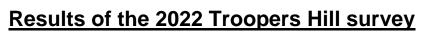
TROOPERS HILL - PLANNING THE NEXT

20 YEARS







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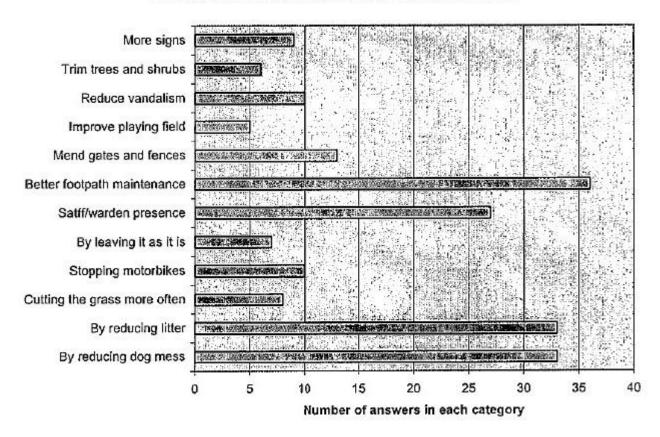
1. Background

In 2002 a questionnaire was launched asking local people what they thought about Troopers Hill and how they thought Troopers Hill could be better looked after. As a result of the responses local residents formed the volunteer group Friends of Troopers Hill. The group used the responses to guide their actions for the next 20 years.

By 2022 the group had addressed all the issues raised in the initial survey (see **2002-2022** – **Looking after Troopers Hill** <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2002SurveyWeDid.pdf</u>) and wanted to know what needed to be done next.

Responses in 2002

How do you feel Troopers Hill could be better looked after?



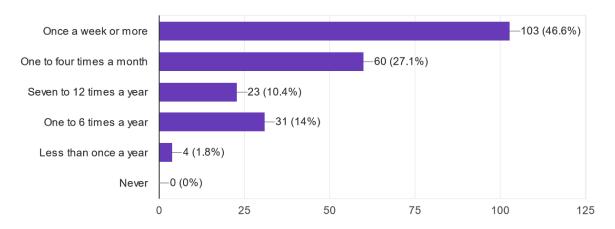
Using some of the same questions as the 2002 survey, plus some new ones, a new questionnaire was created. 2000 flyers were hand-delivered to local homes asking for replies, local school included the request in their newsletters. Posters were on display on all the entrances to Troopers Hill. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Friends of Troopers Hill's email updates were used to spread the message further.

2. Who replied?

There were 221 responses to the survey, 219 via an online form and 2 via a paper version of the questionnaire.

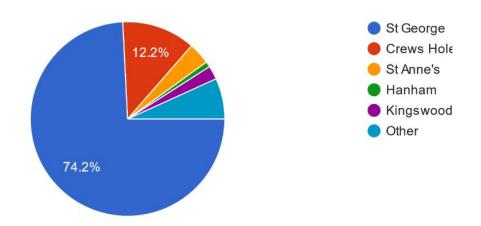
1. How often do you visit Troopers Hill? (please select one option)

221 responses



A. Do you live in:

221 responses



Of the 15 people who replied "Other" when saying where they lived, defined where they lived as:

Troopers Hill - 3

Whitehall - 2

Totterdown - 1

Redfield – 3

Easton - 3

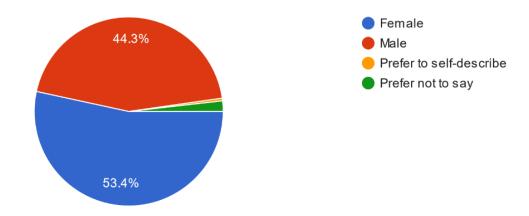
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Cardiff - 1

Glastonbury - 1

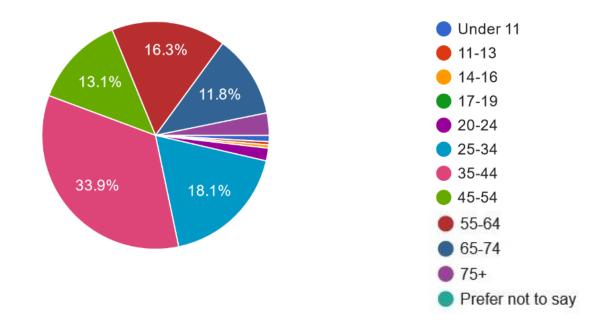
C. Are you:

221 responses



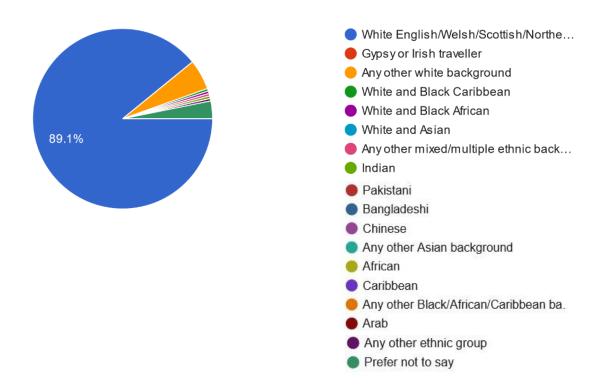
E. Which Age Group best applies to you:

221 responses



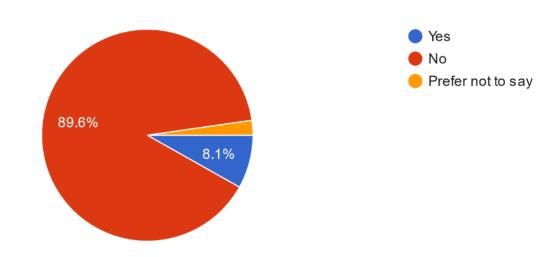
F. How would you describe your ethnic group? Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background

221 responses



G. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

221 responses



3. How do people travel to Troopers Hill?

There were 217 responses to the question "How do you travel to Troopers Hill?". The great majority walk, but this might be because flyers were only delivered to nearby houses but this would have been offset by local schools sharing information about the survey in their newsletters and Friends of Troopers Hill having publicised the survey on social media.

Some people use only one method of travel, others use more than one at different times. While running and walking could both be classed as "On foot" we thought it interesting that replies specified running and walking as two different ways of travelling, so we have kept this when reporting numbers.

Method of transport	Numbers using method
Walking	208
Running	5
By car	11
By bike	12
By scooter	1

4. Why don't people come to Troopers Hill?

In the 221 responses there were 36 replies to the question "If you never or rarely visit Troopers Hill can you tell us why?"

8 replies just said N/A (not applicable)

Of the remaining 28 replies:

Number	Category
of replies	
5	Dogs - In total there were 3 possibly negative references to dogs and 2 positive. One reply was just the single word "Dogs"; another said "We used to visit every day when we had a dog". One person referred to their dog being attacked but another person was waiting for their puppy being old enough to walk that far
4	Health and mobility
3	Moved away
2	No café/drinks
2	Benches – not enough or not in a sheltered spot
2	Too busy
2	Seasonal – go more frequently in summer than winter
2	Prefer other nearby green spaces

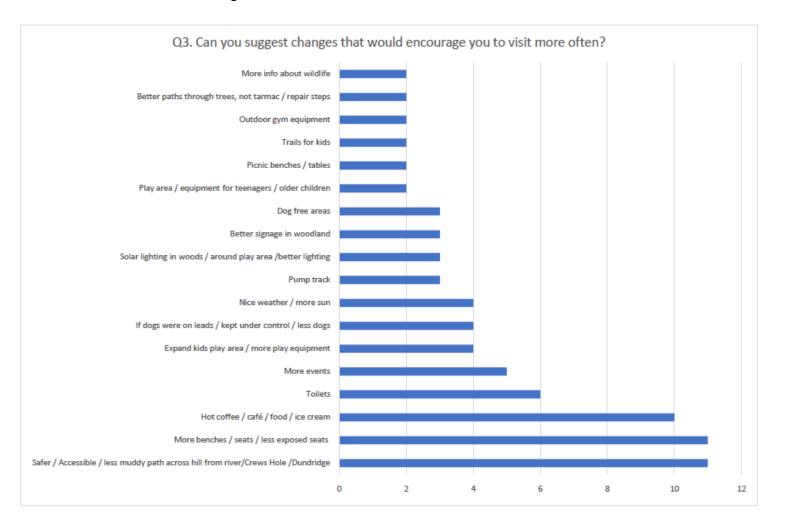
For the other single responses see appendix B.

One response did make the point that for some people Troopers Hill is an area and Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve is in the council ward "St George Troopers Hill". This could explain one reply of "Live on Troopers Hill Rd". This point has been noted for future surveys.

5. Can you suggest changes that would encourage you to visit more often?

In the 221 responses there were 117 replies to the question "Can you suggest changes that would encourage you to visit more often?" The replies covered a wider range of topics.

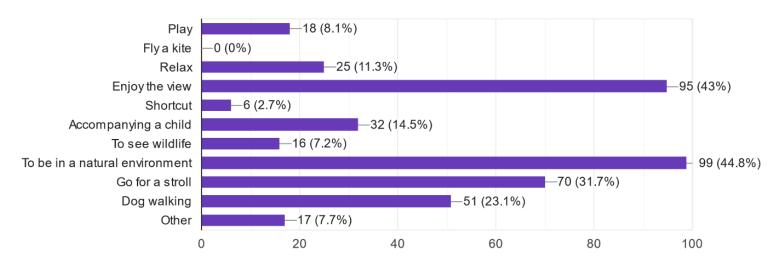
11 replies asked for safer, less muddy, more accessible routes across the Hill. Another 11 asked for more seating and 10 asked for refreshments.



There were many suggestions made just once which are listed in the appendix C.

6. The two most common reasons people come to Troopers Hill

5. Can you give us the two most common reasons why you visit Troopers Hill? 221 responses



There were 20 responses to question 6 "If you selected "Other" in question 5 please describe that reason here". 13 fell into the category of exercise, 3 replies were categorised as volunteer nature conservation work or maintenance and 2 responses described using Troopers as a route to school or visiting friends. 2 more responses could be classed as "To see wildlife".

One respondent had difficulty narrowing down to two reasons and listed a number in the options given in the previous, tick box question and added meeting friends and a picnic.

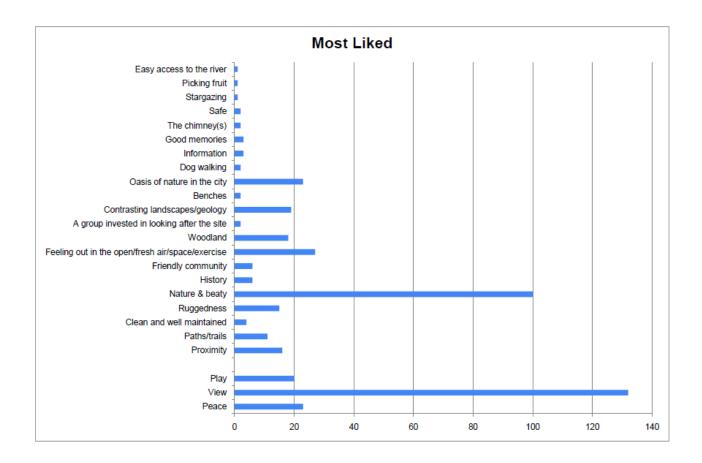
Our favourite single response in its own category was "In the early morning or late evening the varied combinations of view, bird song, breeze, cloud or lack of, can bring a quality of peacefulness that nourishes the soul. "

7. Can you give two things you most like about Troopers Hill?

There were 214 responses to this question. The most popular choice was the views with 132 people giving this as one of the things they most like about Troopers Hill. This was followed by 100 people giving nature, the wildness of Troopers and its beauty as something they most like. If another category, "oasis of nature in the city", had been included with the "nature" category, numbers would have increased to 122.

The next most popular choice with 27 responses, was the feeling of being out in the open and the fresh air. A close runner up at 23 was the peacefulness of Troopers Hill. These most popular results are very similar to those given in 2002.

All the results are shown in the bar chart overleaf.



8. Can you give two things you most dislike about Troopers Hill?

185 responses were given to this question of which 38 indicated there was nothing they disliked about Troopers Hill. However the biggest dislike with 48 comments was litter, with many mentioning litter left after a particular date, such as Bonfire Night.

Dog fouling with 34 mentions came just below the 38 responses saying there was nothing to dislike at Troopers Hill. Numbers dropped to 19 for anti-social behaviour (fireworks, music, smoking marijuana, aggression, etc) and then again to 14 for dogs and dogwalkers, with particular references to dogs not under control.

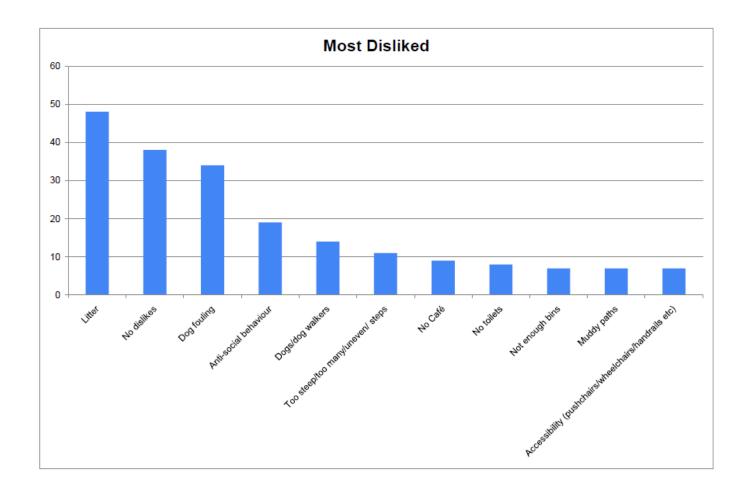
The steepness of the hill and too many steps or uneven steps had 11 criticisms.

The lack of a café or place of refreshments was mentioned 9 times, something new in terms of feedback about the Hill. This was a little surprising. There is a bakery (Brizzle Born and Bread) almost immediately across Summerhill Rd from the Field and the Orchard Coffee House café a short walk away on the corner of Cherry Orchard Rd and Clouds Hill Rd, opposite Summerhill Infants School. There is even a nearby pub, the Pied Horse, opposite the bakery on Summerhill Rd which is open from 3pm.

This was followed by the lack of toilets with 8 comments.

Not enough bins, muddy paths all tied with 7 comments each.

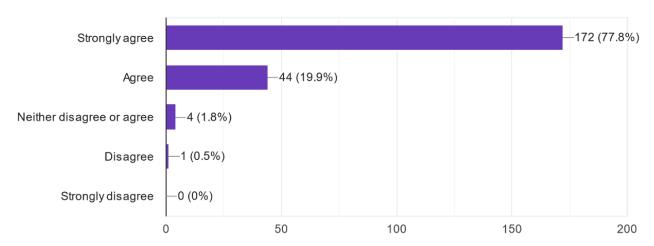
For details of the remaining feedback see Appendix D.



9. Troopers Hill's importance for wildlife

9. Troopers Hill is an important place for wildlife within Bristol. Please click on the box that matches your opinion of that statement.

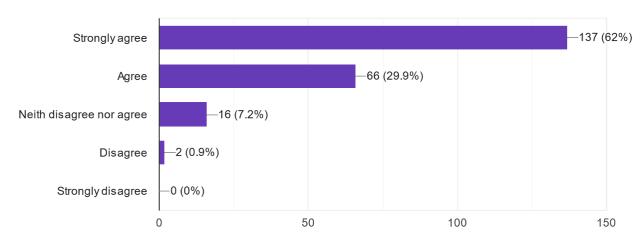
221 responses



10. How important is it for people to live near Troopers Hill

10. Living near Troopers Hill is important to me. Please click on the box that matches your opinion of that statement.

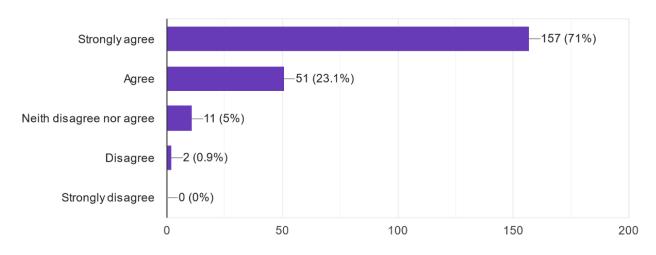
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11. Do people enjoy seeing wildlife on Troopers Hill?

11. I enjoy seeing wildlife at Troopers Hill. Please click on the box that matches your opinion of that statement.

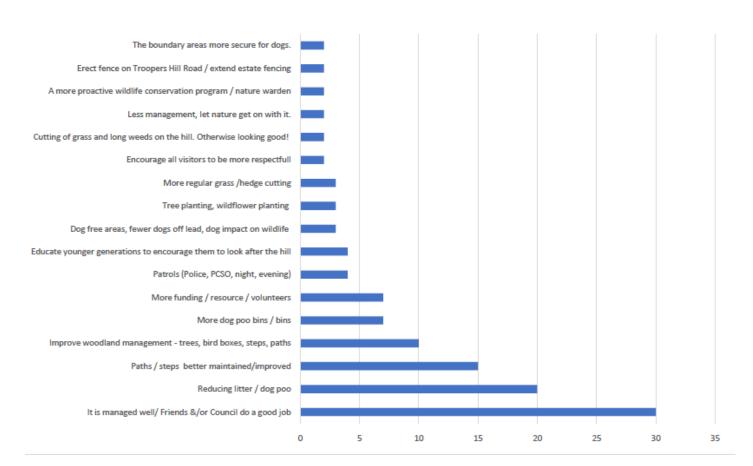
221 responses



12. How can Troopers be better looked after

There were 145 responses to the question "Can you tell me how Troopers Hill can be better looked after.





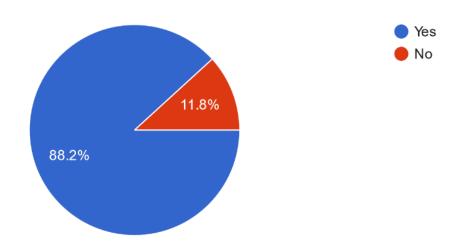
We (Friends of Troopers Hill) felt extremely complimented that the most popular response (30 replies) was "It is managed well/Friends &/or Council do a good job".

Next at 20 replies was a reduction of litter and dog fouling and at 15 replies, improvements/maintenance to paths.

See Appendix E for list of single responses per topic.

13. Knowledge that Troopers Hill is designated as a Local Nature Reserve

13. Do you know that Troopers Hill is designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR)? 221 responses



14. Do visitors look at the information on Troopers Hill and the Field

The choices for this question were:

The Welcome to Troopers Hill Field sign at the entrance to the Field from Summerhill Terrace

The Mining Coal and Mining Bees sign by the upper chimney

The Fairy Tale Fungi sign at the entrance opposite 111 Troopers Hill Rd

The Tropical Rain Forest sign by the upper chimney

The "Welcome to Troopers Hill - A nature reserve shaped by industrial history" sign by the square chimney entrance on Troopers Hill Rd

The wooden posts giving directions through the woodland

The noticeboard at the Malvern Rd entrance to Troopers Hill Field

The welcome sign at the Greendown entrance

The welcome sign at the square chimney entrance on Troopers Hill Rd

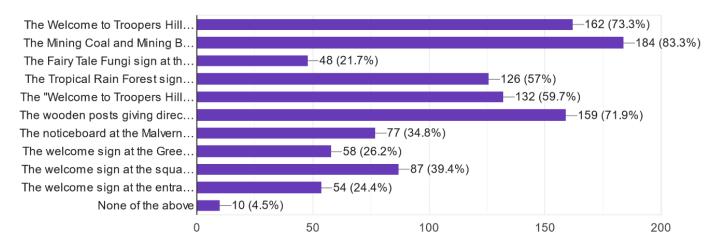
The welcome sign at the entrance opposite 79 Troopers Hill Rd

None of the above

Images of all these information boards can be seen on http://troopers-hill.org.uk/sundry/board.htm

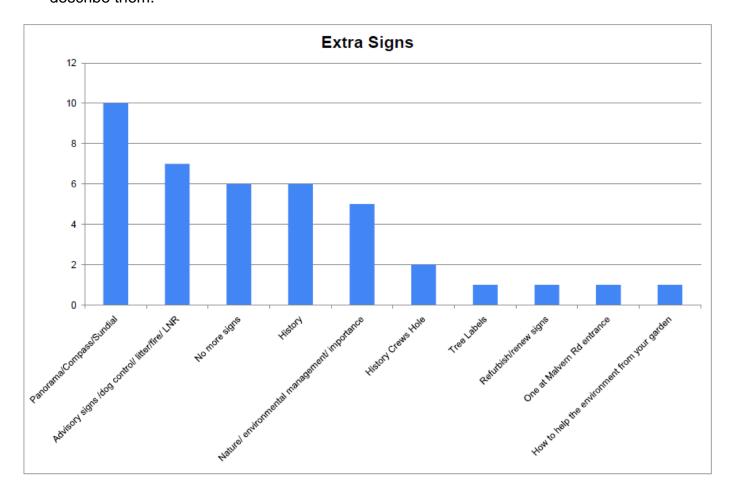
14. Have you read/used any of the signs on Troopers Hill? Please click on any that you have read/used

221 responses



15. What, if any, extra signs would people like to see?

There were 41 replies to question 15. If there are extra signs you would like please describe them.

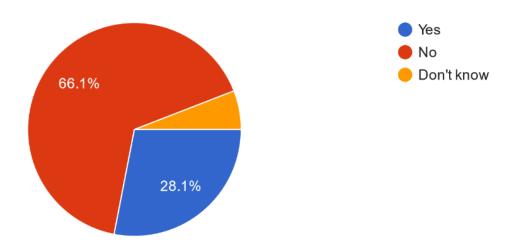


The most popular choice, with 10 replies, were signs to explain the view, followed by 7 replies asking for more advisory signs about litter, dog control, fires etc. Scoring equally

with 6 replies each, were requests for no more signs and signs giving more history. The remained choices can be seen in the chart on the previous page.

16. Have people seen the Troopers Hill leaflets?

16. Have you seen the Troopers Hill leaflets about history, geology and wildlife? 221 responses

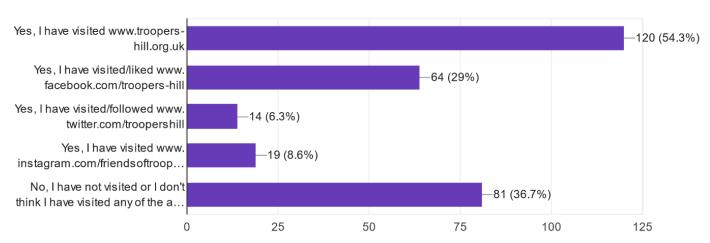


Online versions of the leaflets can be seen on http://troopers-hill.org.uk/leaflets/

17. Do people follow Troopers Hill on social media or visit their website?

17. Have you visited the Troopers Hill website www.troopers-hill.org.uk or the Facebook or Twitter or Instagram pages?

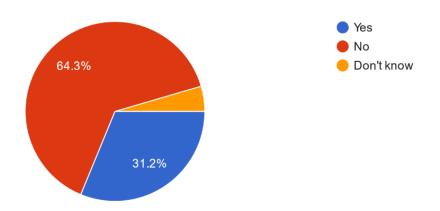
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18. Do people receive emailed Friends of Troopers Hill updates?

18. Do you receive our email updates? You can add yourself to our free email updates list via www.tinyurl.com/fothmail

221 responses



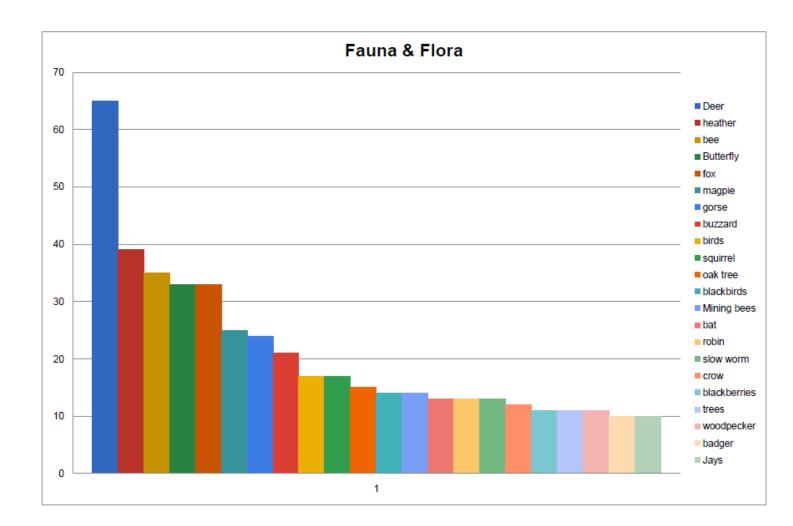
19. Wildlife and plants seen on Troopers Hill

"Question 19. Please list up to 10 plants, animals, birds, reptiles, fungi, insects, invertebrates or other wildlife you have seen on Troopers Hill"

This question did produce some surprising replies. We have removed references to rhinos and gorillas although no-one mentioned llamas which have been walked by their owner on the hill in the past,

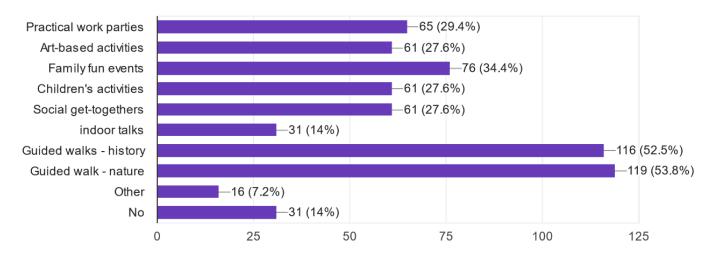
There were 130 responses listing at least one thing, the most common number listed was 5. In total people listed 168 different things ranging from birds to resin weevils. Please see Appendix H for the total list of different things.

The most commonly listed things are shown overleaf.



20. What events would people like to attend?

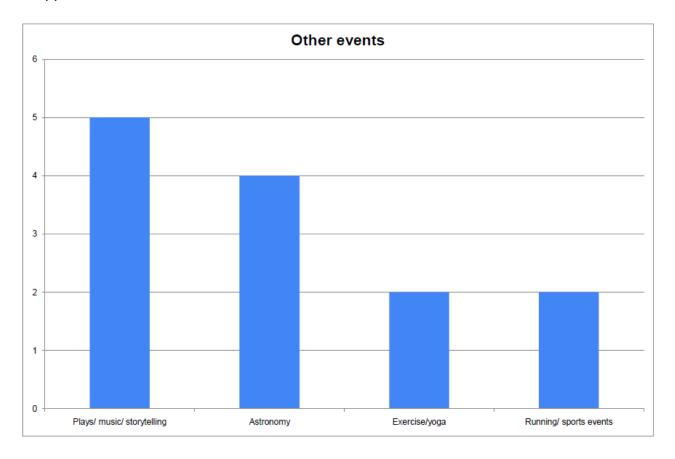
20. Would you be interested in attending events on Troopers Hill? If so which? 221 responses



21. Other events

21 responses made suggestions for other events with 5 replies suggesting plays, music and storytelling and 4 replies concerned astronomy/star gazing events. These suggestions were followed by 2 suggestions each for exercise/yoga events and running/sports events.

The remaining responses were single suggestions from only one reply each and are listed in Appendix

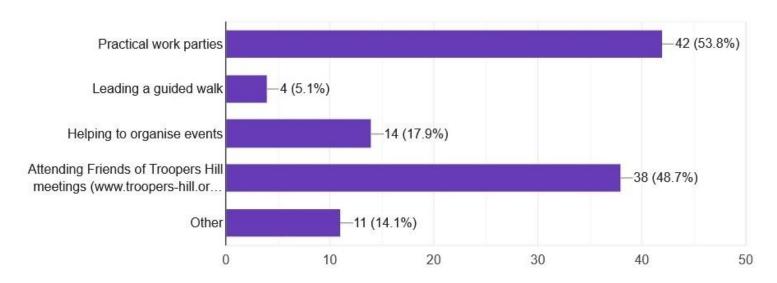


22. How do people want to become more involved with Troopers Hill?

78 responses described how people would like to become more involved with Troopers Hill with 42 saying they would to join practical work parties, 38 saying they would like to come to meetings, 14 said they would like to organise events and 4 would like to lead a guided walk.

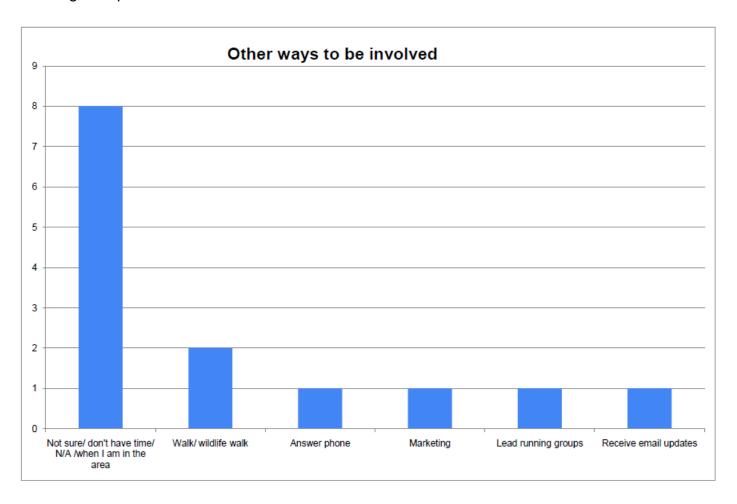
22. Would you like to be more involved, is so how?

78 responses



23. Other ways to be involved

The most common reply (8 responses) to "Question 23.If you said "Other" to question 22, please describe how." was either N/A (not applicable) or a description of a lack of time to be involved. Two responses gave walks as a way to be more involved. Other individual single responses are shown below.



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24. Additional comments

There were 31 replies to the question "24.Do you have any additional comments?"

21 responses praised Troopers Hill and the work done there.

3 responses related to not having enough time to help.

The remaining responses were single topic replies ranging from a suggestion for wild goats on Troopers Hill to a pump track (mountain bike/skateboard track). These are listed in Appendix G.

25. Improvements for disability

There were 10 replies to question "H. If you answered yes to question G and your disability affects your use of Troopers Hill what could be done to improve access for you?"

4 replies were very stoical saying nothing could be done. This was typical of that group of 4 replies "I CANT WALK FAR BUT THERE IS NOTHING YOU COULD DO TO MAKE IT EASIER. FROM CREWS HOLE ITS ALL UPHILL."

There were 2 requests for more areas to be made accessible for mobility scooters or wheelchairs, 2 for handrails, 1 for concrete paths and platforms and 1 for British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter to involve this visitor with hearing people on Troopers Hill who don't use BSL.

26. Suggestions from other parts of the survey

In "How do you travel to Troopers Hill?" Bike parking near the entrances would be useful.

27. Conclusion

It would seem from this survey that by continuing to provide events and working with Bristol City Council on nature conservation, litter removal, maintenance and monitoring, we will be meeting the wishes of most of those people who have replied to our survey.

Conservation management of Troopers Hill is carried out in accordance with the <u>Management Plan</u> agreed between Bristol Parks and Friends of Troopers Hill and based on ecological advice. The priority is protection of the unique heathland and grassland habitat.

While some people responding to the survey clearly feel the Hill is over managed and too 'urbanised' this is offset by others who ask for more management for example a 'more intensified scrub management regime'. However, both sets of views were certainly outnumbered by those complementing the management of the Hill.

There is a similar conflict of views on the management of the Field and the Woodland. With both more grass cutting, and more areas left wild being requested on the Field while some want fewer paths in the Woods and some want more. Again those asking for changes were a minority.

Dogs are mentioned by some people as a reason not to come to the Hill and some concerns were raised over their impact on wildlife. Dog poo was also a common dislike. However, dog walking is a popular reason for coming to Troopers Hill and the number of negative comments were relatively few.

The requests for coffee or refreshment to be available, as well as toilets, suggest that people would like to spend more time on the Hill. Any action taken on this would need to take account of the fact that the most popular reason to come to the Hill is 'to be in a natural environment'.

There is a nearby bakery, pub and café so perhaps publicising their locations may help meet these requests.

The 2022 survey results present a very different picture to the survey carried out in 2002. That survey can be read on http://troopers-hill.org.uk/plan/2002VisitorSurvey.pdf

Read **2002-2022 – Looking after Troopers Hill** <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2002SurveyWeDid.pdf</u> to see what was done in response to the 2002 report.

A comparison of this report and the 2002 report can now be read on www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2022SurveyComparison.pdf

Appendices

All responses taken from the survey shown in the following pages are unchanged from how they were originally submitted with no amendments for spelling or to interpret the response more clearly. They are shown in a different font to the rest of the document.

A. Links to supporting documents

- (i) The original 2002 Troopers Hill survey http://troopers-hill.org.uk/plan/2002VisitorSurvey.pdf
- (ii) Lists of original responses to questions <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2022SurveyResponses.pdf</u>
- iii) Comparison of the 2002 and 2022 reports <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2022SurveyComparison.pdf</u>
- iv) 2002-2022 Looking after Troopers Hill <u>www.troopers-hill.org.uk/2002SurveyWeDid.pdf</u>

B. Why people don't come to Troopers Hill

These are the replies where only one person gave this reason.

(i) I forget that it's a great place to go for a short walk and clear my head.

- (ii) I wouldn't travel through it as I travel by bike and this is not allowed. I like to spend a few hours a day reading for my course in natural places. I wouldn't do this at Troopers Hill because there are no nearby places to get drinks, use a toilet and there are no seats in sheltered places *
- *This answer was included in the categories "Benches" and "No café/drinks". N.B. Cycling is not forbidden on Troopers Hill but we would encourage cyclists to take particular care regarding walkers, children and dogs. We would like to encourage mountain bikes to cycle elsewhere because of the excessive erosion over-use would cause to the Hill, contributing to the loss of wildlife habitats. In addition the high footfall on the site of families and dogs would make add risk to this activity.
- (iii) Live on Troopers Hill Rd.
- (iv) No reason to
- (v) Walks, scenery, exercise
- (vi) not sure what's there

C. Changes that would make visitors come more often

These are the replies where only one person gave this suggestion in answer to question 3 - can you suggest changes that would encourage you to visit more often?

Cycle path - top of hill to river

Better entrance for mobility scooters

Maintenance of entrances - some steep / overgrown

More variety of plants, formal planted area

More variety of plants & trees - it is a man made area

Cut long grass / weeds on the Field - ticks, looks unkept

Repurpose the field/reduce size and plant up/rewild some

Keep it as wild and natural as possible please

Stop urbanising it

I'd love to keep it as it is, so it's not too busy with humans.

Cut back branches over paths more frequently

More trees around the paths like St George Park

More trees for climbing

Trees

More diverse woodland. Thin some of the hawthorn to increase light levels and encouraging more interesting understory plants

More benches in woodland

More paths through woodland

Improve Lamb Hill

Viewing diorama

Shelter from rain or sun

remove the flag pole - eye sore

Water feature commemorating Queen

Lighting in woods as temporary attraction - Christmas / Halloween

Move me back

Family friendly

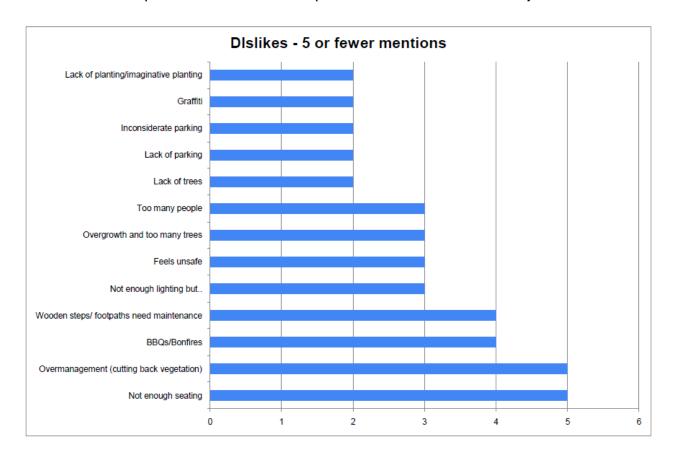
Only a stairlift. !!!! Haha.

Parking
Change in culture on dog walking - negative impact on wildlife
Less dog poo
More dog poo bins
Bike parking spaces
Mountain bike trails
Water fountains, handy for dogs
Feel safer

Natural sofas, buildouts on slope as seats

Appendix D – Question 8. Can you give two things you dislike about Troopers Hill?

These were the topics where 5 or fewer replies addressed the same subject.



Within the 3 comments about the lack of lighting one person wrote "It's quite dark in winter as no lights but also means can see the view without them so that's a tricky one"

These were the replies where only one person gave this dislike:

Better signage needed in the woodland Disrespect for wildlife Play field is not beautiful Surfaced paths Play area Inconsiderate parking

Lack of trees

Waterlogging by football posts

The weather

Not big enough

No recycling bins

One Friends of Troopers Hill committee member

No play facilities in the woods

No water fountain

More history information

Too many formal, laid out paths

People smoking

Ugly eroded muddy hills and bleak colours

Not enough play for older children

Drones

Flag pole

Homeless living in the woods

Lack of bike parking

Runners

Lack of cycle route down the hill to the river

No gym or exercise bars

Traffic on Crews Hole Rd

People (just the single word with no description of what the problem was).

Woods are dark and oppressive

Size of park

Dark

Occasionally the smell from the dog waste bins (But better there than dog mess over the hill) Do not miss understand me, I love dogs.

Bench in wrong place

Gates that make cyclists dismount

Appendix E – Question 12. Can you tell me how you feel Troopers Hill could be better looked after?

These are the answers where only 1 person gave this category of reply.

Dedicated dog walking area

Wormery instead of bins with dog poo in plastic bags

Educating dog walkers that its a nature reserve and not a dog walking park

Introduce features that encourage runners to a particular route so I can avoid them with the dog

Circle near the play area needs attention - weeds*

Less pathways in wooded areas

For the wooded area to be less managed

Quieter. Rewilding.

Seasonal restrictions on some path ways to reduce impacts of path erosion

A more intensified scrub management regime

Less scrub clearance, leave paths narrower

Tree growth maintained

More trees to screen houses, paint houses as in Totterdown

More control of saplings bushes/trees - trees blocking city view

I guess the weeds can get a little unruly... but maybe this is good for wildlife?

I love that it's left kind of wild

Maybe naturally grazed

All play area and football pitch fenced off

Greater engagement from local community, a shared sense of responsibility, connect to allotment and food production. Not the hill itself but putting double yellows along the road to make the area safer.

If local residents were also helped with how they can support the local environment within their own garden Higher profile events that local residents can take part in such as litter picking. Maybe a quarterly flyer with key dates.

*The rings of grass mounds near the play area on Troopers Hill Field are strimmed once a year to encourage wildflower growth. The most recent cut was done in the week commencing 12/12/2022

Appendix F – Question 21.If you said "Other" in reply to question 20, please describe the event you would like to attend

Foraging guided walk*
Public barbecue
Education session on home gardening for wildlife and biodiversity
Tree planting event
Social for dog walkers
Filming shows/TV
Mountain bike ride/race
Food market

*While picking fruit on Troopers Hill does not cause a problem for the biodiversity of the site, removing parts of other plants can cause a real problem for wildlife. It is an offence under Bristol Parks Byelaws to remove a complete plant.

Native golden rod (Solidago virgaurea) is an example of a plant flourishing on Troopers Hill that could be eradicated by enthusiastic picking. It is declining in certain parts of this country but is needed as the sole food plant for 9 species of moth and supplies food to 40 moth species.

Appendix G - Question 24.Do you have any additional comments?

These are the answers where only 1 person gave this category of reply:

Could you leave the council to manage the field as they see best, please? It's been embarrassingly untidy all year, with nettles on the paths and play equipment. There is a requirement to keep entrances to parks 'inviting'. The council workers are demoralised not being able to do their jobs properly. Ask them, maybe * I notice you mention indoor talks, I hpoe if a building is being planned that it will not be directly on the hill but to the side in the park**

The area needs less intervention - I grew up playing on and around the hill. It was better back then being more wild.

I already help at work parties, attend meetings and help with events

Some pull up bars installed up on he flat top area would be really great

Would it be possible to have wild goats (mountain goats) in the area?

I do not use social media but now I'm aware of friends of troopers Hill I will have a look and see what this involves and how I can help

I feel the top field is under utilised as is and could be reduced (allowing for more wilding, maybe a pond) whilst still being sufficient for the use it receives.

I need to make more of an effort, more often to visit this lovely place which is on my doorstep! It's a unique habitat in bristol that is under massive pressure from dog walkers

Be great to have a pump track British sign language accessible

- *Bristol City Council Parks department make all decisions regarding the maintenance of Troopers Hill Field
- ** Any indoor talks, if held, would be held in an existing building with community space within easy walking distance of Troopers Hill. Friends of Troopers Hill are not aware of any plans for building on the Field, Woods and Local Nature Reserve. It would be extremely difficult to obtain planning permission for building projects on these sites particularly with the 2019 proposals for new protection for open space. See pages 61 and 62 of https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/2279-local-plan-review-new-protection-for-open-space/file. A consultation on the Local Plan is in progress and can be seen on https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-regulations/planning-policy-and-guidance/local-plan/local-plan-review Comments much be made by Friday 20th January.

Appendix H - Plants and wildlife seen on Troopers Hill

Things seen by number of people

Thing	No of people
Tilling	seen
[no answer]	94
Deer	65
heather	39
bee	35
Butterfly	33
fox	33
magpie	25
gorse	24
buzzard	21
birds	17
squirrel	17
oak tree	15
blackbirds	14
Mining bees	14

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bat	13
robin	13
slow worm	13
Crow	12
blackberries	11
trees	11
woodpecker	11
badger	10
Jays	10
hawthorn	9
Broom	8
Roe deer	8
apple tree	7
blue tit	7
bramble	7
dogs	7
fern	7
	7
grass	
kestrel	6
ladybird	6
birds of prey	5
cricket	5
grass hopper	5
hazel	5
Mushrooms	5
pigeon	5
spiders	5
bracken	4
goldfinch	4
moths	4
sparrow hawk	4
sparrows	4
ash	3
damsens	3
elderflower	3
Fly agaric	3
fungi	3
great tit	3
gulls	3
hawk	3
hedgehog	3
heron	3
mice	3
nettles	3
owl	3
seagulls	3
sweet peas	3
thrush	3
wasp	3
birch	2
black cap	2
bluebells	2
Dartford Warbler	2
dragon fly	2
flowers	2
humans	2
insects	2
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Lizard	2
moss	2
newt	2
Pipistrelle bat	2
plants	2
rabbit	2
Ragwort	2
rat	2
raven	2
stinging nettles	2
tawny owl	2
waxcap mushroom	2
wood pigeon	2
wrens	2
A purple fungi	1
Admiral butterfly	1
alder	1
anemones	1
ants	1
Bee flies	1
beech hedge	1
beetle	1
Bell heather	1
berries	1
black caterpillar	1
blackthorn	1
brown rolltop fungi	1
Bugs	1
centipede	1
cherry trees	1
coal tit	1
cow parsley	1
cowslip cuckoo	1 1
daisies	1
Daubentons bat	1
dock weed	1
Domestic Birds	1
doves	1
dung beetle	1
elderberry	1
field mice	1
field mouse	1
flies	1
fox glove	1
Frog	1
gargara genistae	1
Goldcrest	1
golden plums	1
Gorilla	1
green woodpeckers	1
greenfinches	1
grey squirrel	1
ground bee	1
hawkmoth	1
heather colletes bee	1
Horse	1

ivy	1
jackdaws	1
Kite	1
lesser woodpeckers	1
lichen	1
ling heather	1
Long tailed tit	1
magpies	1
Marbled whites	1
mistle thrush	1
mosquitoes	1
mouse	1
native golden rod	1
ochre brittle gill fungus	1
parasol mushroom	1
peregrine falcon	1
pint	1
primroses	1
privet	1
puff ball fungus	1
red fescue	1
resin weevils	1
Rhinocerous	1
rooks	1
rose chafer beetle	1
sloes	1
snails	1
st Johns Wort	1
swifts	1
thistle	1
tits	1
toadstool	1
vetch	1
wagtails	1
weasel	1
white capped mushrooms	1
wild flowers	1
wild garlic	1
wild raspberries	1
woodlice	1
yellow buttons	1

It was interesting to see the number of observations across age groups

	No of answers										
Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+
11-13							1				
14-16			1								
20-24								1		1	
25-34	4	1	1	3	5	1	1	2	1		
35-44	5	5	10	3	7	3	3		4	8	2
45-54		3	2	1		1	3	1	1	4	1
55-64		1	3		5	2	2	1	2	6	2
65-74	1	2			2			1	2	5	2
75+											1

Under		2					
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Appendix I - Acknowledgements

Thanks go to all the respondents to the survey, all the volunteers who delivered the flyers and all the Friends of Troopers Hill committee members who contributed to the report.

Appendix J - Revision History

20/12/2022 - This document was written by Susan Acton-Campbell, Chair of Friends of Troopers. She and two other committee members Adam Jenkin and Rob Acton-Campbell reviewed and interpreted the data captured in the survey. All Friends of Troopers Hill committee members were asked to review the report.

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