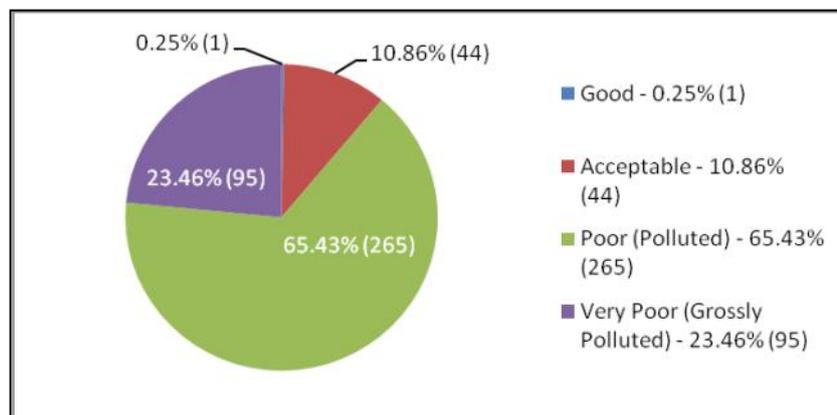


BONNYBRIDGE WATER QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS

Following on a series of meetings between RCFMG, CATCA, SEPA, Scottish Water and FC Environmental Health, Michael Matheson MSP helped this team put together a survey for over 2000 households along the Bonny Water in Bonnybridge, to test the public's perceptions of the water quality of the Bonny Water, especially for recreational use, and the public's opinion on what improvements it would like to see take place. The team hopes that the results of this survey will help support the community's desire that the water body be upgraded to family recreational use standards, as part of its effort to improve the water quality.

20.25 percent of constituents who received this survey responded. The following results from the completed surveys will help the MSP in understanding the community's views on improvements to the Bonny Water. Some of the constituents suggest these: Add more waste and dog waste bins to this area; enforce laws that prohibit the failure to clean up dog fouling; create more footpaths along the river; install more streetlights in pedestrian areas for safety; clear invasive plants, such as the Japanese Knotweed; focus on particularly bad areas, including Jennies Park and the Coop Complex. The following illustrates the answer to one of the questions in the survey, "In your opinion, in terms of water quality, how clean is the Bonny Water at present?"



Conclusions:

The Bonny Water and surrounding area clearly needs work. Of the survey respondents, 88.89 percent of citizens believe that the quality of the water is either poor or very poor, 90.79 percent of citizens believe that general appearance of the water is unsightly. This is unacceptable considering that 89.87 percent of survey respondents have used this area for recreation. If this area were cleaner, 84.66 percent of citizens would use this area more often. Finally, 99.05 percent of survey respondents support the clearing up of the Bonny Water and surrounding area. "If we consider some of the aforementioned comments for improving this area," says Michael Matheson, "Then the Bonny Water and surrounding area will be a better place for public use."

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Question 4:
Please indicate if the area was cleaner if you would make use of it for recreation.

