

I ♥ Dane Park

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Dane Park Survey

Dane Park is now over 100 years old. Presented by a local businessman to the Margate Borough Council at the end of the 19th century, it captivated the town and residents turned out in force in 1898 to see the Lord Mayor of London arrive to open the park to local people.

Today Dane Park is still the main park for Margate residents and in 2004, was voted as one of the most popular parks in Thanet.

Now the Margate Civic Society have asked Thanet District Council to look at the park for a Green Flag award, similar to the familiar Blue Flag awards that our area's beaches have. To achieve that, the Council wants to find out your views on what you would like to see changed or improved in the park in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this survey please do not hesitate to contact 01843 577120.

Please complete and return your questionnaire by Friday 30 March 2007.

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Part 1:

Your current views on Dane Park

1. How often do you visit Dane Park? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Daily
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- Within the last six months
- Within the last year
- Do not currently use the park

2. How satisfied are you with Dane Park? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

3. Why do you visit Dane Park? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking /fresh air |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not use the park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short cut | |

Other please state:

4. If you do not currently use the park please tell us why not.

5. What is your favourite feature of the park?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large grass area | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Areas to play football or other games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Open area away from traffic |

Other please state:

6. What do you most dislike about the park?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor equipment in the children's play area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor lighting at night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog foul | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough seating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I am happy with the park | |

Other please state:

8. Thanet District Council would like to renovate the old lake area in the park (adjacent to Park Road).

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> An area for teenagers to play football and have a meeting point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An area for wild flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An area for art or sculptures to be shown – changing them every year for new ones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A more landscaped area with shrubs and plants |

Other please state:

9. Listed below are a number of possible improvements that could be made to Dane Park. Please tick how strongly you either agree or disagree with each suggestion.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A. Restoration of the fountain, with improved views from the road into the park, and some flowerbeds provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Reducing the height of the bushes on Dane Valley Road to improve views of the park and help make people feel safer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. The development of a new play area for young children on the tennis court site, and the existing play area to be used for older children and teenagers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. A small seasonal café for the summer to sell light refreshments, tea, coffee, ice creams etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. More warden patrols in the park.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. From the list above please state which one suggestion would be your top priority.

Please write either A, B, C, D or E.

Part 2:

The future of Dane Park

7. Thanet District Council is planning to make a number of improvements to Dane Park, which are listed opposite.

Please number the list from 1-4 where 1 is the improvement you feel is **most** important to Dane Park and 4 is the **least** important.

Improved paths

Proper cycle path through the park

Better lighting

More seats

11. If you agree with the suggestion to provide a small seasonal café within the Park, where do you think this would be best placed?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- By the toilets and bowls
- By the football pavilion
- Near the fountain and the Park Lodge area
- Don't know

12. The cricket pavilion in Dane Park is currently used by Margate Youth Football. How important do you think youth football provision is in the park?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Very important
- Important
- Not sure
- Unimportant

13. Do you have any other comments or ideas that may be useful to us?

Part 3:

About You

Thanet District Council would appreciate you filling in this section as we are committed to ensuring our services and facilities are inclusive to everyone.

14. Your gender:

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Male
- Female

15. Your age group:

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- 0-14
- 15-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- Over 75

16. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Yes No
- Please go to question 17 Please go to question 19

17. Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Yes No

18. Which of the following does your illness or disability affect:

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Your hearing
- Your learning ability
- Your speech
- Your mental health
- Your mobility
- Epilepsy
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Other (please detail)

19. To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- White: British
- Mixed: White and Black African
- White: Irish
- Mixed: White and Asian
- White: Other
- Mixed: Other
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Black or Black British: African
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Black or Black British: Other
- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
- Asian or Asian British: other
- Chinese
- Other (please detail)

Please complete and return your questionnaire to:
Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent CT9 1XZ by Friday 30 March 2007.

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