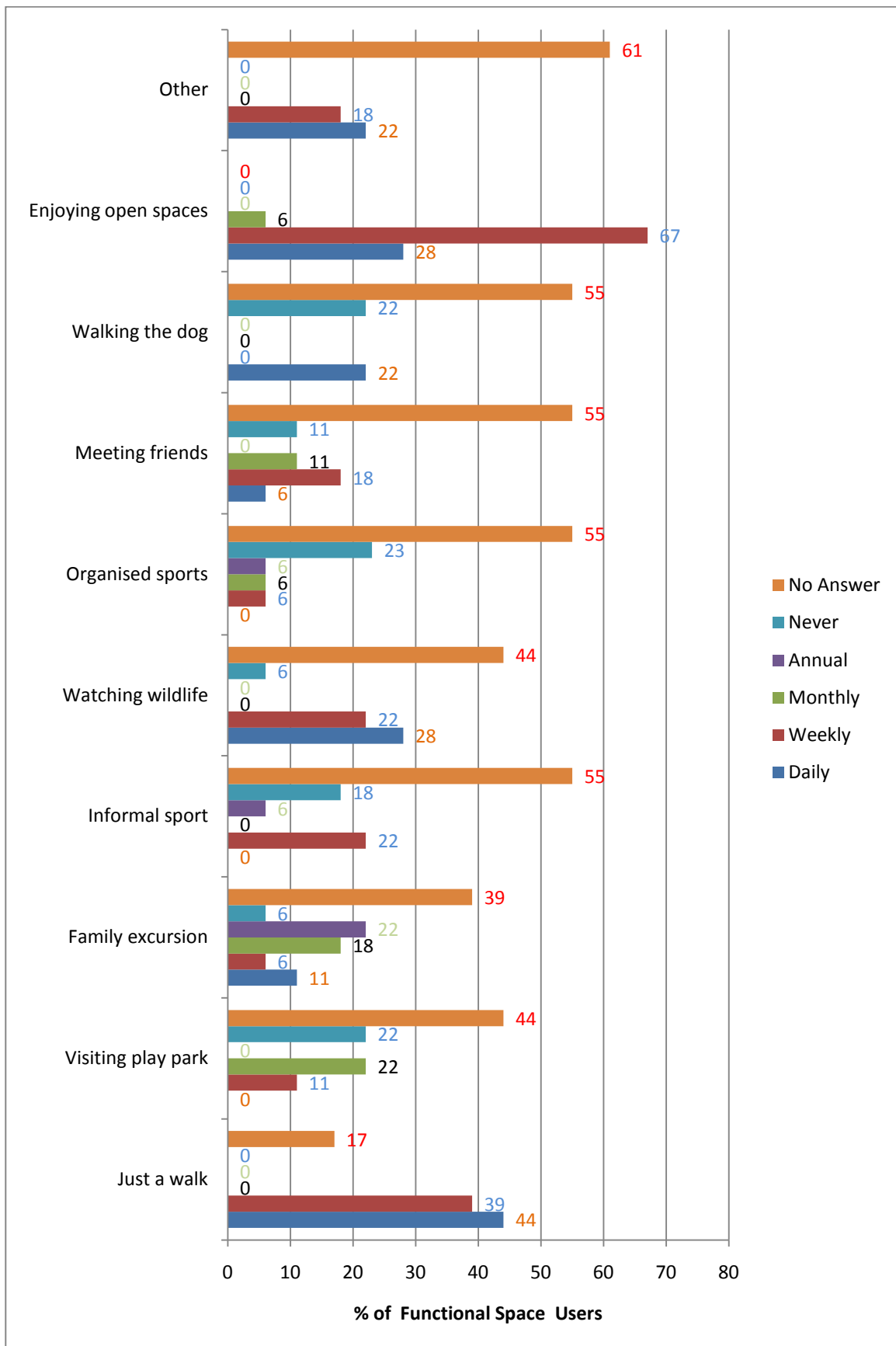
The following results, just consider those people who stated that the most important open spaces to them were allotments or cemeteries.

Number of Respondents: 18

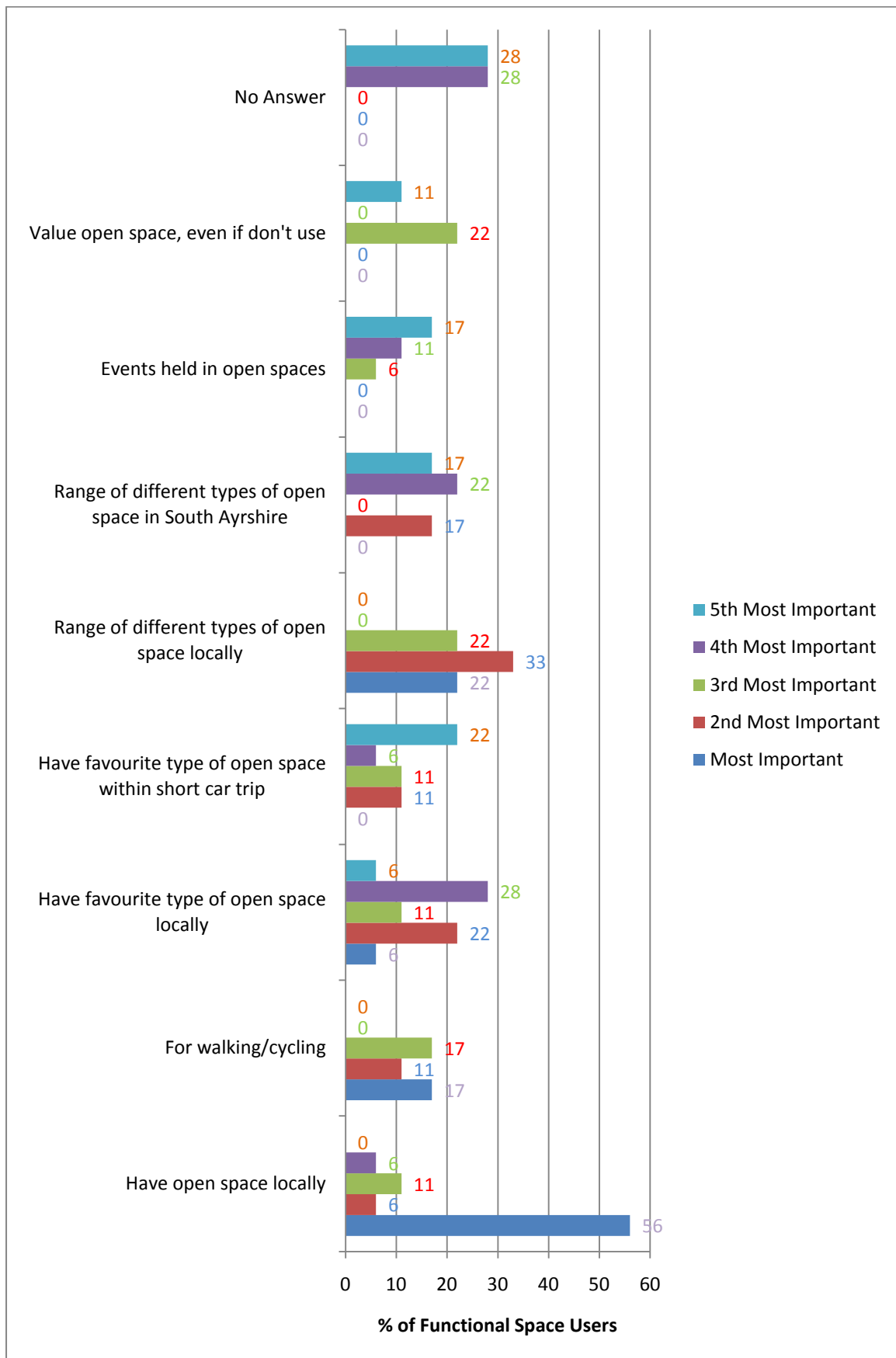
Main Reason for Visiting an Open Space



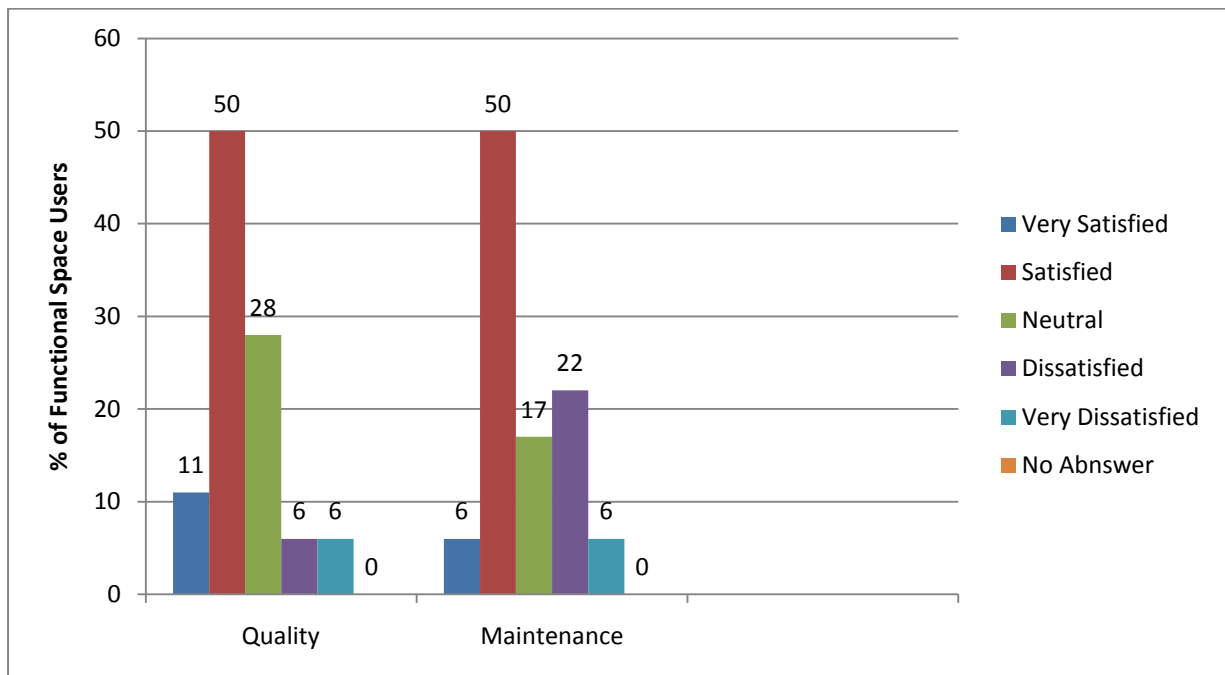
Frequency of Use of Different Types of Open Space



Nature of Importance of Open Space to the User



Satisfaction with Quality and Maintenance of Open Spaces



Is there enough open space?

Yes 56%

No 22%

Don't know 22%

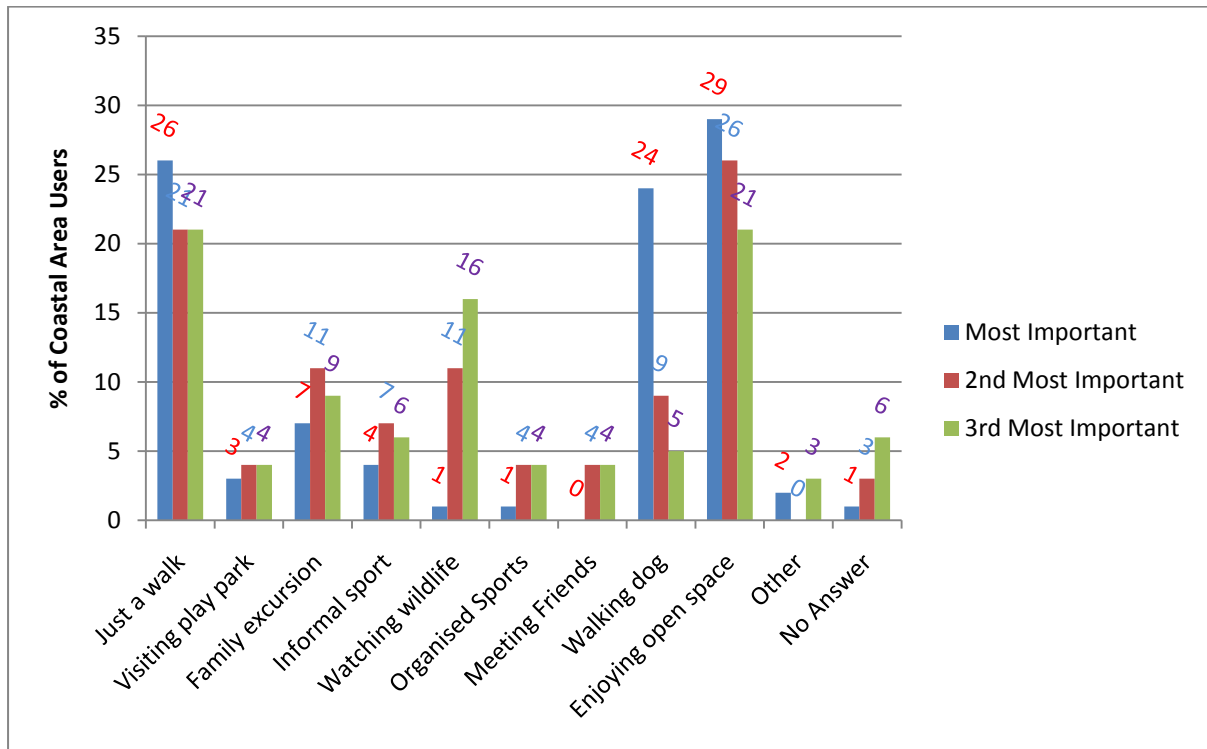
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Users for whom Coastal Areas were Most Important

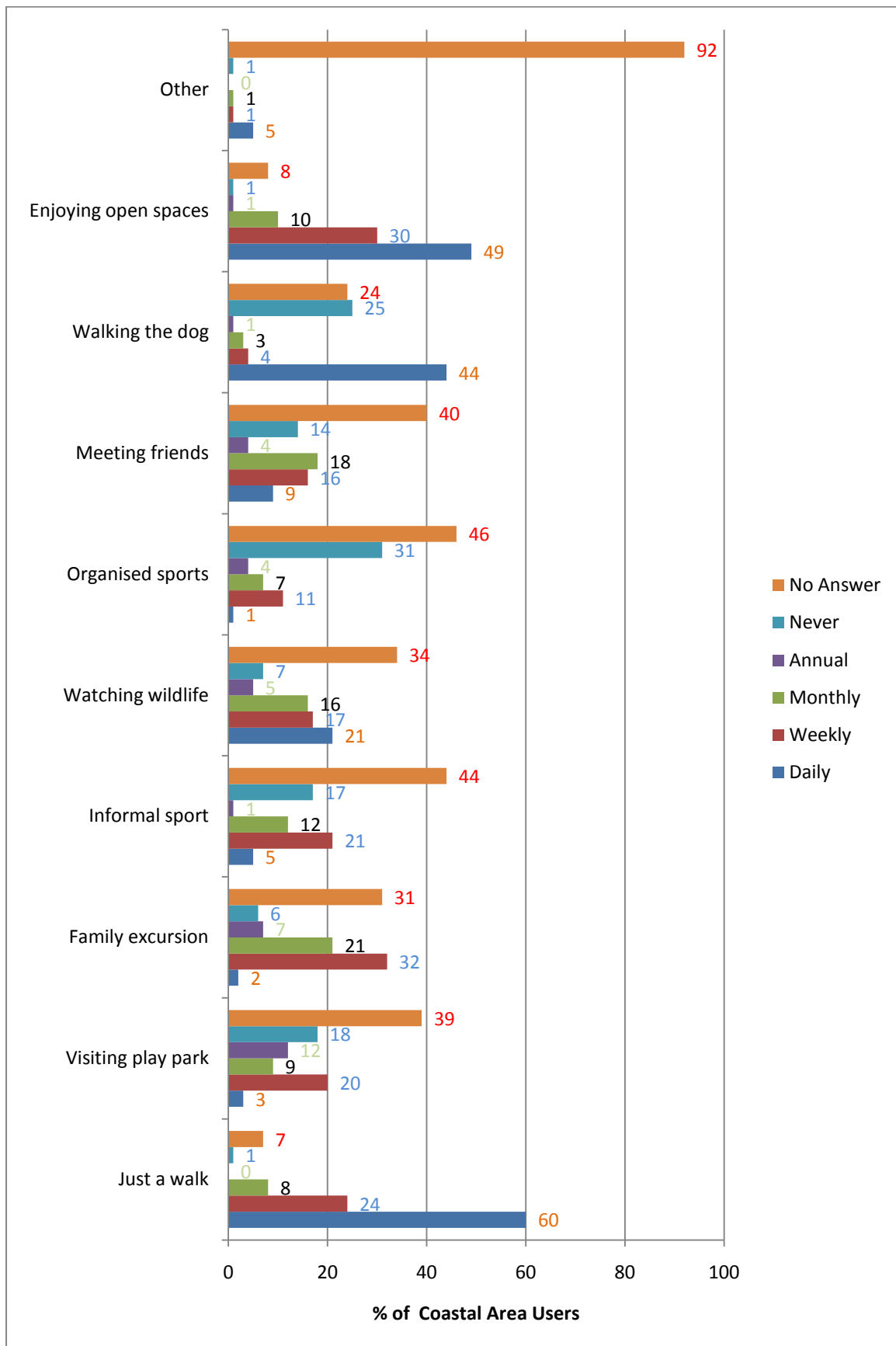
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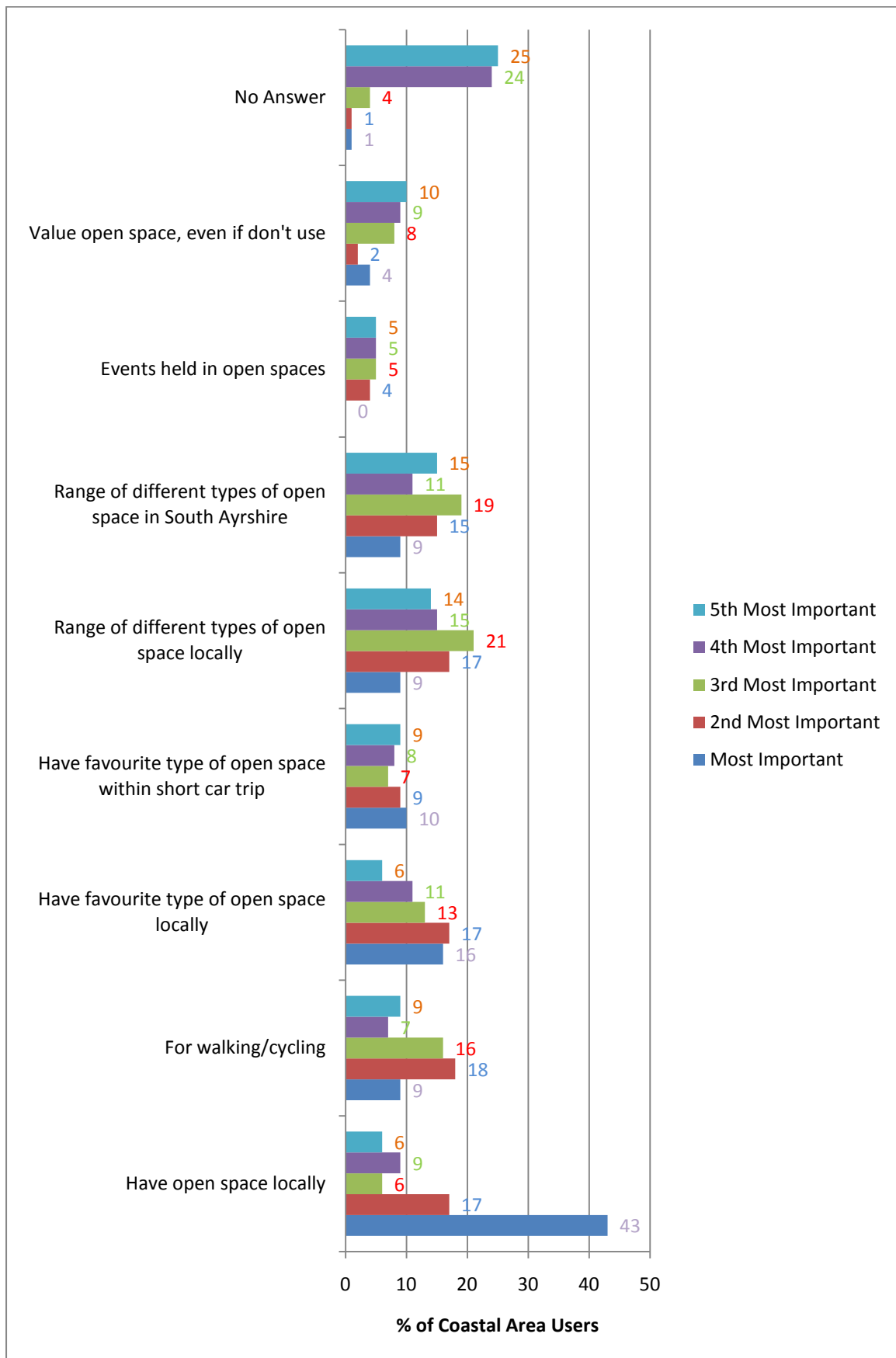
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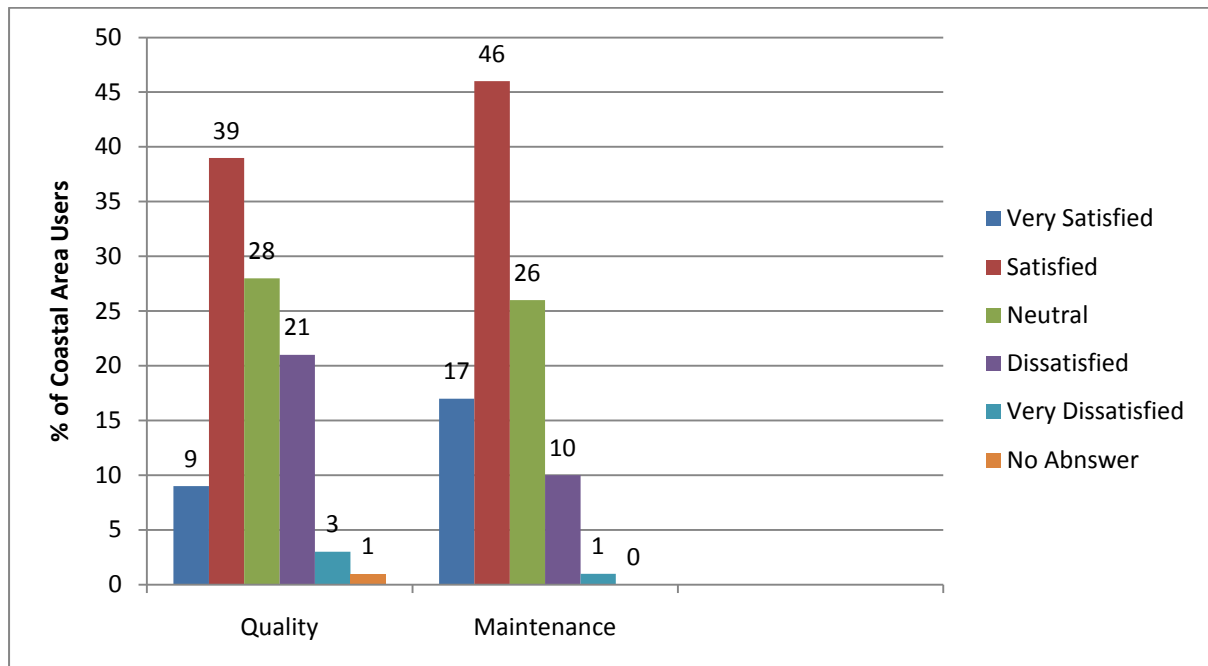
Frequency of Use of Different Types of Open Space



Nature of Importance of Open Space to the User



Satisfaction with Quality and Maintenance of Open Spaces



Is there enough open space?

Yes 65%

No 25%

Don't know 10%

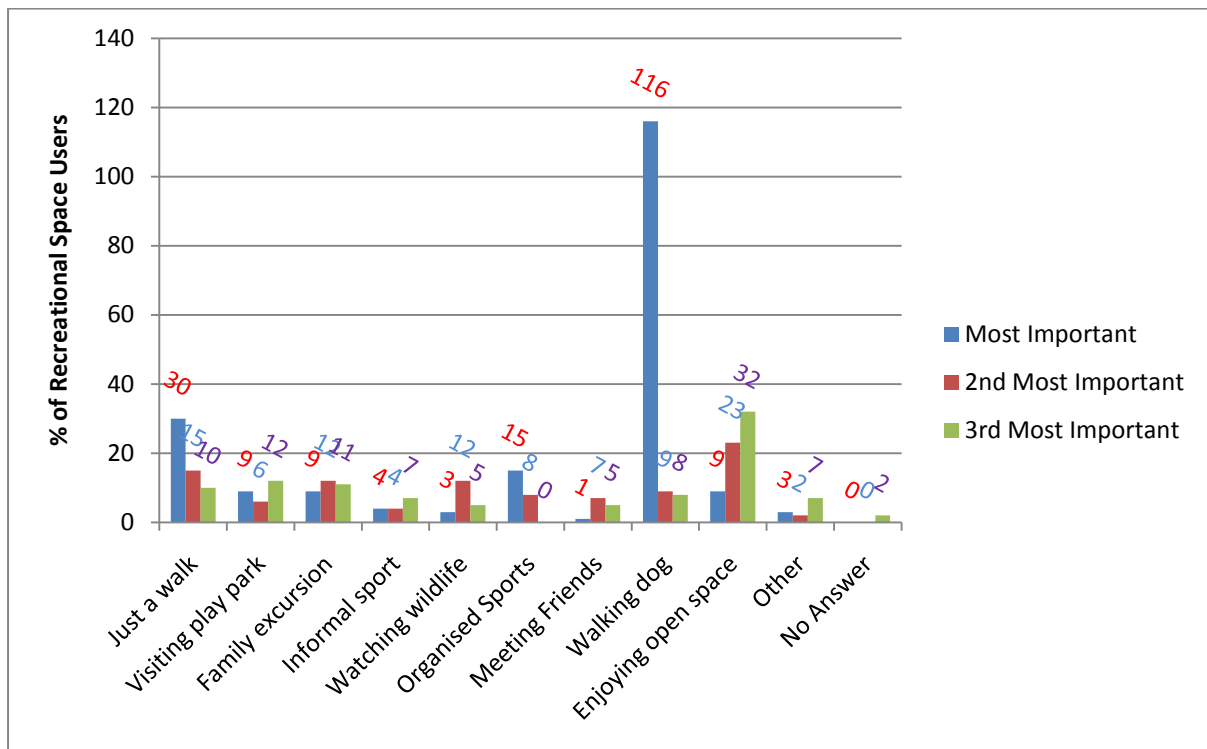
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Users for whom Rcreational Space was Most Important

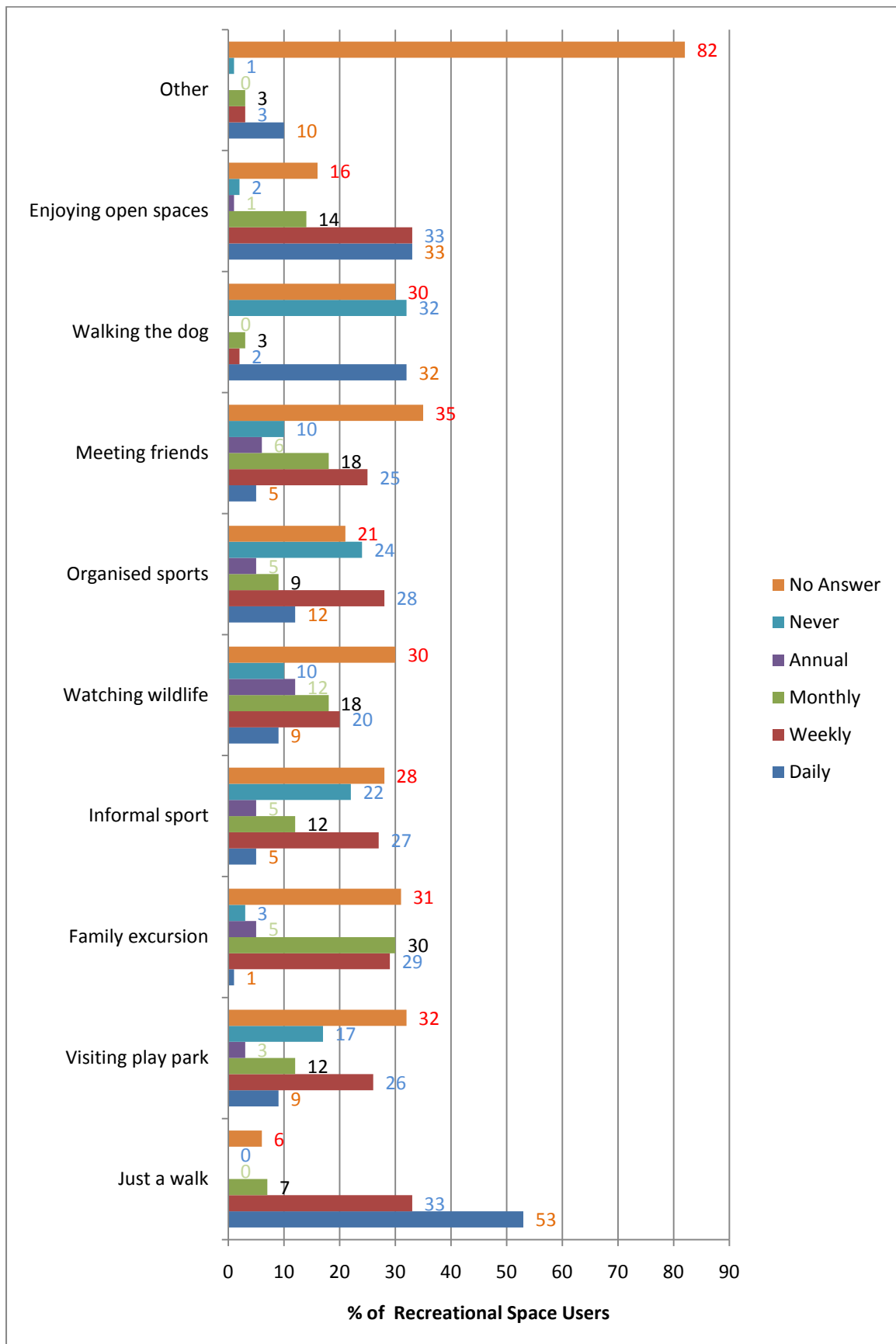
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Number of Respondents: 99

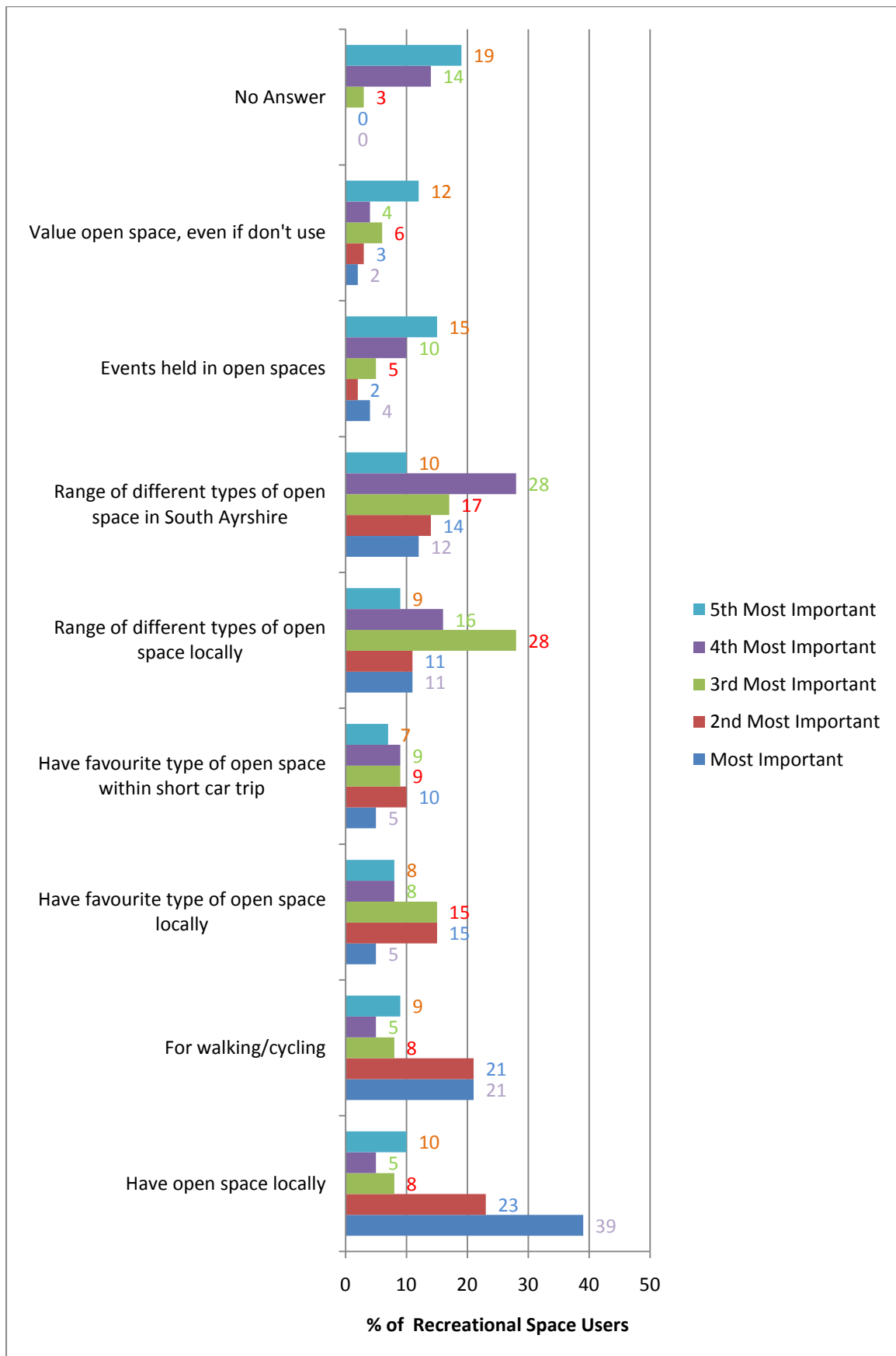
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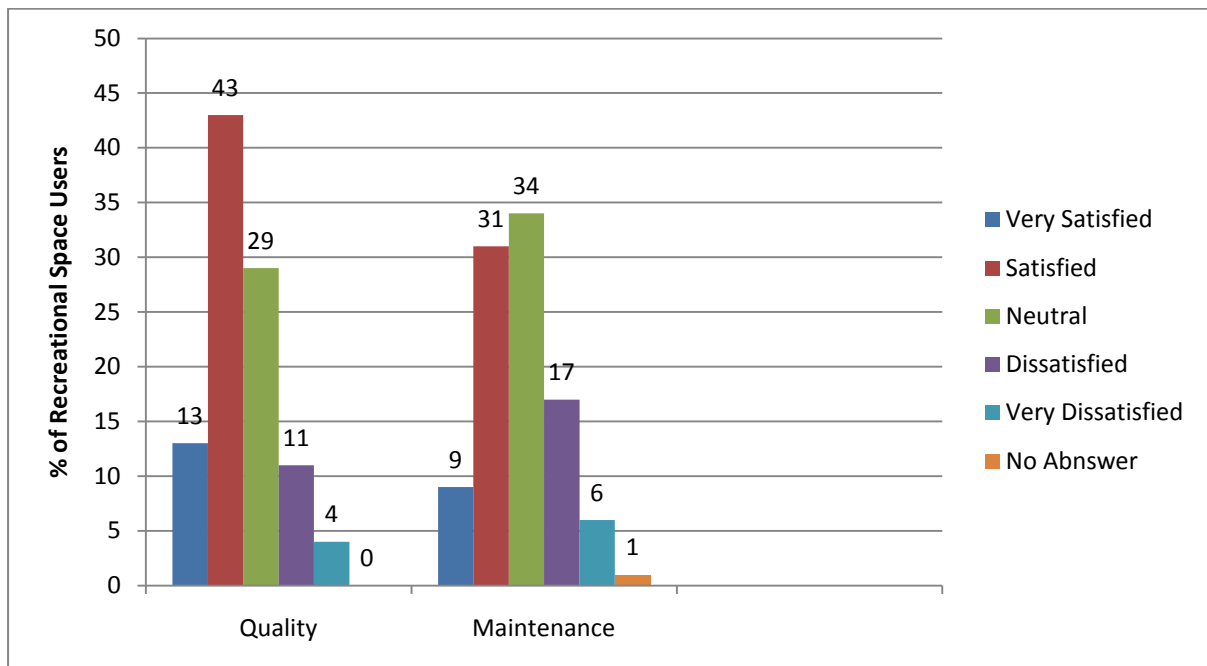
Frequency of Use of Different Types of Open Space



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Satisfaction with Quality and Maintenance of Open Spaces



Is there enough open space?

Yes 53%

No 33%

Don't know 14%

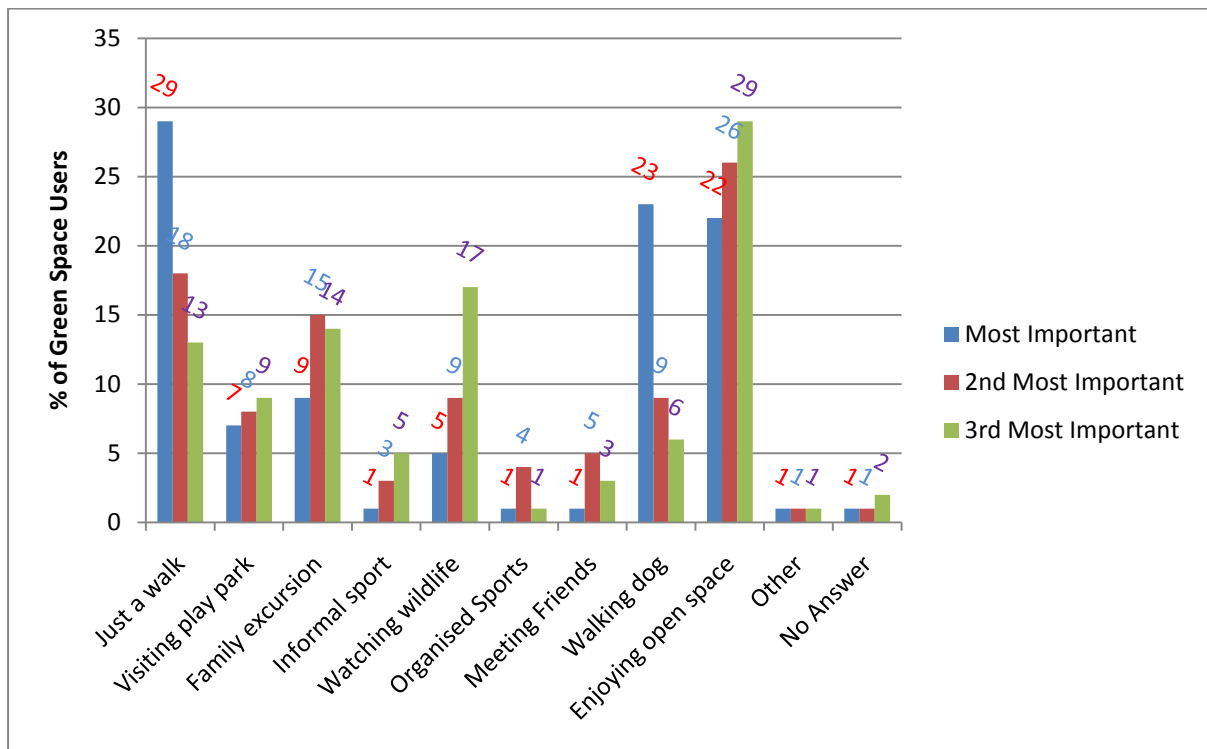
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Users for whom Green Space was Most Important

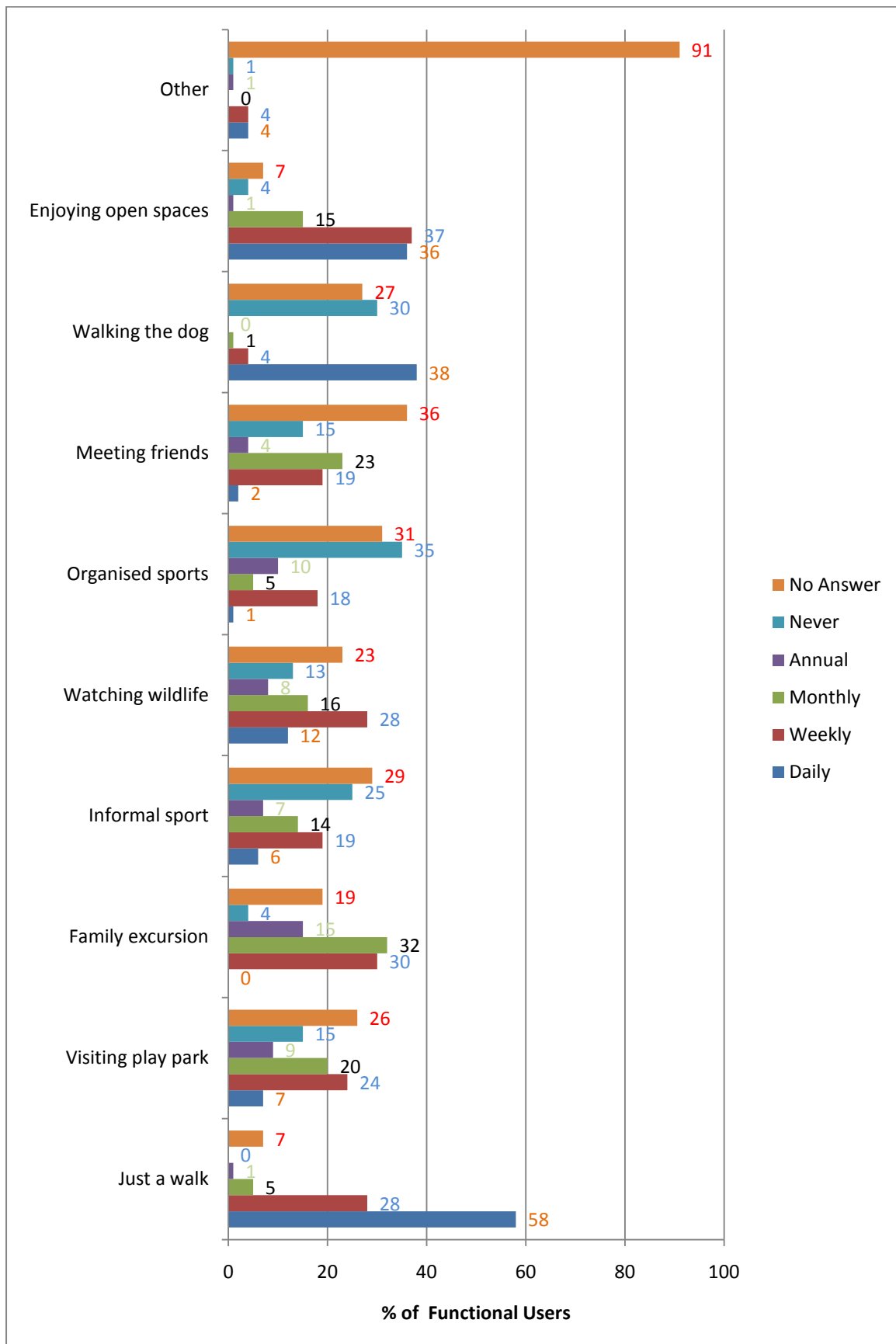
The following results, just consider those people who stated that the most important open spaces to them were civic spaces, estate gardens, green networks, local green spaces, parks, school estates and woodland.

Number of Respondents: 137

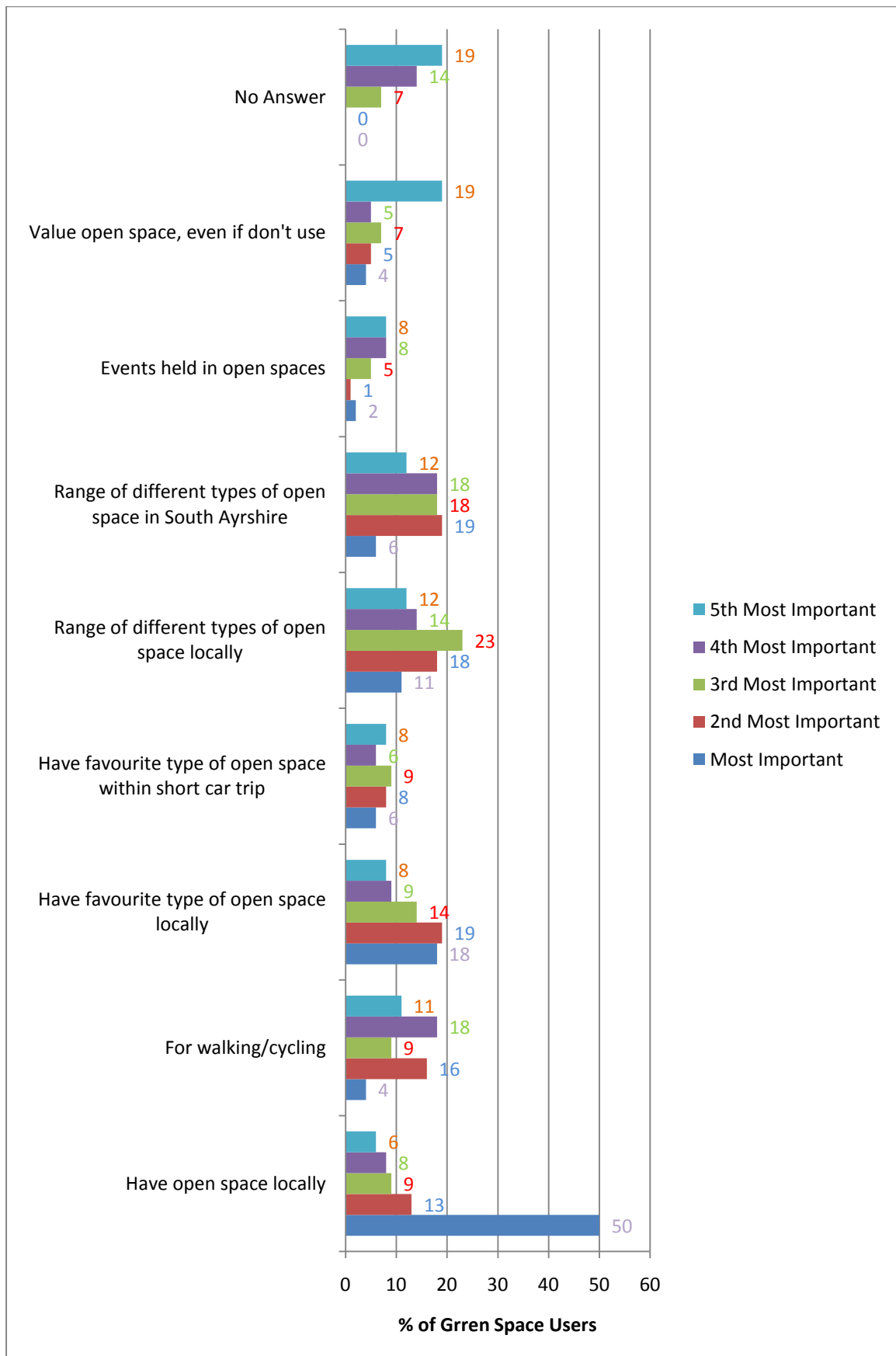
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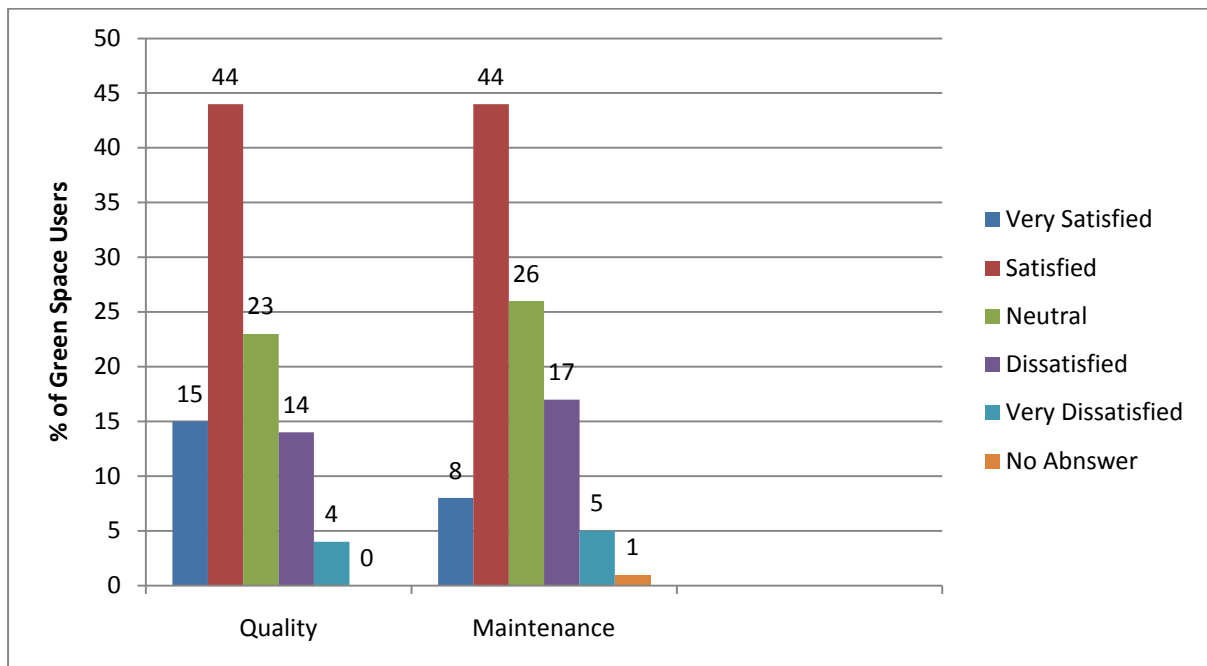
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Satisfaction with Quality and Maintenance of Open Spaces



Is there enough open space?

Yes 58%

No 29%

Don't know 13%

No answer 0%

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