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# 1: Executive Summary

 The average number of visitors to Bournemouth Seafront at high season during school holidays was as follows in 2005:

In sunny weather: 65,600
In cloudy weather: 27,300
In showery weather: 20,800
In rainy weather: 8,400

 The average number of visitors to Bournemouth Seafront at high season during school term time was as follows in 2005:

In sunny weather: 26,000
In cloudy weather: 11,100
In showery weather: 7,000
In rainy weather: 4,000

- The number of visitors to the seafront was generally lower in 2005 than 2003; during peak times, the seafront saw 18% fewer visitors in 2005.
- As satisfaction with the seafront increases, so does the amount of time and money spent by visitors. Visitors who expressed low levels of satisfaction with the seafront spent an average of £3.57 per person on their visit – around 24% less than visitors who were very satisfied.
- Provision of dog and litter bins were viewed by respondents as the
  most important aspects of the seafront experience. Safety and security,
  public toilets, and access for people with disabilities / pushchairs were
  also important factors. The pier, provision of beach furniture, and the
  landtrain were the least important aspects of the seafront.
- The highest levels of satisfaction were expressed with cleanliness of the beach and seafront area, provision of litter bins, and safety and security. Public toilets were lowest rated aspect of the seafront.
- There were four elements of the seafront where average importance exceeded satisfaction by a significant margin. These were:
  - Access for people with disabilities / pushchairs.
  - o Car parking.
  - o Dog bins.
  - o Public toilets.
- One-fifth of visitors (20%) were children aged 16 or under. 17% of visitors were young adults between the ages of 17 and 24, and 37% of visitors were adults aged 25 54. A further 26% of visitors were older adults aged 55 years or more. 60% of visitors were female, and were 40% male. The average group of visitors to the seafront consisted of between 2 and 3 people.



- There was a fairly equal distribution of day visitors (57%) and staying visitors (43%) amongst visitors to the seafront.
- A combination of the weather (88%) and available free time (72%) prompted the majority of respondents to visit the seafront.
  Respondents were primarily attracted to the seafront by the sandy beaches. This was followed by the convenience of location and the quality of the blue flag beach.
- The average visitor spent just over 3 hours at the seafront, and spent £4.49 on goods and services.
- Bournemouth compared well with other seafronts, with 62% of respondents reporting that it was better in comparison. 27% of respondents felt that Bournemouth was about the same standard as other seafronts, and 11% felt that it was worse.



# 2: Background and Methodology

## 2.1: Background Information

Bournemouth's seafront is a major asset to the Borough. In order to better inform policy making and strategic planning a research project was undertaken over the summer of 2003 to assess visitor experiences and requirements. This report is a continuation and updating of this consultation and research exercise.

## 2.2: The Market Research Group

The Market Research Group provides market research and intelligence services to organisations in the service sector and local government.

The Market Research Group, based within Bournemouth University, can offer a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of leisure, tourism, heritage, best value and economic impact research at a national, regional and local level.

Using external market research professionals to complete all or part of the consultation and research process can bring together greater legitimacy and independence to the results, expertise and research experience, less disruption to other in house services, and greater resources.

These benefits are further enhanced by the relationship developed between the Borough of Bournemouth and the Market Research Group.



# 2.3: Methodology

The target population was all Bournemouth beach users throughout the summer months (July to September). Though this does not allow a comprehensive profile of all beach users, and their attitudes, to be constructed it does allow for the majority of users to be considered.

Face-to-face interviews with beach users were conducted along the entire length of Bournemouth's beaches these were undertaken from the beginning of July to the end of September 2005.

Interviewees were selected at random, and no users under the age of 16 were interviewed. The seafront was divided into 8 Zones, these were defined as:

- Zone1 Poole Boundary to 150m West of Bournemouth Pier.
- Zone2 150m Either side of Bournemouth Pier.
- Zone3 150m East of B'mouth Pier to halfway to Boscombe Pier.
- Zone4 Halfway to B'combe pier to 150m west of Boscombe Pier.
- Zone5 150m Either side of Boscombe Pier.
- Zone6 Boscombe Undercliffe area.
- Zone7 Southbourne area.
- Zone8 Hengistbury Head area.

Counts were undertaken at predetermined, evenly spaced, times between 8am and 7pm in all zones. A  $100m^2$  area was identified and all persons within that square, at that moment in time, were counted. This allows the number of people on the beach at any one moment in time to be estimated.



# 3: Survey Results

# 3.1: Length of Stay

The majority of respondents spent more than 2 hours at the seafront, including 34% who spent between 2-4 hours, and 33% who spent 4 hours or more. 11% of visitors were on a brief visit, spending less than 1 hour at the seafront, and 22% of visitors spent 1-2 hours at the seafront. The average visitor spent just over 3 hours at the seafront.

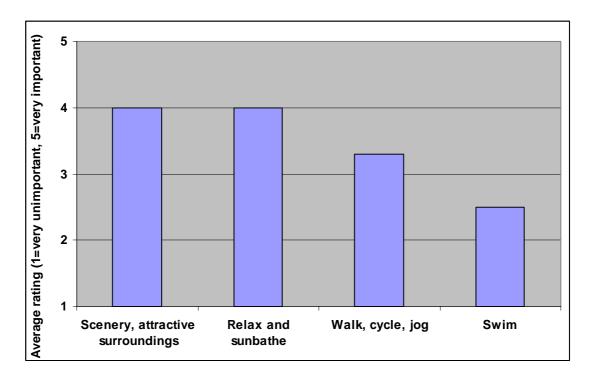
Table 1: How long do you intend to spend at the seafront today? (Q5)			
Base: All Respondents	Frequency Percent		
Less than 1 hour	75	10.9	
1 - 2 hours	154	22.4	
2 - 4 hours	234	34.0	
4 hours or more	225	32.7	
Total	688	100.0	
Average time spent	3.05 h	ours	

### 3.2: Motivations

Scenery / attractive surroundings and the desire to relax / sunbathe were the most important motivating factors in respondents deciding to visit the seafront (average ratings of 4.0, or "important").

Table 2: How important were the following in your decision to visit the seafront (where 1 is very unimportant and 5 is very important) Q6			
Base: All Respondents	Unimportant (1 or 2) %	Important (4 or 5) %	Average rating (1=is very unimportant, 5=very important)
Scenery, attractive surroundings	15.9	75.3	4.0
Relax and sunbathe	17.4	75.3	4.0
Walk, cycle, jog	34.0	56.7	3.3
Swim	58.3	31.7	2.5

Fig 1: How important were the following in your decision to visit the seafront? (Q6)

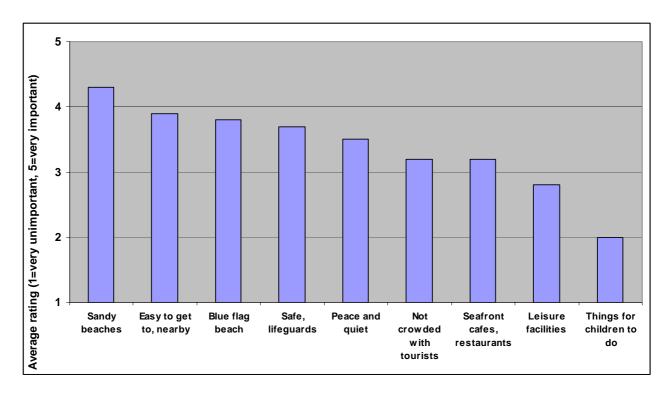




Respondents were primarily attracted to the seafront by the sandy beaches (average rating 4.3). This was followed by the convenience of location and the quality of the blue flag beach.

Table 3: How important were the following in your decision to visit the seafront (average ratings, where 1 is very unimportant and 5 is very important) Q7			
Base: All Respondents	Unimportant (1 or 2) %	Important (4 or 5) %	Average rating (1=is very unimportant, 5=very important)
Sandy beaches	13.6	82.8	4.3
Easy to get to, nearby	18.4	71.7	3.9
Blue flag beach	22.7	68.2	3.8
Safe, lifeguards	25.8	63.6	3.7
Peace and quiet	24.2	54.8	3.5
Not crowded with tourists	31.7	43.2	3.2
Seafront cafes, restaurants	34.6	48.5	3.2
Leisure facilities	46.0	36.0	2.8
Things for children to do	71.3	23.6	2.0

Fig 2: How important were the following in your decision to visit the seafront? (Q7)

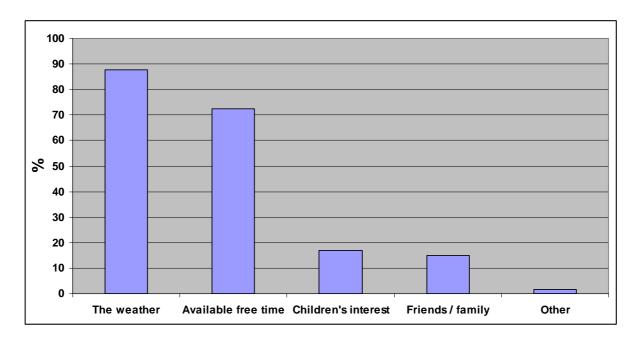




A combination of the weather (88%) and available free time (72%) prompted the majority of respondents to visit the seafront.

Table 4: Which of the following factors prompted your visit today? (Q8)				
Base: All Respondents	Frequency Percent			
The weather	607	87.8		
Available free time	500	72.4		
Children's interest	116	16.8		
Friends / family	104	15.1		
Magazine article	5	0.7		
Seafront leaflet	2	0.3		
Newspaper article	2	0.3		
Special offers	2	0.3		
Other leaflets	1	0.1		
Brown road sign	0	0.0		
None of these	25	3.6		
Total (base: multi code)	691	1		

Fig 3: Which of the following factors prompted your visit today? (Q8)





## 3.3: Public Toilets

65% of respondents had used public toilets in Bournemouth in the last 12 months and 35% had not.

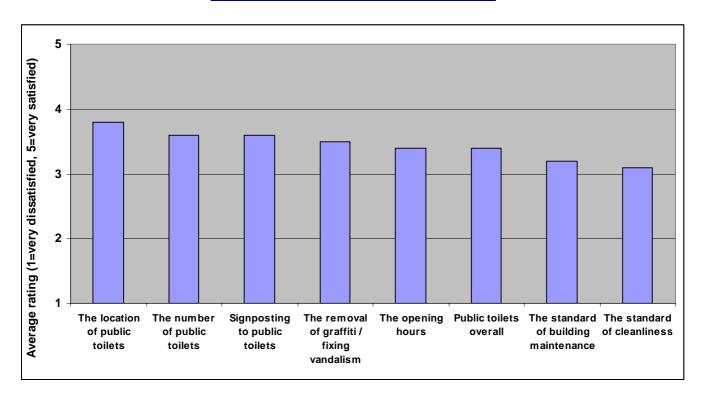
Table 5: Have you used any public toilets in Bournemouth in the last 12 months? (Q9)			
Base: All Respondents Frequency Percent			
Yes	444	65.4	
No 235			
Total	679	100.0	



Respondents expressed the highest level of satisfaction with the location of public toilets (average rating 3.8, around "fairly satisfied"), followed by the number of public toilets and signposting to public toilets (average rating 3.6). Respondents were least satisfied with the standard of cleanliness (average rating 3.1, around "neither satisfied nor dissatisfied") and the standard of buildings maintenance (average rating 3.2).

Table 6: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following elements of the public toilets service in Bournemouth? (Q10)			
Base: Respondents who had used public toilets (Yes to Q9). Excluding "don't know"	Very / fairly satisfied (%)	Very / fairly dissatisfied (%)	Average rating (5=Very satisfied, 1=very dissatisfied)
The location of public toilets	83.3	10.8	3.8
The number of public toilets	73.7	20.7	3.6
Signposting to public toilets	70.1	12.9	3.6
The removal of graffiti / fixing vandalism	58.1	13.7	3.5
The opening hours	63.4	22.9	3.4
Public toilets overall	66.7	23.6	3.4
The standard of building maintenance	59.2	30.4	3.2
The standard of cleanliness	51.6	39.6	3.1

Fig 4: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following elements of the public toilets service in Bournemouth? (Q10)





### 3.4: Facilities

Provision of dog and litter bins were viewed by respondents as the most important aspects of the seafront experience, with average ratings of 8.6 and 8.1 respectively. Safety and security (average rating 7.9), public toilets (7.7) and access for people with disabilities / pushchairs (7.7) were also important factors.

The pier (average rating 5.6), provision of beach furniture (5.4) and the landtrain (5.1) were the least important aspects of the seafront.

Table 7: How important would you rate the following things when visiting the seafront? (Q11)			
Base: All respondents	Unimportant (0-3) %	Important (7- 10) %	Average rating (0=not at all important, 10=very important)
Provision of dog bins	13.0	86.5	8.5
Provision of litter bins	13.3	84.8	8.1
Safety and security	12.9	81.7	7.9
Public toilets	10.8	77.9	7.7
Access for people with disabilities / pushchairs	16.1	793	7.7
Availability of car parking	17.7	75.6	7.4
Public transport links	19.9	65.7	6.8
Provision of taps / showers	20.9	59.0	6.4
Cleanliness of beach and seafront area	15.7	57.4	6.3
Kids zone scheme	27.2	59.9	6.2
Pier	27.5	47.0	5.6
Provision of beach furniture	31.4	43.8	5.4
Landtrain	32.1	39.3	5.1



The highest levels of satisfaction were expressed with cleanliness of the beach and seafront area (average rating 8.3), provision of litter bins (8.0), and safety and security (7.8).

Public toilets were lowest rated aspect of the seafront, with an average satisfaction rating of 6.3.

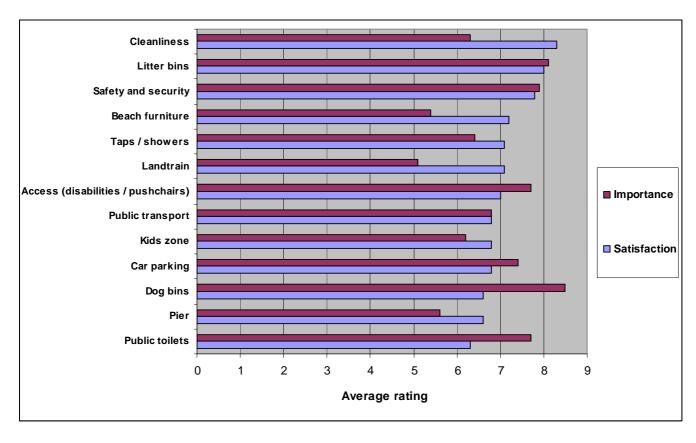
Table 8: Thinking specifically about your visit to the seafront today, please tell us on a scale of 1-10 how satisfied you are with the following (Q12)			
Base: All respondents	Dissatisfied (0-3) %	Satisfied (7- 10) %	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10=very satisfied)
Cleanliness of beach and seafront area	2.6	88.0	8.3
Provision of litter bins	3.2	83.7	8.0
Safety and security	6.9	80.6	7.8
Provision of beach furniture	9.9	72.8	7.2
Provision of taps / showers	9.7	68.0	7.1
Landtrain	10.3	66.5	7.1
Access for people with disabilities / pushchairs	13.6	69.0	7.0
Kids zone scheme	20.0	65.0	6.8
Availability of car parking	15.3	62.9	6.8
Public transport links	13.3	63.6	6.8
Pier	11.8	60.4	6.6
Provision of dog bins	16.2	62.9	6.6
Public toilets	15.7	57.4	6.3



The figure below shows that there were four elements of the seafront where average importance exceeded satisfaction by a significant margin, indicating areas for possible attention when considering development of facilities affecting the visitor experience. These were:

- Access for people with disabilities / pushchairs.
- Car parking.
- Dog bins.
- Public toilets.

Fig 5: Importance of / satisfaction with aspects of the seafront (Q11 / Q12)

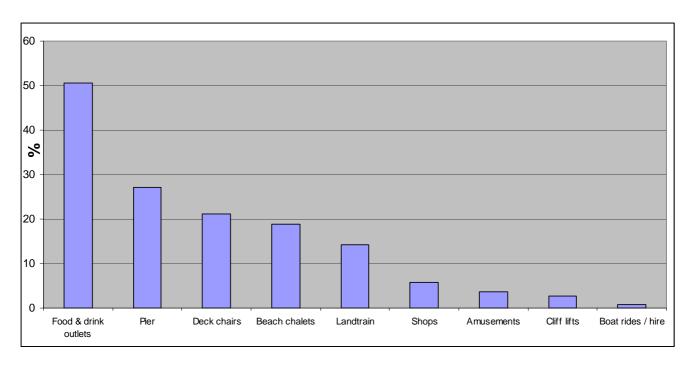




Food and drink outlets were the most widely used facility (51%). The pier was used by 27% of respondents, deck chairs by 21%, and beach chalets by 19%. 14% of respondents used the landtrain.

Table 9: Have you used any of the following facilities today? (Q13)			
Base: All Respondents	Frequency	Percent	
Food & drink outlets	256	50.5	
Pier	138	27.2	
Deck chairs	107	21.1	
Beach chalets	96	18.9	
Landtrain	72	14.2	
Shops	29	5.7	
Amusements	18	3.6	
Cliff lifts	13	2.6	
Boat rides / hire	4	8.0	
Total (base: multi code)	507	n/a	

Fig 6: Facilities Used (Q13)





## 3.5: Beach Huts, Landtrain and Additional Facilities

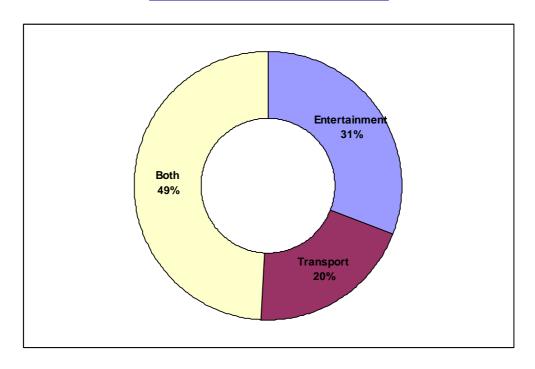
29% of respondents rated the beach hut service as either "good" or "very good", compared with 40% of respondents who rated the service as either "poor" or "very poor". The beach hut service received a mean rating of 2.8, just below "average".

Table 10: How would you rate the service the Council provides for beach huts? (Q14)				
Base: Respondents who have used beach huts	e: Respondents who have used beach huts Frequency Percent			
(5) Very good	9	9.7		
(4) Good	18	19.4		
(3) Average	29	31.2		
(2) Poor	20	21.5		
(1) Very poor	17	18.3		
Total	93	100.0		
Average rating	2.8			

31% of respondents who used the landtrain did so purely for entertainment, 20% used it purely for transport, and 49% used it as both entertainment and transport.

Table 11: Did you use the Landtrain as (Q15)			
Base: Respondents who had use the landtrain Frequency Percent			
Entertainment	20	30.8	
Transport	13	20.0	
Both	32	49.2	
Total	65	100.0	

Fig 7: Purpose of Landtrain Use (Q15)





The improvements or additional facilities that respondents would like to see were wide and varied, with no single improvement receiving more than 9% of unprompted responses (newer / upgraded toilets). It should be noted that 36% of respondents felt that no change was needed.

Table 12: Are there any additional facilities or services that you would like to see here on the				
seafront? (Q16 unprompted)				
Base: All respondents	Frequency	Percent		
Newer / upgraded toilets	59	8.9		
More toilets	46	7.0		
More cafes / restaurants	46	7.0		
More car parking	29	4.4		
Changing facilities	28	4.2		
More litter bins	21	3.2		
Cleaner beaches	19	2.9		
More showers	17	2.6		
Picnic area	13	2.0		
Wet weather attractions	12	1.8		
Children's play area	12	1.8		
More pubs	11	1.7		
Better / more activity provision	11	1.7		
Freshwater taps	10	1.5		
Baby change	10	1.5		
Better signposting	9	1.4		
More dog free beaches	9	1.4		
More information boards / points	8	1.2		
More dog litter dins	7	1.1		
Lockers	6	0.9		
First aid point	6	0.9		
More no smoking beaches	2	0.3		
Sandier beaches	1	0.2		
No change	235	35.6		
Other	234	35.4		
Total (base: multi code)	661	n/a		

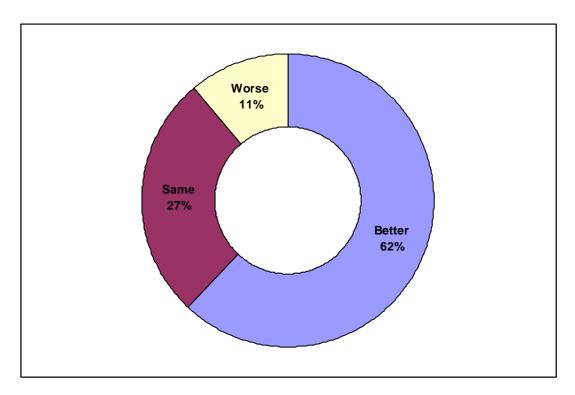


# 3.6: Comparison With Other Destinations

Bournemouth compared well with other seafronts that respondents had visited in the last 12 months, with 62% reporting that it was better in comparison. 27% of respondents felt that Bournemouth was about the same standard as other seafronts, and 11% felt that it was worse.

Table 13: How does Bournemouth compare with other seafronts you've visited in the last 12 months? (Q17)				
Base: All respondents Frequency Percent				
Better 392 6				
Same 169 26				
Worse 71 11.2				
Total 632 100.				

Fig 8: Bournemouth seafront in comparison to other seafronts (q17)





# 3.7: Expenditure

The average visitor to the seafront spent £4.49 per day.

Table 14: How much has your group spent / will they spend at the seafront today, including parking charges?		
Base: All respondents  Average spend per day		
Average spend per group £10		
Average spend per person	£4.49	

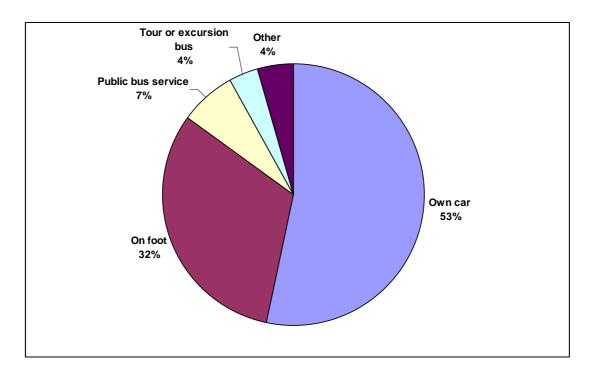


# 3.8: Mode of Transport

The majority of respondents travelled to the seafront using their own car (53%) or on foot (32%).

Table 15: Please tell us how you travelled from your home / accommodation to the Seafront? (Q19)			
Base: All respondents	Frequency	Percent	
Own car	358	53.2	
On foot	213	31.6	
Public bus service	47	7.0	
Tour or excursion bus	25	3.7	
Bicycle	13	1.9	
Train	11	1.6	
Boat / other watercraft	2	0.3	
Hire car	1	0.1	
Motorcycle	0	0.0	
Other	3	0.4	
Total	673	100.0	

Fig 9: Mode of transport to the seafront (Q19)



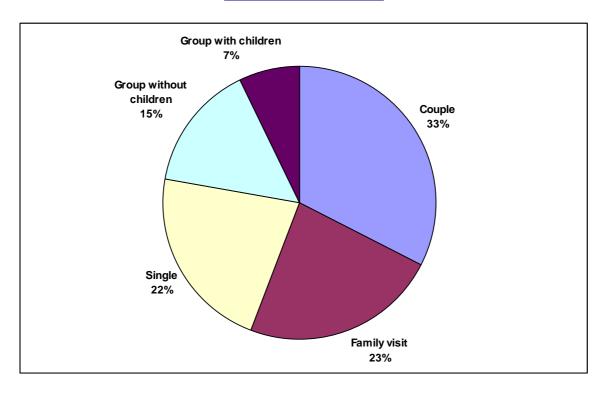


# 3.9: Group Type

33% of respondents were visiting the seafront as a couple. A further 23% were on a family visit, and 22% were visiting alone. 15% of respondents were in adult groups without children, and 6% were in adult groups with children.

Table 16: Which of the following groups are you part of today? (Q20)			
Base: All respondents	Frequency	Percent	
Couple	221	32.6	
Family visit	158	23.3	
Single	147	21.7	
Group without children	102	15.1	
Group with children	49	7.2	
Total	677	100.0	

Fig 10: Group Type (Q20)



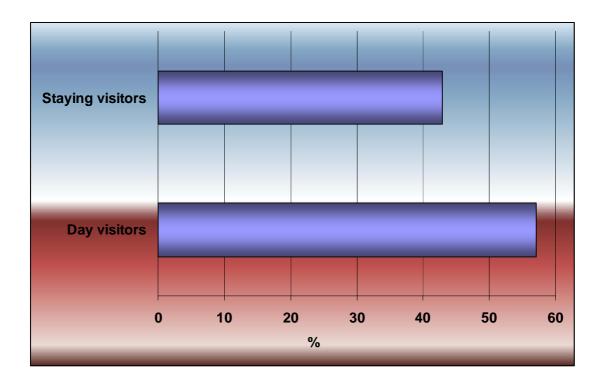


# 3.10: Staying Visitors

There was a fairly equal distribution of day visitors (57%) and staying visitors (43%) amongst visitors to the seafront.

Table 17: Day visitor or staying visitor? (Q23 & Q24)				
Base: All respondents Frequency Percent				
Day visitor	389	57.1		
Staying visitor 292				
Total 681 100.0				

Fig 11: Visitor Type (Q23 & Q24)





The majority of staying visitors to the seafront were staying in Bournemouth itself (78%). A further 8% were staying elsewhere in the Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole conurbation, 8% were staying in Hampshire, and 6% were staying elsewhere in Dorset.

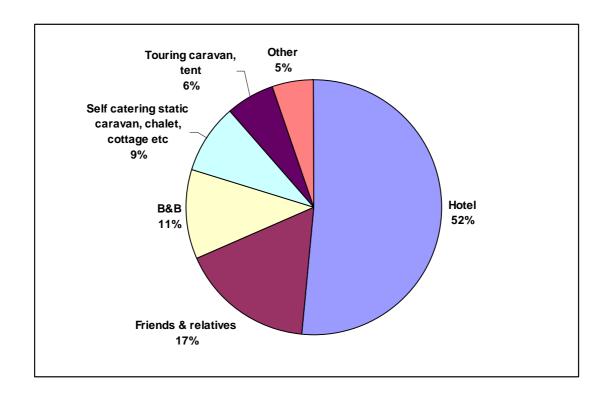
Table 18: Where are you staying at present? (Q25)			
Base: Staying visitors	Frequency	Percent	
Bournemouth	237	77.5	
Conurbation (not Bournemouth)	25	8.2	
Hampshire	25	8.2	
Dorset	17	5.6	
Wiltshire	1	0.3	
Devon	0	0.0	
Somerset	0	0.0	
Other	1	0.3	
Total	306	100.0	



Hotels were the most widely used type of accommodation (51%). A further 17% of staying visitors were staying with friends or relatives, 11% were staying in B&Bs, 9% in self-catering static caravans, chalets or cottages, and 6% in touring caravans or tents.

Table 19: What type of accommodation are you staying in? (Q26)			
Base: Staying visitors	Frequency	Percent	
Hotel	149	51.4	
Friends & relatives	49	16.9	
B&B	33	11.4	
Self catering static caravan, chalet, cottage etc	26	9.0	
Touring caravan, tent	18	6.2	
Other	15	5.2	
Total	290	100.0	

Fig 12: Accommodation Used (Q26)





# 3.11: Demographics

One-fifth of visitors (20%) were children aged 16 or under. 17% of visitors were young adults between the ages of 17 and 24, and 37% of visitors were adults aged 25 - 54. A further 26% of visitors were older adults aged 55 years or more.

The graph below illustrates that the proportion of children and older visitors was higher amongst males than females, whereas the proportion of young adults was significantly higher amongst females than males.

60% of visitors were female, compared with 40% male. The average group of visitors to the seafront consisted of between 2 and 3 people.

Table 20: Age / Gender Breakdown (Q27)						
Base: All visitors to the beach	Male (f)	Male (%)	Female (f)	Female (%)	Total (f)	Total (%)
Under 5 yrs	65	9.6	63	6.3	128	7.6
5 - 11 years	70	10.4	65	6.5	135	8.1
12 - 16 years	25	3.7	41	4.1	66	3.9
17 - 24 years	84	12.5	201	20.0	285	17.0
25 - 34 years	60	8.9	116	11.6	176	10.5
35 - 44 years	91	13.5	147	14.7	238	14.2
45 - 54 years	90	13.4	117	11.7	207	12.3
55 - 64 years	76	11.3	90	9.0	166	9.9
65+ years	113	16.8	163	16.3	276	16.5
Total	674	100.0	1003	100.0	1677	100.0
Gender breakdown	40.2% 59.8%					
Average group size			2.5 pc	eople		

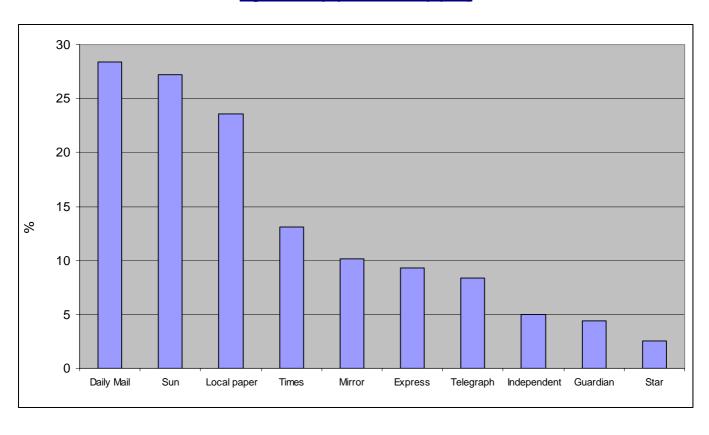
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Fig 13: Age / Gender (Q27)

Visitors to the seafront tended to read the Mail (28%), the Sun (27%) and local newspapers (24%). A further 13% read the Times, 10% the Mirror, and 9% the Express.

Table 21: Which newspapers do you read regularly? (Q28)			
Base: All respondents	Frequency	Percent	
Daily Mail	149	28.4	
Sun	143	27.2	
Local paper	124	23.6	
Times	69	13.1	
Mirror	53	10.1	
Express	49	9.3	
Telegraph	44	8.4	
Independent	26	5.0	
Guardian	23	4.4	
Star	13	2.5	
Total (base: multi code) 525			

Fig 14: Newspaper Readership (Q28)





The majority of respondents described themselves as belonging to the White British ethnic group (87%). A further 6% of respondents were White Other. 7% of respondents were from various other ethnicities.

Table 22: To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (Q29)			
Base: All respondents	Frequency	Percent	
White British	600	86.7	
White Other	40	5.8	
White & Asian	7	1.0	
White Irish	6	0.9	
White & Black Caribbean	6	0.9	
Indian	6	0.9	
African	5	0.7	
Other Asian background	5	0.7	
White & Black African	2	0.3	
Caribbean	2	0.3	
Other mixed background	1	0.1	
Chinese	1	0.1	
Other black background	1	0.1	
Pakistani	1	0.1	
Bangladeshi	0	0.0	
Other ethnic group	9	1.3	
Total	692	100.0	



# 4: Satisfaction Ratings - Crosstabulations

## 4.1: Correlation Analysis

The crosstabulations presented in this section are constructed using a two stage approach. Firstly a composite variable of satisfaction was formulated. This variable shows "average" satisfaction across the aspects of the seafront that respondents felt were most important to their enjoyment of the seafront.

This variable was then correlated against other variables in order to identify relevant crosstabulations. The correlation analysis showed that satisfaction with the seafront is most strongly inter-related to the following:

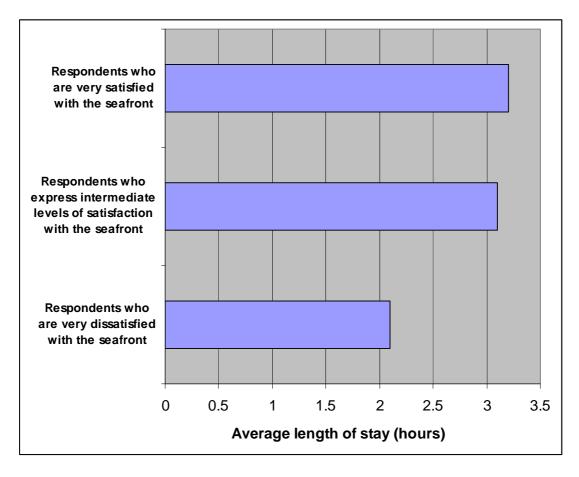
- Length of time spent at the seafront.
- Comparison with other beaches / seafronts.
- Amount of money spent.
- Group type.
- Age particularly groups containing 12 24 year olds.

### 4.2: Length of Stay

Satisfaction with the seafront has a significant impact on the length of time that visitors tend to spend in the area. In general, the more satisfied with the seafront, the longer a visitor tends to stay. Visitors who expressed high levels of satisfaction stayed an average of 3 hours and 12 minutes, slightly longer than those who expressed intermediate satisfaction (3 hours and 6 minutes). Visitors who expressed low levels of satisfaction tended to stay for an average of 2 hours and 6 minutes - around 34% less time than those who were very satisfied.

Table 23: Crosstabulation: satisfaction by length of stay				
Base: All respondents	Very dissatisfied (%)	Intermediate satisfaction (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10-very satisfied)
Less than 1 hour	45.1	5.6	49.3	4.8
1 – 2 hours	5.2	9.1	85.7	8.5
2 – 4 hours	12.9	8.9	78.2	7.8
4 hours or more	4.5	8.5	87.0	8.7
Average length of stay (hours)	2.1	3.1	3.2	/

Fig 15: Length of stay according to satisfaction levels

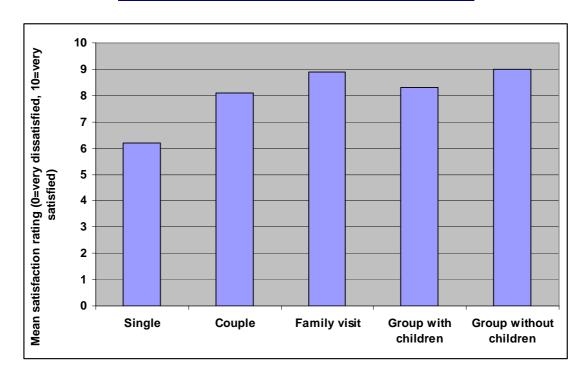




# 4.3: Group Type

	Table 24: Crosstabulation: satisfaction by group type										
Base: All respondents	Very dissatisfied (%)	Intermediate satisfaction (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10-very satisfied)							
Single	27.4	12.3	60.3	6.2							
Couple	9.9	8.9	81.2	8.1							
Family visit	3.2	4.5	92.4	8.9							
Group with children	4.4	13.3	82.2	8.3							
Group without children	1.0	6.9	92.2	9.0							

Fig 16: Mean satisfaction levels according to group type

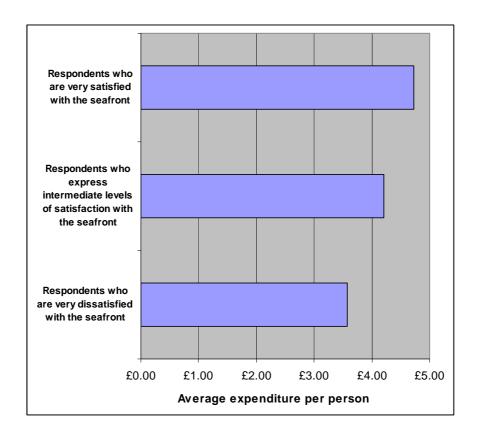


### 4.4: Expenditure

As satisfaction with the seafront increases, so does the amount of money spent by visitors. Those who were most satisfied with the seafront spent an average of £4.72 per person, compared with those who were moderately satisfied, who spent £4.21 per person. Visitors who expressed low levels of satisfaction with the seafront spent an average of £3.57 per person on their visit – around 24% less than visitors who were very satisfied.

Tal	Table 25: Crosstabulation: satisfaction by expenditure per person									
Base: All respondents	Very dissatisfied (%)	Intermediate satisfaction (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10-very satisfied)						
Up to £2.50	16.9	9.7	73.5	7.4						
£2.51 - £5	3.7	6.7	89.6	8.7						
£5.01 - £7.50	2.6	10.5	86.8	8.6						
£7.51 - £10	8.8	7.4	83.8	8.2						
More than £10	13.4	6.0	80.6	7.9						
Average expenditure per person	£3.57	£4.21	£4.72	/						

Fig 17: Mean expenditure per person according satisfaction levels

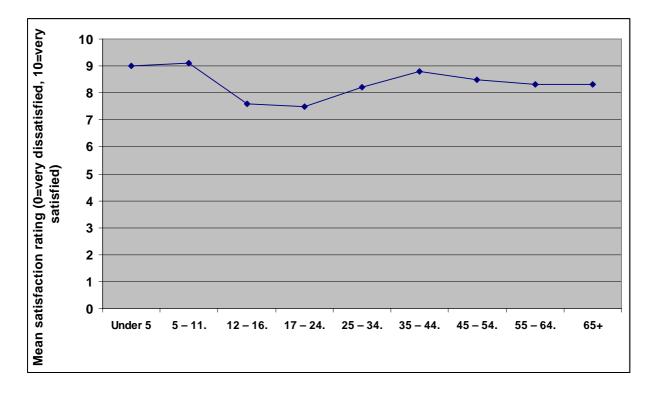


## 4.5: Age

The key discernible trend in the relationship between age and satisfaction occurs amongst teenagers and young adults, who tend to be less satisfied with the seafront than other visitors.

	Table 26: Crosstabulation: satisfaction by age									
Base: All respondents	Very dissatisfied (%)	Average satisfaction (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10-very satisfied)						
Under 5	0.0	8.9	91.1	9.0						
5 – 11 years	0.0	4.4	95.6	9.1						
12 – 16 years	15.6	4.4	80.0	7.6						
17 – 24 years	13.9	11.9	74.2	7.5						
25 – 34 years	6.4	8.2	85.5	8.2						
35 – 44 years	2.0	7.4	90.6	8.8						
45 – 54 years	8.2	4.9	86.9	8.5						
55 – 64 years	8.5	8.5	83.0	8.3						
65+ years	10.2	7.0	82.8	8.3						

Fig 18: Satisfaction by age



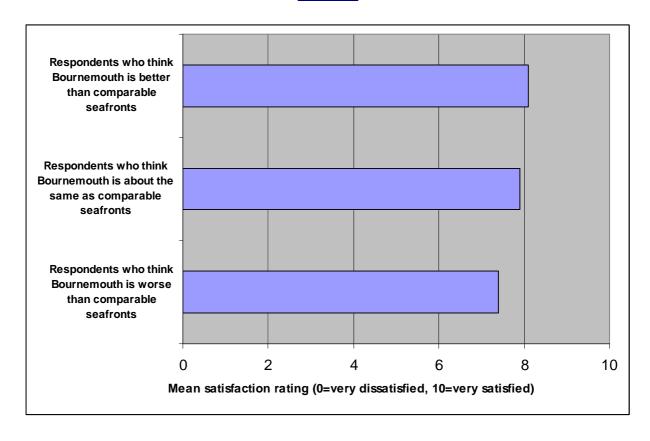


# 4.6: Comparisons with other destinations

Perhaps unsurprisingly, respondents who were more likely to compare Bournemouth favourably to other seafront areas showed generally higher levels of satisfaction with the seafront.

Table 27: Crosstabulation: satisfaction by 'How does Bournemouth compare to other seafronts?'								
Base: All respondents	Very dissatisfied (%)	Average satisfaction (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Average rating (0=very dissatisfied, 10-very satisfied)				
Better	11.1	6.2	82.7	8.1				
Same	11.0	9.2	79.8	7.9				
Worse	13.2	13.2	73.5	7.4				

Fig 19: Satisfaction according to opinions on Bournemouth compared to other seafronts





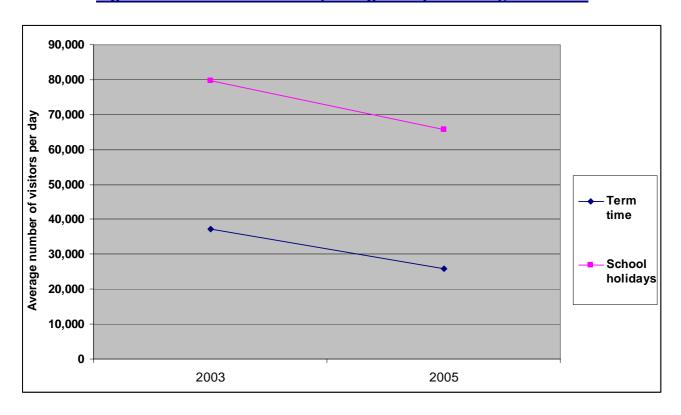
# 5: Visitor Volume

### 5.1: Number of Visitors

The number of visitors to the seafront was generally lower in 2005 than 2003. Peak visitor numbers (i.e. during summer weather) are illustrated below.

Table 28: Visitor Volume							
	Non school holidays School holidays						
	2003	2005	2003	2005			
Sunny	37,113	25,963	79,713	65,627			
Showers	8,151	7,029	28,582	20,761			
Cloudy	13,041	11,063	43,796	27,292			
Rain	4,075	3,965	14,286	8,383			

Fig 20: Peak Visitor Volumes (During Sunny Weather), 2003-2005





## 5.2: Volume Counts: Data Tabulations

The following tables show the results of counts, illustrating the number of people per a  $100\text{m}^2$  area, and the equivalent number of persons per m<sup>2</sup>.

Non- School Holiday	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Total	Zone Mean
Sunny	7.0	11.4	8.8	6.2	10.0	7.2	5.7	3.4	59.7	7.5
Per m2	0.07	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.60	0.07
Showers	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.2	2.2	1.3	1.2	0.6	16.2	2.0
Per m2	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.16	0.02
Cloudy	2.4	6.1	3.8	3.0	5.5	2.8	2.4	1.3	27.3	3.4
Per m2	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.27	0.03
Rain	0.7	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	9.1	1.1
Per m2	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.01

School Holiday	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Total	Zone Mean
Sunny	16.1	25.9	21.0	19.5	22.6	15.4	17.2	13.2	151.0	18.9
Per m2	0.16	0.26	0.21	0.20	0.23	0.15	0.17	0.13	1.51	0.19
Showers	5.8	9.0	7.4	5.8	6.9	4.6	4.4	3.8	47.8	6.0
Per m2	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.48	0.06
Cloudy	7.8	12.5	9.9	7.4	8.7	6.2	5.4	4.9	62.8	7.8
Per m2	0.08	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.63	0.08
Rain	2.1	4.5	2.8	2.5	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.2	19.3	2.4
Per m2	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.19	0.02



# **Appendix: The Survey Questionnaire**



# **Bournemouth Seafront Visitor Survey 2005**

Q1	1	5		17	decision t	to visit Bourn is very unimp	emo	uth's	seaf	ront?	
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			_		Easy to get	to, nearby	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
Q2	Date				Blue flag be	each					
					Peace and	quiet					
					Not crowde	d with tourists					
Q3	Time		1		Things for o	children to do					
					Sandy bead	ches					
					Safe, lifegu	ards					
Q	How would you rate the w	eather today? (c	out		Leisure faci	lities					
4	of 10, where 0 is very poo excellent)				Seafront ca	fes, restaurants					
W	/eather		c	8	Which of visit today	the following y?	facto	ors p	romp	ted y	our
Q5	How long do you intend t	to spend at the			The weather	er	Bro	wn Ro	ad si	gn	
	seafront today?				Seafront lea	aflet	Spe	cial of	fers		
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	1 - 2 hours	4 hours or more			Newspaper	article	Ava	ilable	free t	ime	
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Q6	How important were the t decision to visit the seafr very unimportant and 5 is	ront? (where 1 is	•		Friends / fa	mily					
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	Walk, cycle, jog					outh in the las					
	Swim				Yes	Go to Q10	No		G	io to Q1	1
	Scenery, attractive surroundings										
	Relax and sunbathe										
Q10	How satisfied or dissatis Bournemouth?	fied are you with	n each of the f	ollo	wing elem	nents of the p	ıblic	toile	ts se	rvice	in
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	Signposting to public toilets				$\Box$	$\Box$	Ī				1
	The opening hours						Ī				
	The standard of building										1
	maintenance	H			H		F	$\dashv$		H	
	The standard of cleanliness The removal of graffiti / fixing						L	_			1
	vandalism										
	Public toilets overall										



Q11	On a scale of 0 to 10 (where rate the following things wh					d 10 is	very imp	ortant)	how im	portant	would y	you
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Public toilets											
	Provision of taps / showers											
	Provision of beach furniture (deck chairs etc.)											
	Kids zone scheme											
	Landtrain											
	Pier	$\Box$									$\Box$	$\Box$
	Safety and security											
	Availability of car parking											
	Access for people with disabilities											
	/ pushchairs	$\vdash$	$\vdash$		$\vdash$			$\vdash$	$\vdash$	$\vdash$	$\vdash$	$\vdash$
	Public transport links to the area	Ш		Ш				Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
	Provision of litter bins	Ш										
	Provision of dog bins	Ш										
	Cleanliness of beach and seafront area											
Q12	Thinking specifically about y is very unsatisfied and 10 is							the follo		of 0 to 10	(where	e O
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	Provision of beach furniture (deck											
	chairs etc.)	$\sqsubseteq$				$\square$		_				
	Kids zone scheme	Щ				Щ		_	ļ		Щ	Щ
	Landtrain							_				
	Pier											
	Safety and security											
	Availability of car parking											
	Access for people with disabilities / pushchairs											
	Public transport links to the area	Щ				Щ		_			Ц	Ш
	Provision of litter bins	$\sqsubseteq$						_				
	Provision of dog bins											
	Cleanliness of beach and seafront area											
Q13	Have you used any of the fol	lowin	g facilit	ties	_ c		w would			rvice the	e Coun	cil
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More information boards / points	postcode?
More pubs	postcode?
First aid point	
Picnic area	
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O24 Are you returning to your home to	
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attraction here Yes	
activity provision here	
Please specify other here Q25 Where are you staying at present?	(ask if No
Bournemouth Wiltshire	
Q17 How does Bournemouth compare with other  Conurbation (not Devon	
seafronts you've visited in the last 2 years?  Bournemouth)	
Better Same Worse Dorset Somerset.	
Hampshire Other (plea	
Where have Please specify Please	
you visited?	
Why was it better/worse.	
Q26 What type of accommodation are y in? (ask if No is the answer to Q23	
Q18 How much has your group spent / will they  Hotel	
spend at the seafront today, including	
parking charges?    Self catering static   Se	Relatives.
caravan, chalet,	
Please specify	
Q19 Please tell us how you travelled, from your	
home / accommodation to Bournemouth Seafront? (Tick one box only)	
Own car Tour or excursion	
Hire car	
Motorcycle watercraft	
Train	
Public bus service Bicycle	
Other (please specify)	





Q27	May we ask the approximate people in your group? P			To which of these grou	ıps do you consider
	number of people in you			White British	Caribbean
	each age and gender ca AND GENDER OF MAIN			White Irish	African
	Male	Female		White other	Other Black
	Under 5 yrs			White & Black	background
	5-11 yrs			White & Black African	Pakistani
	12-16 yrs			White & Asian	Bangladeshi Other Asian
	17-24 yrs			Other mixed background	Other ethnic group
	25-34 yrs			If OTHER please	
	35-44 yrs			specify here.	
	45-54 yrs			Are there any other corto make?	mments you would like
	55-64 yrs				
	65+ yrs				
Q6	Do you have a disability infirmity?	, long term illness or			
	Yes	No			
Q28	Which newspapers do y Times	Star	able to involve below	Bournemouth Seafront,	research directly related if you would like to be plete your contact details be passed to any third
	Daily Mail	Local paper	Q31 I	Name	
			Q32	Email address	
			Q33 ·	Telephone number	

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