

Green Flag Awards for a quarter of Edinburgh parks

Keep Scotland Beautiful has awarded a quarter of Edinburgh's parks with a Green Flag Award including Princes Street Gardens, Ravelston Woods Local Nature Reserve and Park and Victoria Park.

34 out of the 149 parks and gardens that The City of Edinburgh Council looks after have been accredited. The [awards](#) are a benchmark of good maintenance and support the opportunities they provide for exercise, improving mental health and wellbeing and safe areas to play. Almost 2,000 parks have achieved the award across the world.

Councillor Karen Doran, Parks Leader for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "It's a great honour to host the Green Flag Awards event at our fabulous Saughton Park, which is looking sensational after its recent multimillion pound restoration, and I'd like to congratulate all the award-winners for their success. We're thrilled that the Capital has again scooped the largest number of green flags of any local authority in Scotland – at 34 flags, that's very nearly half of all flags awarded nationwide!

"Hats off to our outstanding parks staff for their tireless work to care for Edinburgh's much-loved parks and greenspaces and huge thanks too to all the dedicated Friends of Parks groups for everything they do. By working together with the community, we're looking after one of Edinburgh's most treasured assets so that everyone who lives in and visits the city can enjoy the many benefits of our beautiful, tranquil and well-maintained greenspaces."

Derek Robertson, Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: "I would like to congratulate the award winning parks from Edinburgh. Receiving this prestigious international benchmark recognises all of the hard work that has gone into maintaining and managing these precious green openspaces.

"Every single one of these parks provides an invaluable service to the local communities that it serves – from creating a safe space to play, to think, to exercise – helping to address many of the health and wellbeing challenges we face as a country."

The Edinburgh parks and gardens which have been awarded a 2019 Green Flag are as follows :

- Braidburn Valley Park
- Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park
- Corstorphine Hill
- Craigmillar Castle Park
- Easter Craiglockhart Hill Local Nature Reserve
- Fairmilehead Park
- Ferniehill Community Park
- Ferry Glen & Back Braes
- Figgate Park
- Hailes Quarry Park

- Harrison Park
- Hermitage and Blackford Hill Local Nature
- Hopetoun Crescent Garden
- Inverleith Park
- King George V & Scotland Yard Park
- Lauriston Castle
- Lochend Park
- London Road Gardens
- Morningside Park
- Muir Wood Park

- Pentland Hills Regional Park

- Portobello Community Garden
- Prestonfield Park
- Princes Street Gardens
- Ravelston Woods Local Nature Reserve
- Rosefield Park
- Seven Acres Park
- Spylaw Park
- St Margaret's Park
- Starbank Park
- Station Road Park
- Victoria Park City of



Floral Clock in Princes Street Gardens Photo: Martin McAdam