

Kearsney Parks July 2015 consultation

We held public consultation events at various times in early July to share and discuss preliminary ideas about the conservation, restoration and improvement of the parks. Events took place at:

- 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday 1 July in River Church
- 2pm to 5pm on Thursday 2 July in Russell Gardens
- 11am to 2pm on Saturday 4 July in Kearsney Abbey
- 9am to 11am on Monday 6 July in Kearsney Abbey
- 11am to 4pm on Sunday 12 July at River Village Fete
- Online from 6 – 13 July

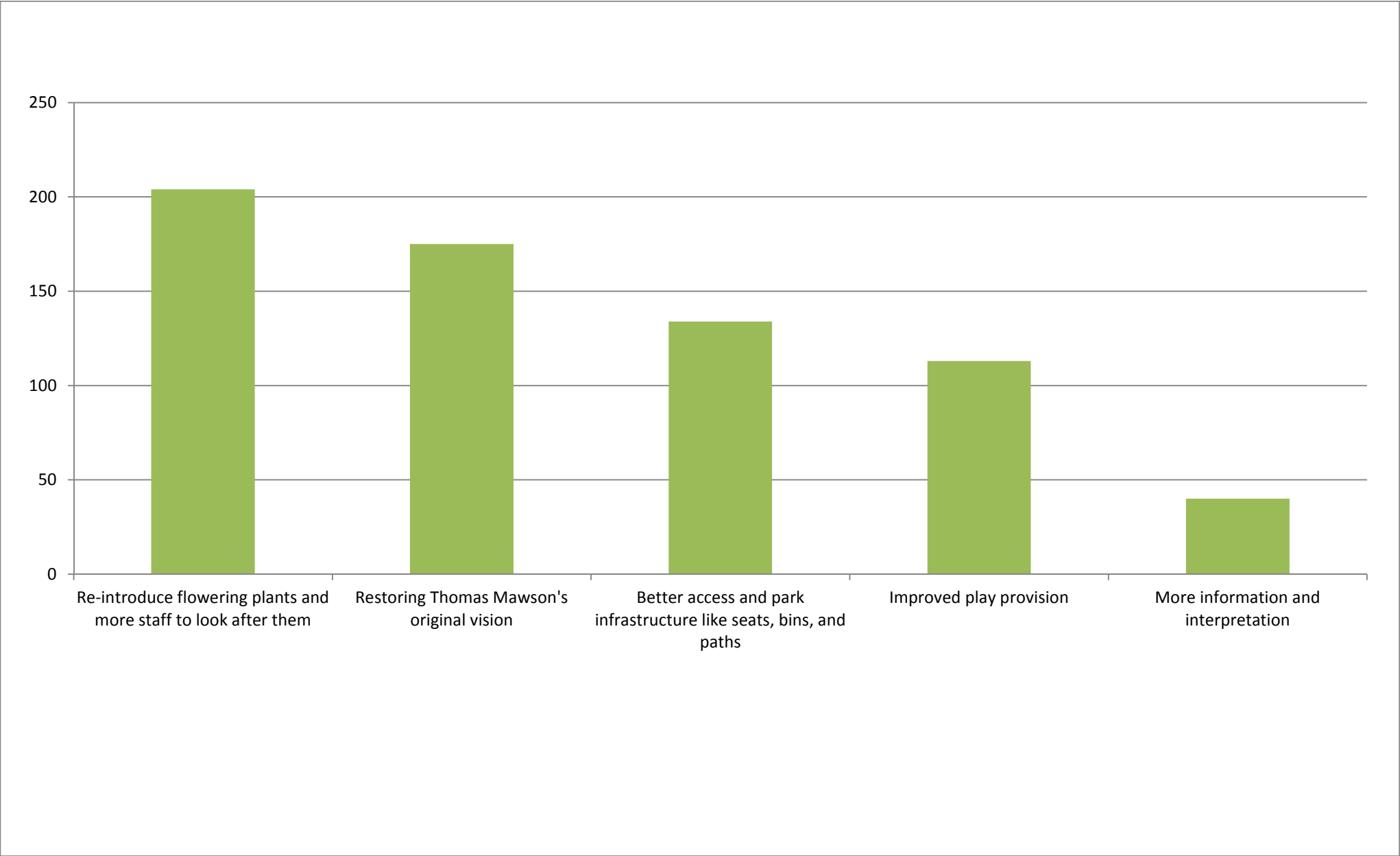
We displayed 6 panels which provided an introduction to the project, information on the history of the parks and ideas for their restoration and improvement.

We summarised the restoration and improvement ideas into ten main themes and people were asked to help prioritise the ideas. They were given 6 tokens and asked to spend them on the things they felt were most important. People were also asked to identify any specific issues that were most important or least important to them.

The events and online survey were advertised on site, on our website, on twitter and through our email mailing list. Around 200 people attended the events and 47 people responded online.



Which of these themes are most important in Russell Gardens?



What else is important or not important in Russell Gardens?

Please prioritise...



Issues – number of mentions

Parking – 15

Alkham Road – 12

Toilets – 10

Tennis Courts – 8

Wildlife / restoration / café – 7

Maintenance / pitch & putt / planting / play - 5

Accessibility – 4

Seating / lakes / moles / historical information – 3

Remove overgrown trees / Chilton Avenue / visitor facilities / River Dour – 2

Everything else was mentioned once

Don't worry about...



Issues – number of mentions

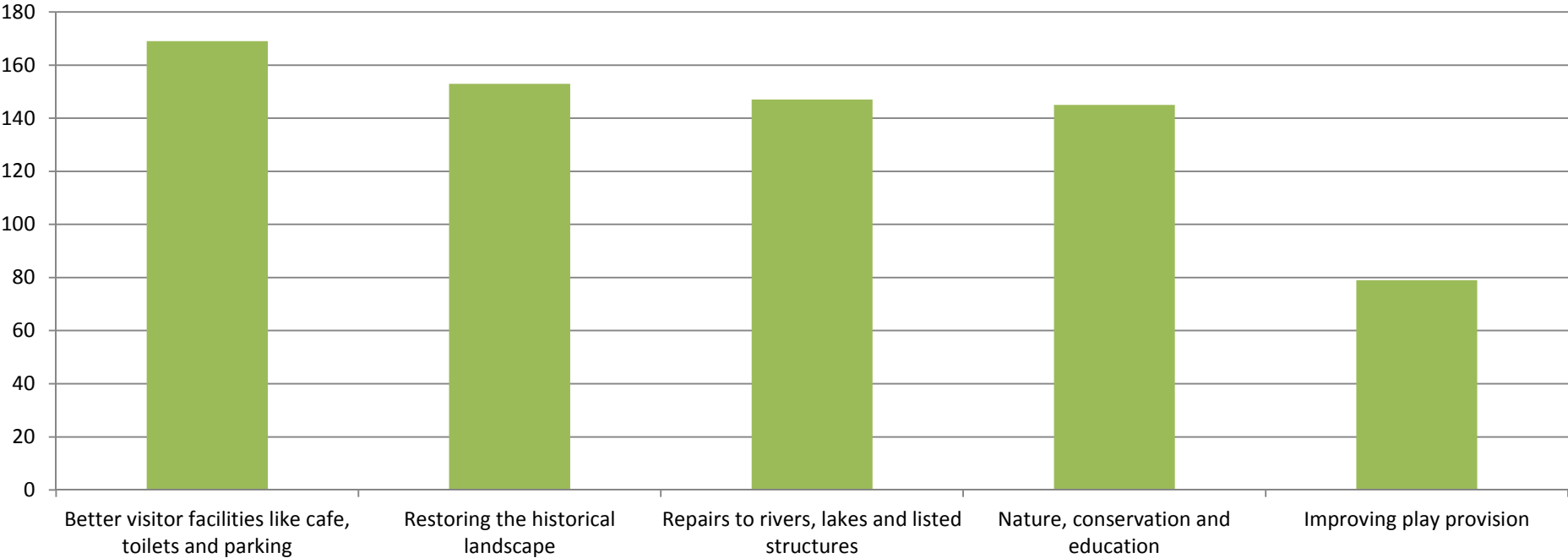
Play - 7

Information – 4

Planting - 2

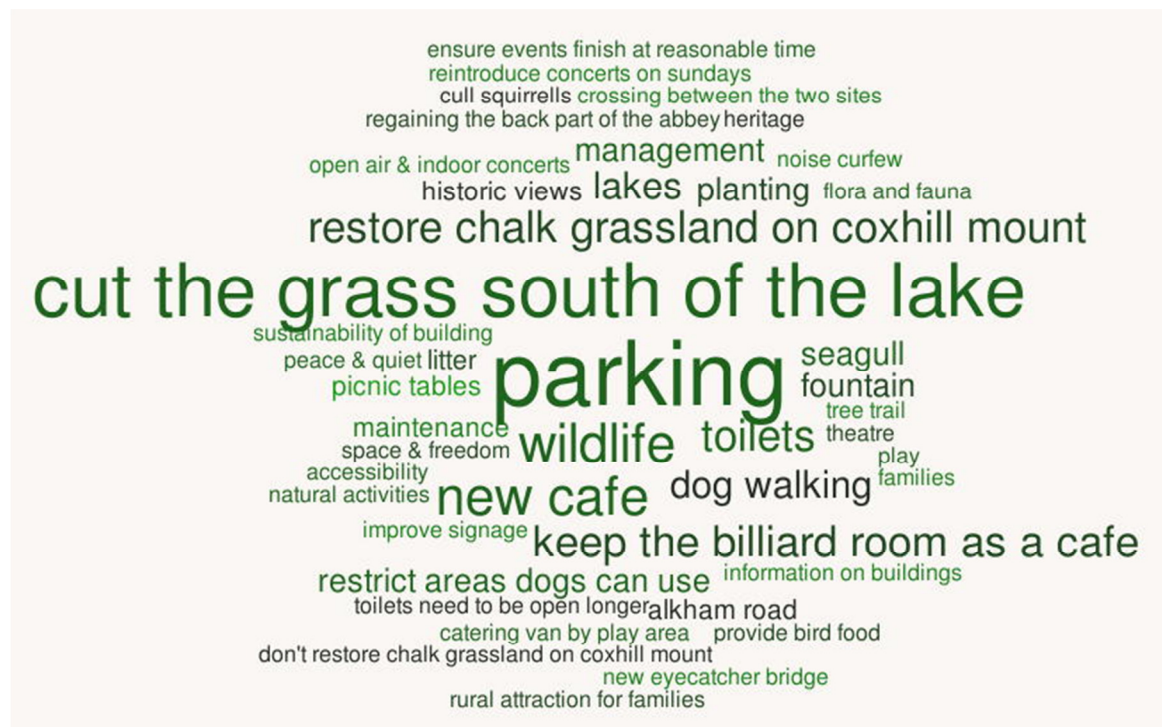
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Which of these themes are most important in Kearsney Abbey?



What else is important or not important in Kearsney Abbey?

Please prioritise....



Don't worry about....



Issues – number of mentions

Parking – 14
Cut the grass south of the lake – 11
Wildlife / new café – 11
Restore chalk grassland on Coxhill Mount / toilets / use billiard room as café – 5
Dog walking / lakes – 4
Restrict areas dogs can use / seagulls / planting / fountain / management – 3
Litter / historic views / Alkham Road / picnic tables – 2
Everything else was mentioned once

Issues – number of mentions

Bridges to islands – 6
Play – 3
Weddings/parking/restore chalk grassland/outdoor cinema – 2
Everything else was mentioned once

Is there anything else you would like to let us know?

Parking is a real concern

Good luck with the funding - a project which will reach the whole community and integrate all ages

The so called meadow at the back section is an eyesore, it is just unmown grass to save money, takes a large part of a beautiful park away and is full of dog waste as owners do not clear up

Ensure enough staff to maintain the natural beauty of the grounds and waterways

Live Music / Open Air Cinema would be great, but with an expanded, well managed, cafe

The parks are used as open space for relaxing and dog walking all year, let's keep it that way and not upset those that use the areas all year, not just on summer weekends.

I would prefer it not to become too commercialised, but to retain the natural beauty and peaceful setting

Live opera

Opening up more grounds in Russell gardens