

# YouGov / Fields in Trust Survey Results

Sample Size: 2111 Adults in the UK

Fieldwork: 1st - 2nd March 2026

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How often, if at all, do you use green spaces for leisure? (e.g. playing sports, physical activity, socialising?)

More than five days a week	8	9	7	9	6	13	9	9	8	7	5	8	8	9	8	9	6	8	10	8	6	9	9	6	7
2 to 5 days a week	19	20	21	22	19	20	23	15	20	17	22	18	19	17	23	20	14	18	18	24	12	15	20	15	21
Once a week	15	16	17	17	13	16	15	14	15	15	19	17	15	12	17	14	16	15	14	14	20	15	14	17	16
2 to 3 times a month	13	11	14	10	13	19	14	10	13	13	19	16	10	9	14	12	13	13	15	13	14	12	12	22	11
Once a month	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	8	7	5	7	6	5	8	7	6	5	7	5	5	7	8
Once every two months	4	4	5	3	3	1	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	6	2	3	4	6	4
Between two and five times a year	11	13	13	12	13	11	12	13	12	11	7	12	12	11	11	12	13	12	7	9	20	13	12	8	12
Once a year	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	2
Less than once a year	7	9	6	6	8	2	6	8	6	7	3	4	11	9	5	7	8	7	7	6	10	8	6	4	7
Never	11	8	8	9	11	5	7	15	10	11	2	9	13	16	7	10	13	11	15	6	8	13	15	8	9
Don't know	4	2	4	3	6	4	3	4	5	4	8	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	5	1	6	2	5	4

Generally speaking, do you think access to green spaces in the UK is more of a right or more of a privilege?

More of a right	70	66	76	71	67	80	74	68	73	66	80	65	71	72	75	67	66	69	70	70	82	69	71	70	68
More of a privilege	18	23	14	18	16	17	16	19	14	21	15	21	17	15	16	20	18	18	17	17	11	19	17	16	19
Neither	9	11	6	6	14	0	7	11	9	9	2	9	10	11	7	9	12	9	7	11	5	9	8	9	10
Don't know	3	0	4	5	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	4	4	3	7	1	2	3	4	5	3

How important, if at all, do you think green spaces are for each of the following?

Encouraging young people to spend less time on digital devices

Very important	65	68	69	68	63	69	68	66	60	70	59	64	67	67	68	66	62	65	63	64	58	64	67	64	66
Fairly important	28	27	26	24	28	27	26	28	30	25	36	28	26	26	26	27	29	28	26	28	36	29	24	27	28
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>94</b>
Not very important	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	5	2	3	3	3	4	4	2	4	3	5	3	4	2	4	5	3
Not important at all	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Don't know	3	0	2	3	4	0	2	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	4	3	3	5	3	2	3	2	4	2

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**Building community ties**

Very important	37	35	43	42	35	45	42	36	31	43	36	33	41	41	42	39	32	38	36	32	25	37	36	36	41
Fairly important	47	53	46	44	41	45	47	46	51	43	52	48	45	43	45	46	49	47	41	49	51	49	44	51	44
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>
Not very important	9	8	7	9	12	9	7	11	11	6	8	10	8	9	9	7	10	8	8	12	13	7	11	7	9
Not important at all	1	2	0	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	0	1
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
Don't know	6	2	4	3	9	0	3	6	5	7	4	8	4	5	3	8	7	5	13	6	10	6	6	5	5

**Participation in grassroot sports**

Very important	51	52	57	56	52	56	57	52	52	49	45	48	56	52	58	48	47	51	44	48	48	54	50	54	49
Fairly important	37	43	33	33	33	36	36	36	36	37	42	37	32	39	34	37	37	36	43	39	37	36	33	34	38
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>
Not very important	5	2	4	5	8	5	3	5	6	4	3	5	6	4	4	3	7	5	4	6	2	3	9	4	5
Not important at all	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
Don't know	7	2	5	5	5	4	3	4	5	8	9	9	4	4	3	10	7	6	8	6	13	7	6	8	6

Thinking specifically about playing fields and community sports grounds, do you think the Government is doing too much, too little, or is currently doing about the right amount, to ensure the long-term protection of these spaces?

Doing too much	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Doing about the right amount	18	17	21	16	10	13	19	11	18	17	25	21	14	12	17	16	19	19	13	14	11	17	16	25	18
Doing too little	60	63	56	62	70	66	60	67	62	58	58	53	66	67	61	57	62	59	66	68	61	62	65	43	59
Don't know	22	20	23	22	19	22	21	21	19	25	16	25	21	21	22	27	18	22	21	18	28	21	18	32	23

Thinking specifically about playing fields and community sports grounds, how concerned, if at all, are you about these spaces being lost to housing and/or commercial developments... in the UK?

Very concerned	38	49	30	39	52	35	36	53	38	38	22	32	43	51	38	38	41	40	30	36	15	40	44	26	43
Fairly concerned	39	36	46	35	32	48	42	33	38	41	49	42	36	34	43	40	35	38	49	40	53	38	39	42	37
<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>
Not very concerned	11	7	14	15	8	8	12	8	12	9	13	12	10	9	11	8	11	11	10	11	6	12	10	12	10
Not at all concerned	2	3	2	3	1	0	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	5	1
<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	10	5	9	9	8	9	9	5	9	11	13	12	9	6	7	12	10	9	10	10	23	9	5	15	9

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**In your local area?**

Very concerned	<b>29</b>	37	21	29	41	22	25	39	30	28	14	25	35	36	32	26	32	30	27	23	17	30	36	19	32
Fairly concerned	<b>34</b>	34	38	33	33	37	40	32	33	35	31	35	30	37	36	34	31	35	27	30	32	33	35	35	36
<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>68</b>
Not very concerned	<b>25</b>	19	30	26	15	28	25	21	26	23	36	25	25	19	23	26	24	23	32	31	32	26	20	26	21
Not at all concerned	<b>5</b>	6	5	7	4	4	4	4	5	4	7	5	4	4	4	4	6	4	5	8	3	3	4	8	5
<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>	3	6	6	7	9	6	3	6	9	11	10	7	3	5	10	7	7	9	8	16	7	5	12	6

**How freely, if at all, do you think planning permission should be given to build on green spaces?**

Planning permission should almost always be given here	<b>5</b>	4	5	4	6	7	4	5	5	6	7	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	6	4	6	4	5	7	6
Planning permission should normally be given here, unless there is a good reason to stop it	<b>10</b>	5	13	6	6	11	9	7	11	8	12	13	7	5	9	8	11	9	7	10	17	12	6	15	7
<b>TOTAL SHOULD BE GIVEN</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>
Planning permission should not normally be given here, unless there is a good reason to allow it	<b>44</b>	40	52	48	33	47	51	37	45	43	53	46	39	41	48	42	42	44	44	49	45	44	40	44	45
Planning permissions should almost never be given here	<b>35</b>	49	26	40	51	32	32	48	34	36	18	27	43	47	36	39	34	35	36	31	22	37	40	23	36
<b>TOTAL SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>81</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>	2	4	2	3	4	4	3	5	7	10	8	5	2	3	6	7	6	7	6	9	3	9	11	5

**Do you think it should or should not be a legal requirement for all new housing developments to create accessible green spaces for residents?**

Should be a legal requirement	<b>86</b>	89	90	88	83	93	90	86	83	89	83	83	88	90	89	87	82	86	83	89	73	87	87	84	86
Should not be a legal requirement	<b>6</b>	7	4	8	8	4	4	6	9	4	9	8	5	4	6	6	8	6	7	5	17	5	6	8	6
Don't know	<b>8</b>	4	6	3	10	3	5	8	8	7	9	9	7	5	5	8	10	8	9	6	9	8	7	7	8

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And if a new housing development is built on an existing playing field or community sports ground, do you think it should, or should not, be a legal requirement to replace it with a space of equivalent or better quantity and quality?

Should be a legal requirement	<b>88</b>	93	91	93	84	95	92	90	87	89	85	85	90	93	91	89	86	88	85	90	91	90	89	80	89
Should not be a legal requirement	<b>4</b>	5	3	4	5	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	4	2	5	4	6	4	0	3	4	5	3
Don't know	<b>8</b>	3	6	4	11	2	5	6	8	8	11	10	7	4	5	9	10	8	8	6	9	7	6	15	8

\*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.