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Our latest State of UK Public Parks 2016 report updates the previous study undertaken in 2014.

What does the research show?

This second State of the UK Public Parks report shows that there is a growing deficit between the rising use of parks and the declining resources that are available to manage them. Based on new surveys, the findings show that while parks are highly valued by the public and usage is increasing, park maintenance budgets and staffing levels are being cut.

The research calls for collaborative action to deliver new ways of funding and managing public parks to avert a crisis.

Without urgent action the continuing downward trend in the condition of many of our most treasured parks and green spaces is set to continue. Whilst new ways of working and generating income are showing potential, more support, shared learning and collaboration is needed to support those that manage public parks.