



Guildford Public Toilet User Survey



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User Survey Overview

A user counting survey was carried out on 15 public toilet facilities in the Guildford Borough area. The site at Ash was not included as the fitting of counter equipment was not possible. DDA cubicles were not included in the survey as use is sporadic and the data does not contain any key indicators.

The survey ran from mid-June through to 30th August, allowing a survey period of over two months. A survey snapshot by site detailing daily and weekly usage of gents and ladies toilets as well as graphs detailing user peaks follows later in this document. Further detailed information such as hourly use is held on the user portal and can be accessed using the log in detail provided.

Survey Results

		Total	Average per Day
Allen House Gents		1861	25
Allen House Ladies		1594	21
	Totals	3455	47
Bedford Road Gents		1017	13
Bedford Road Ladies		4249	55
	Totals	5266	68
Burchett's Farm Gents		2816	38
Burchett's Farm Ladies		1152	15
	Totals	3968	54
Farnham Road Gents		1621	20
Farnham Road Ladies		1454	18
	Totals	3075	39
G-Live Gents		4242	57
G-Live Gents		2387	32
	Totals	6629	90
Home Farm Gents		4124	58
Home Farm Ladies		2801	36
	Totals	6925	95
Onslow Toilets G		1133	15
Onslow Toilets L		1929	24
	Totals	3062	40
Ripley Gents		1800	24
Ripley Ladies		967	12
	Totals	2767	37
Shalford Park Gents		5476	75.
Shalford Park Ladies		2479	33
	Totals	7955	108
Shere Gents		6223	85
Shere Ladies		8334	114
	Totals	14557	199
Stoke Park Gents		9144	163
Stoke Park Ladies		12478	162



	Totals	21622	325
Sutherland Gents		2389	31
Sutherland Ladies		2131	29
	Totals	4520	60
Tunsgate Gents		11102	152
Tunsgate Ladies		14400	197
	Totals	25502	349
Ward Street Gents		10342	132
Ward Street Ladies		13749	176
	Totals	24091	308
Woodbridge Road Gents		8227	105
Woodbridge Road Ladies		3650	46
	Totals	11877	152

A quick review of the data collected reveals the busiest sites as follows:

1	Tunsgate
2	Stoke Park
3	Ward Street
4	Shere
5	Woodbridge Road
6	Shalford Park
7	Home Farm
8	G-Live
9	Bedford Road
10	Sutherland
11	Burchett's Farm
12	Allen House
13	Onslow Toilets
14	Farnham Road
15	Ripley

Key
High
Medium
Low

Conclusions

The toilets in this survey are generally well used in comparison to general public toilet use. Even the low use toilets appear to be at the top end of low usage in comparison to other surveys we have conducted across the UK.

The average cost of keeping a facility in use in the UK is approximately £20,000 pa. which includes rates, utilities, maintenance, cleaning and consumables. Using **Ripley** as an example, as it has the lowest use, the cost per user of this site equates to £1.48 per user. Whereas at the opposite end of the scale the **Tunsgate** cost per user is £0.16.



Charging?

Never a popular decision but as an alternative to closure it is worth considering. Charging for public toilets will never cover the cost of operation but it may assist in easing the cost burden of operating the facility. Things to consider when considering the introduction of charging.

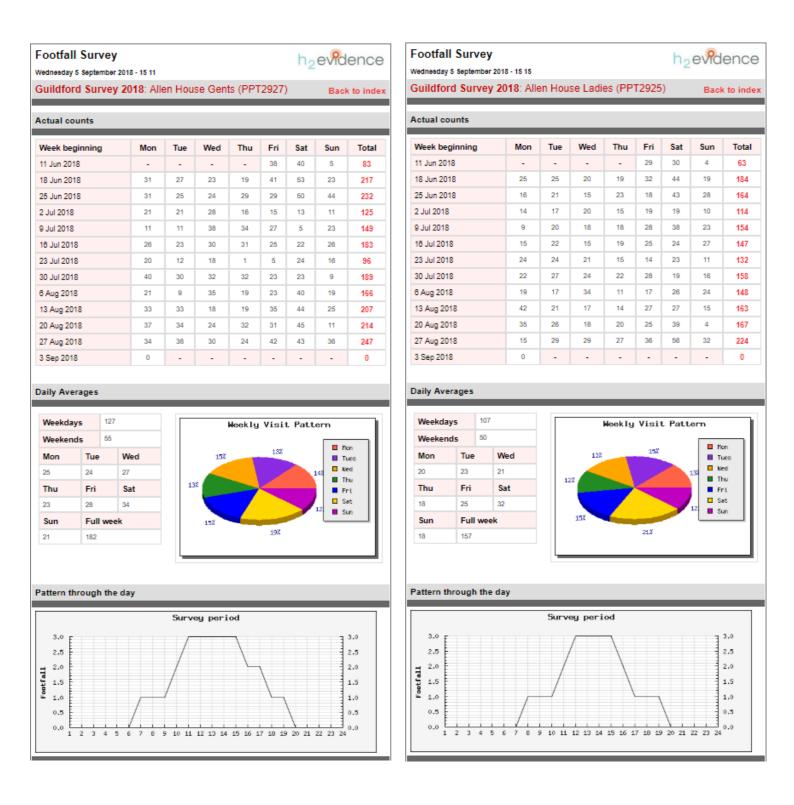
The introduction of a charge for toilets will:

- ₱ Reduce usage of the facility by 50%.
- **†** Reduce the income generated
- Reduce the amount of water, electric and consumables used.
- Deter vandalism and reduce maintenance costs.
- Eliminate the need to open and close the toilets. It also allows the operator to pre-set times for opening & closing.
- Not be well received by users without improving or refurbishing the site



Allen House

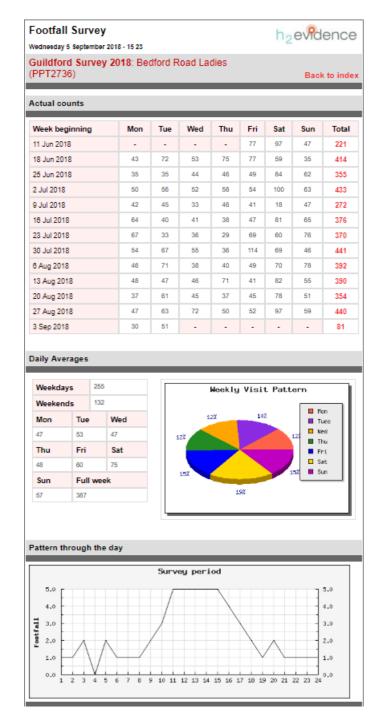
Low usage site with a lunch time peak. Usage is consistent throughout the week.

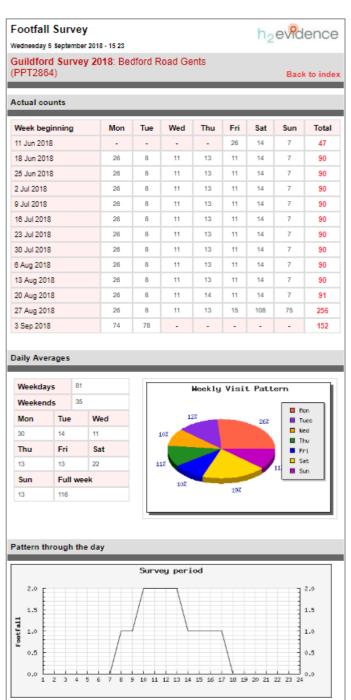




Bedford Road

Medium use site. Higher usage in the Gents by nearly 4 times compared to the Ladies. Very consistent usage of the Ladies suggests regular users with an uplift in use on Monday's?

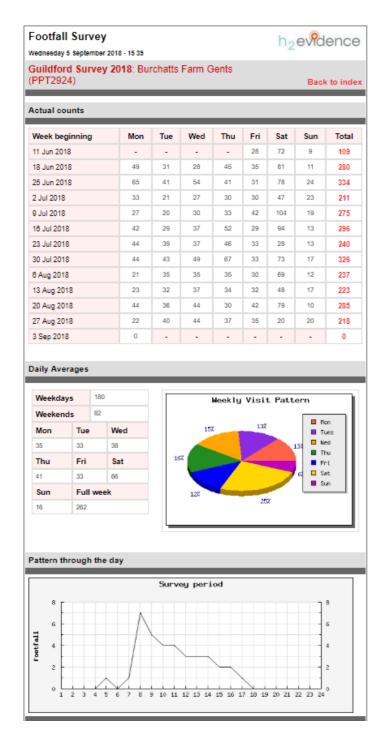


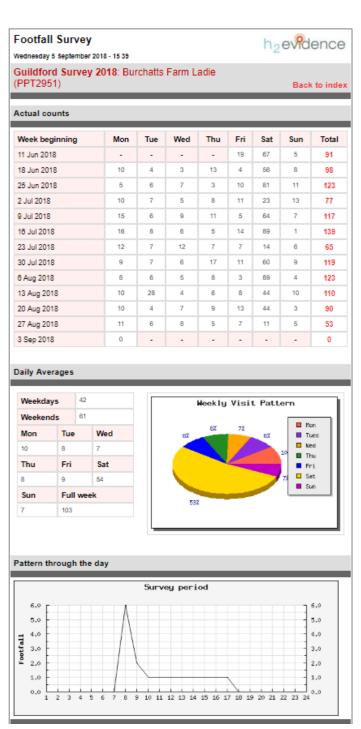




Burchett's Farm

A low use facility which peaks in the morning between 8am and 10am. Busier on a Saturday which suggests local shopping or events nearby?

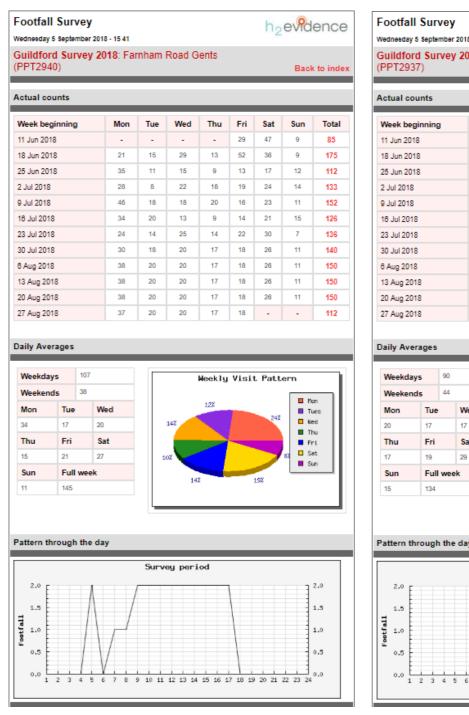


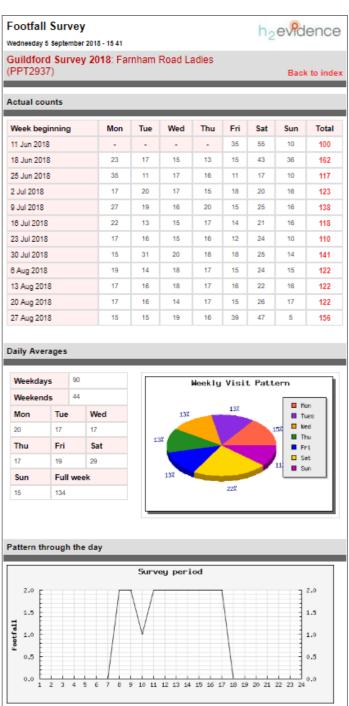




Farnham Road

A low usage site which has constant visits throughout the day. Some out of hours counts suggest the gents facility isn't always locked?

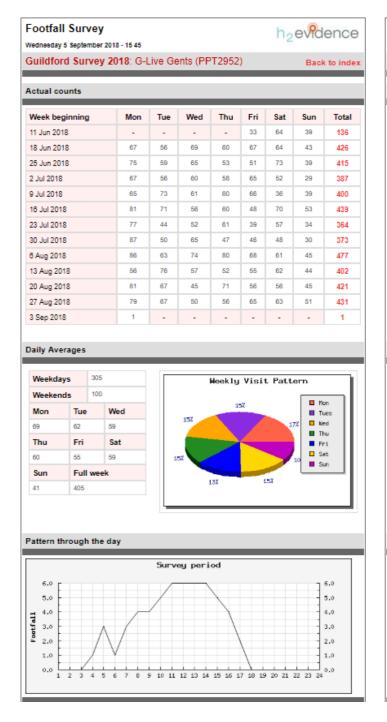


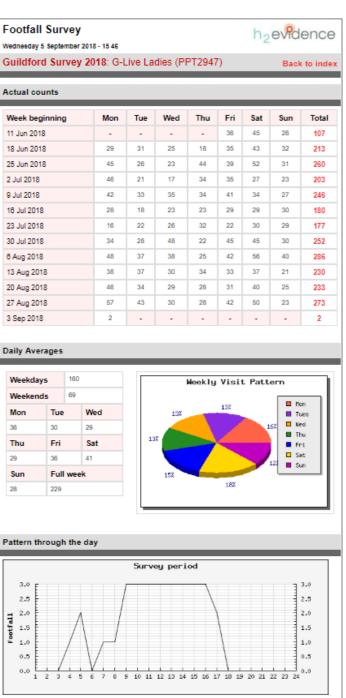




G-Live Car Park

A medium use site with constant use during the day. Some very early counts but none after 18:00 which is assumed to be the closing time.

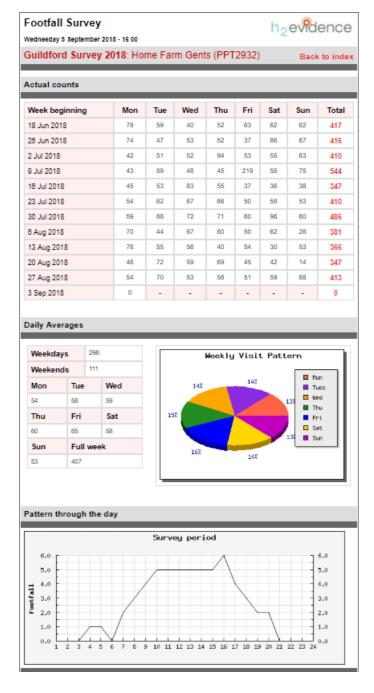


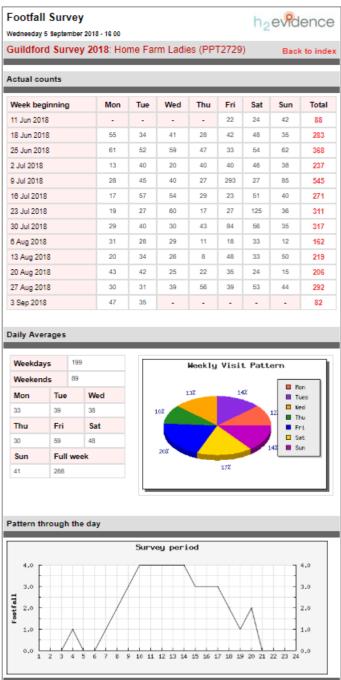




Home Farm

A medium use site with consistant use throughout the day. Some early morning counts with closing time at 21:00.

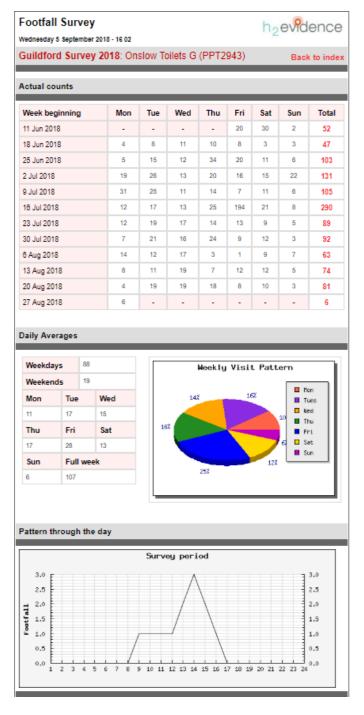


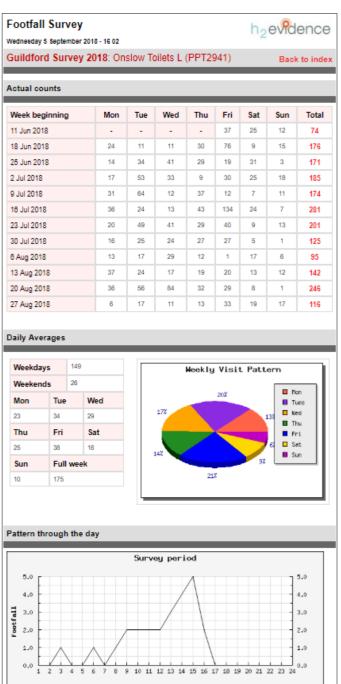




Onslow

A low use site which is busiest on a Friday. The ladies shows some overnight counts which is in contrast to the gents which operates 08:00 to 17:00

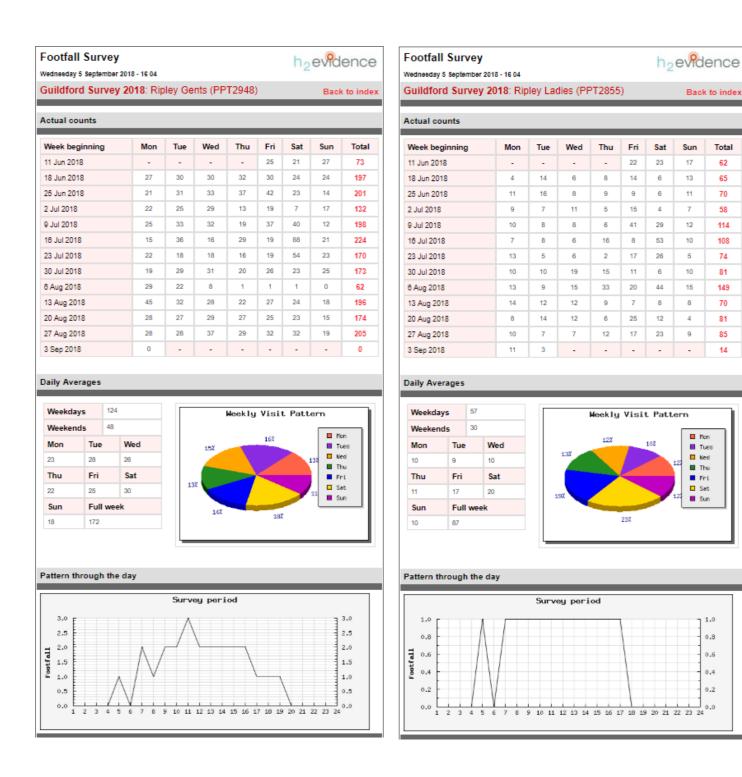






Ripley High Street

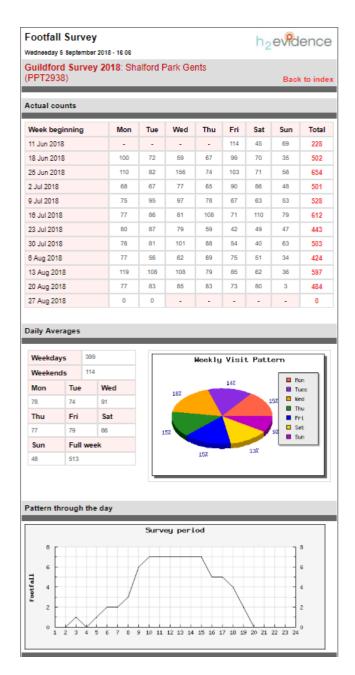
Lowest used site. Appears to be opened at 04:00.

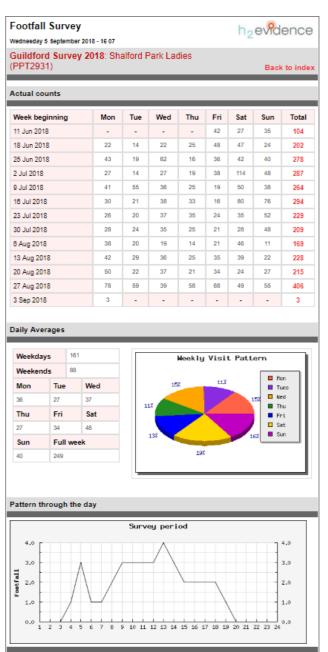




Shalford Park

A medium use site with good constant numbers. Early morning/overnight access recorded.

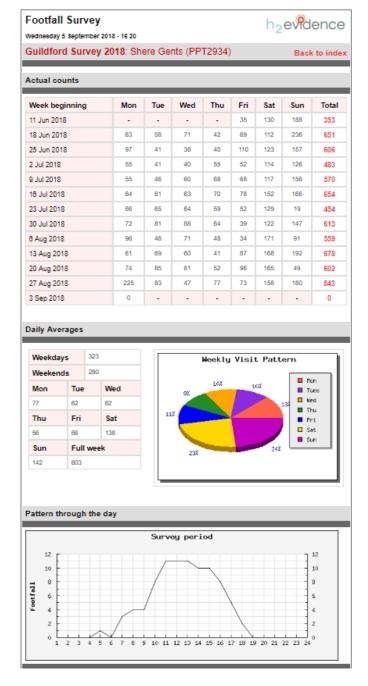


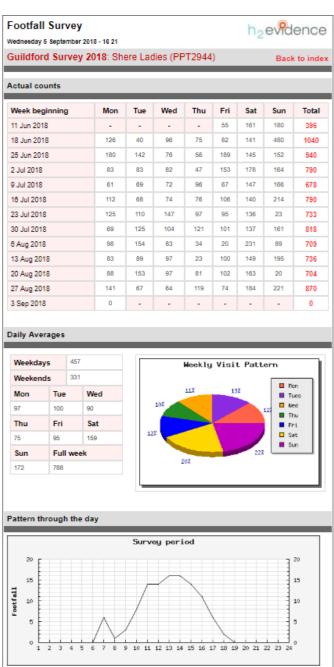




Shere

A high use site which is busiest at weekends. Usage builds towards lunchtime and stays fairly constant until 17:00

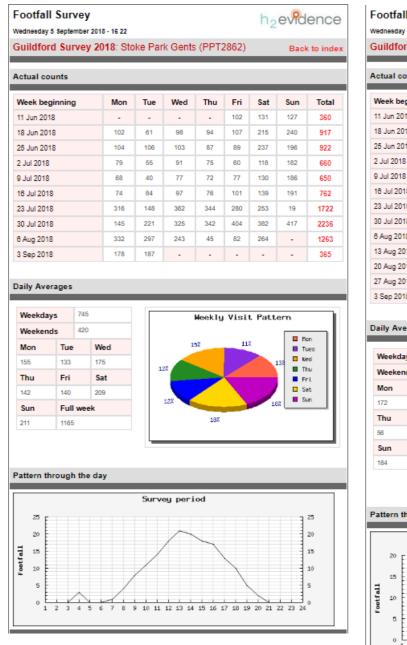


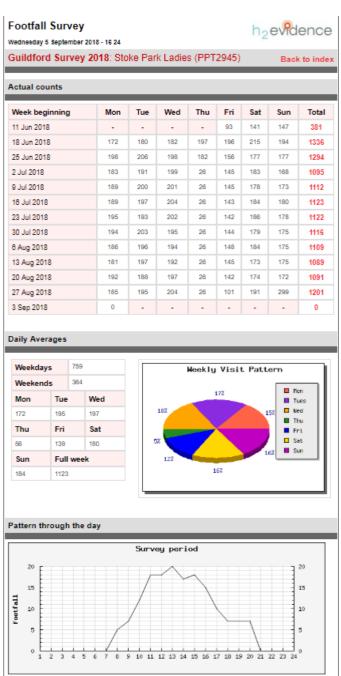




Stoke Park

A high use site which is busy at weekends and tends to peak daily at lunch which is expected due to it's park location. Expect a seasonal drop as the weather gets colder.

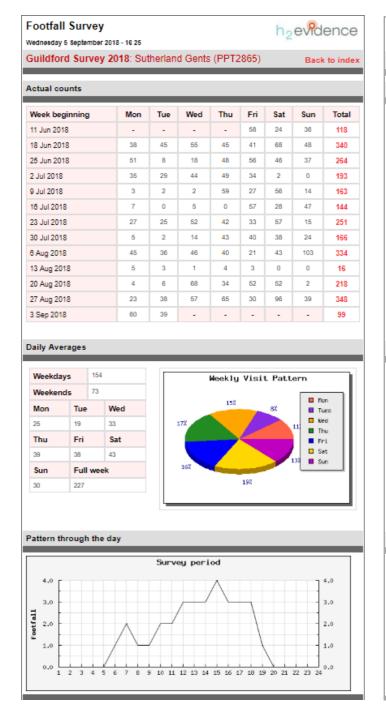


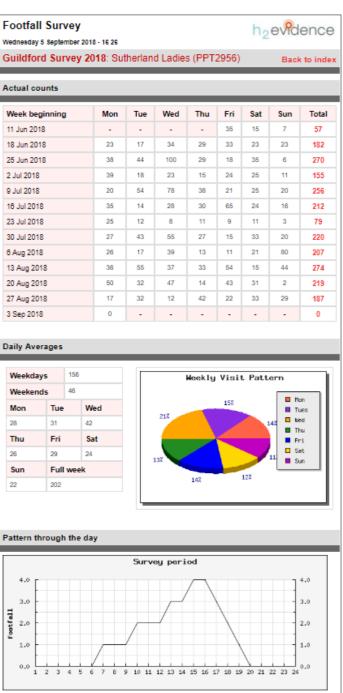




Sutherland

Low use site with constant visits. Daily peak use seems to be the evening rush hour. The ladies is constant during the week whereas the gents has more use at the weekends.

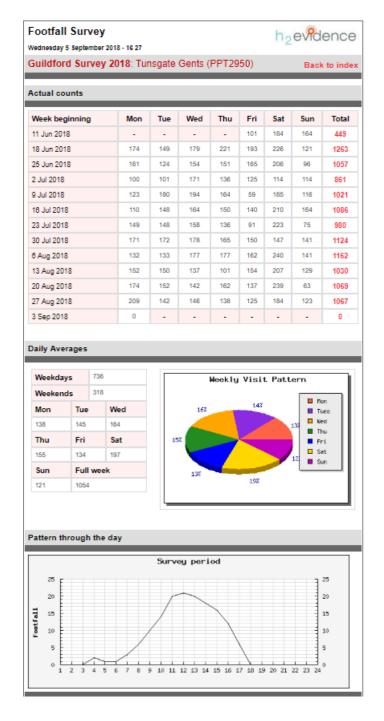


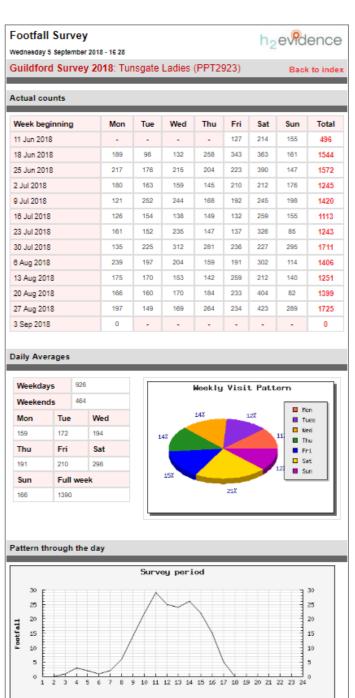




Tunsgate

High use site which shows the expected user trends based on its location. Based on these usage figures the forecasted annual income for this site at 20p per use would be in the region of £12,000pa.

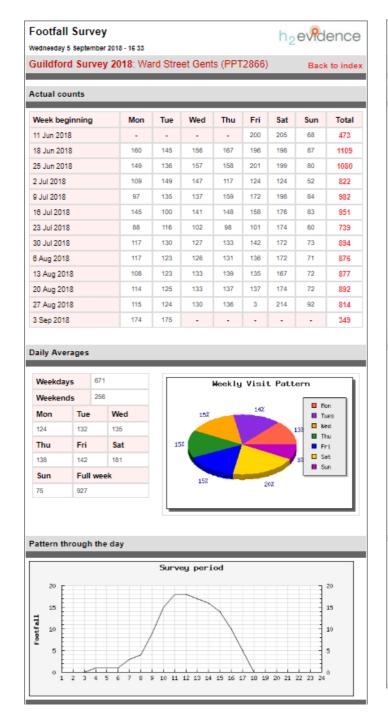


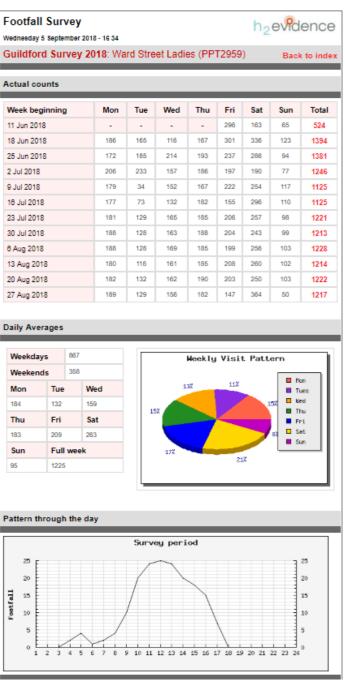




Ward Street

Similar to Tunsgate, this high use site shows usage trends expected from its town centre location.







Woodbridge Road

A high use site which has a prominent location on a busy road. Usage is constant throughout the day. Gents has an unexpected low use trend on a Thursday.

