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Foreword

In our ever-increasing busy lives, public parks are essential. We recognise their value in terms of heritage, education, biodiversity and for relaxation, exercise, play, social gatherings, sport and a range of cultural activities. More recently they are providing a focus for communities to get together and volunteer, with people learning new skills and making a difference. We as the managing authority cherish our parks as vital to quality of life and acknowledge their importance by keeping all parks, whatever their size, on our local agenda.

Chesterfield Borough Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to this, by our work through the recently updated Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. We recognise that as our environment and lives change, we need to focus our efforts on our customer's priorities and encourage new visitors to our parks to retain their vitality and role in our communities. The Strategy sets out our aims and objectives and key priorities for the next 10 years and will continue ensuring we have a clear vision, focussed on what our customers need.

Eastwood Park continues to benefit from our pro-active management that works in partnership with community groups and stakeholders focussing and making best use of valuable community resources. The Friends of Eastwood Park remain a key partner who will be fully engaged in establishing and helping to deliver our vision.

Eastwood Park is key to our strategic aims fulfilling a variety of roles from serving deprived communities to playing a key part in the regeneration of our town. With a catchment area of 200,000 within 20 minutes of the park, it offers a wide range of facilities and opportunities. This management plan seeks to ensure that the park is managed wisely by focussing key actions, to protect and where possible enhance the environment and facilities. A prime example of this has been the recent addition of a new sports pavilion for the park. Despite the need to be increasingly prudent with both capital and revenue expenditure, especially during this very difficult financial time, the Council continues to commit substantial resources to Eastwood Park, to provide a high standard of maintenance and development. This ensures the continual enjoyment for our townsfolk and helps provide a high quality public space that will be loved and enjoyed by many generations to come.



Councillor Jill Manion-Brunt
Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing



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1.0 Introduction

Eastwood Park is situated within the Hasland Ward of Chesterfield in North-Eastern Derbyshire. Opened in 1913, the 6Ha (15 acre) park is approximately one and half miles from Chesterfield town centre and predominantly serves the needs of the local community. It is managed by Chesterfield Borough Council.

The park serves a wide range of user groups with different interests and needs and supports a broad activity base all year around. Therefore, a management plan is considered necessary to demonstrate how the Council wishes to work with user groups to maintain the park to the highest standard, so that it can continue to serve current and new park users and local residents.

As part of the Council's continuing work to raise the quality of our parks and open spaces to meet Green Flag standards, the preparation of individual park management plans for these spaces is essential in directing resources and investment to maintain the standards achieved and to drive continuous improvement.



2.0 Purpose of the Management Plan

This management plan has been produced to provide a long-term programme for the management and maintenance of Eastwood Park. It sets out the operational and developmental requirements for the park. It considers a variety of aspects including management, maintenance, staff and resources. This management plan is an overarching document that collates and considers information, policies and strategies from several documents to inform the long-term vision for Eastwood Park. The plan will form the foundation for raising the standards, a key aim of the Green Flag Award. It will also support future bids for resources and external funding applications to underpin continuing development, investment and improvements.

The plan seeks to achieve the following:

- Set out a vision and supporting principles for the future development and management of the park.
- Balance the diverse needs of sport, leisure and recreational users of the park.
- Support, direct and manage the processes of change in Eastwood Park.
- Include and acknowledge contributions from stakeholders and the community which reflect their ideas and aspirations for the future of the park.
- Act as a central reference document and to signpost key information for staff and users.
- Illustrate the quality of management of Eastwood Park to external verifiers, award bodies, grant agencies and funding bodies

3.0 Vision and Objectives

3.1 Vision

The Vision for Eastwood Park is to be a park that enhances the quality of life for local people, serving community and recreational needs and enhancing the wider urban environment.

This will be achieved by working with staff, contractors, local residents and stakeholders to implement a high quality management strategy which will ensure the efficient use of resources and create a sustainable community resource.

The future development of the park has come about from Corporate Aims, Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, Green Space Team objectives and consultation with both the Friends of Eastwood Park and the wider community. We seek to meet the Green Flag judging criteria, which are as follows:

- To provide a welcoming park for members of the community and visitors.
- To provide a safe, healthy and secure park for all users.
- To achieve a consistently high standard of cleanliness and maintenance.
- To promote and demonstrate environmental sustainability.
- To protect and promote the heritage and conservation value.
- To enable community participation and involvement.
- To promote the park by maximising marketing opportunities, thus raising the profile.
- To ensure effective management and corporate support.



3.2 Shared Objectives

We have determined shared objectives to help guide the day-to-day management of the Park and its strategic development. Key components of our vision are to:

- Conserve and promote the heritage value of the Park and maintain the historic landscape character, whilst ensuring provision for current users with relevant events and activities.
- Positively welcome people into the site, in terms of both physical and social access.
- Ensure a healthy, safe and secure experience for site users.
- Provide a well-maintained and clean site with landscape, buildings and infrastructure maintained to consistently high standards.
- Improve the environmental quality and sustainability of practices carried out on the site, in particular managing and developing the ecological value of the Park.
- Provide opportunities to increase community use and involvement in the management and development of the Park, particularly through volunteering, events, activities and interpretation.
- Ensure effective promotion of the site as a community resource.
- Ensure there is a constant staff presence to liaise with and respond to the needs of the people visiting the Park and its facilities; and
- Ensure all those involved in the management and maintenance of the Park work in co-ordination and effectively use the Management Plan as a working document.

3.3 Life of the plan

This management plan contains an action plan that will be monitored and reviewed and updated annually with stakeholders and key members of staff.

3.4 Funding Context

Improvements to the park have been paid for through several different sources. Aside from operational budgets for regular and cyclical maintenance, the Friends of Eastwood Park in partnership with Council have secured much of the recent funding for new initiatives in the park.

In June 2012 a grant of £1.2 million was secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund and matched with £250K from the Councils capital programme to see the Park and Village hall restored to their former glory. Work commenced in September 2012 with completion of the contract works in May 2013.

In July 2012 the Friends of Eastwood Park were successful in attracting a grant from SITA UK and the Fields In Trust as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields initiative to fund the provision of the outdoor gym and teen seat. As part of this initiative the Park was designated as a Queen Elizabeth 2 Field protecting its status in perpetuity.

In January 2013 the Council was successful in attracting a grant of £125K from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund, towards the provision of a new sports pavilion for the Park. Construction of the new building commenced in March 2014 with completion by July 2014.

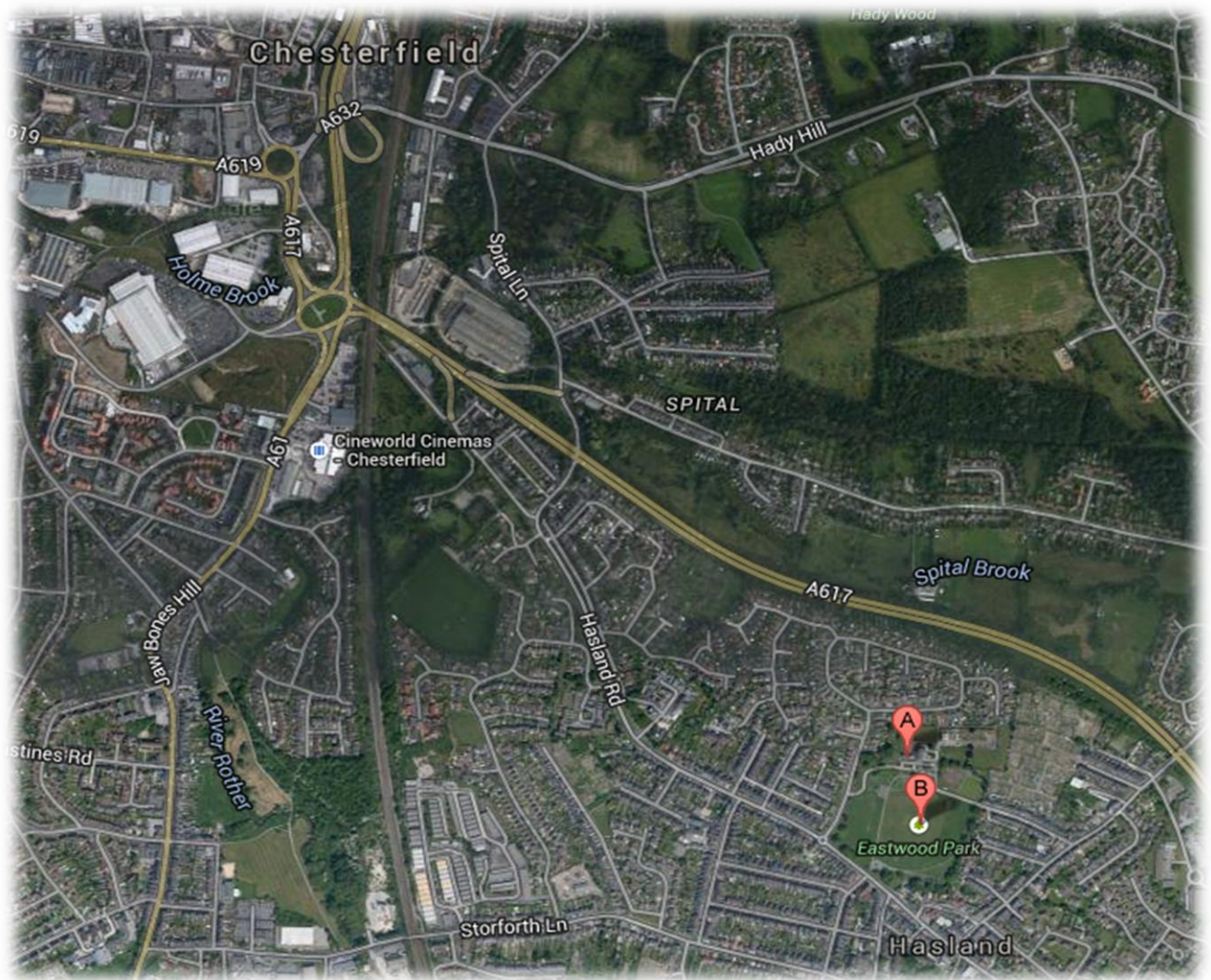
In March 2013 the Friends of Eastwood Park were successful in attracting a grant of £10K towards the provision of tools and equipment for the community garden and educational equipment to deliver activities with local schools

In 2016 the Green and Open Spaces Working Group (Big Local) secured almost £20,000, for the construction of a Petanque facility in Eastwood Park which was opened in 2016 this was to include initial construction of the piste, the shelter and other work including paving. This was funded by the following: GHBL Big Local £12,500, UNLTD £ 4,350 ,FEP £ 500, Community South £ 200 and some fundraising activities carried out by the club.

After some consultation back in 2007, the friends of Eastwood Park finally realised the wheels park. They were instrumental in securing funding for its installation The wheels park was £55 000 of which £45,000 came from Viridor Credits and the £10,000 came from Grassland Hasmoor - Big Local

The friends of Eastwood Park instigated the installation of the pull up bars and as the cost was relatively small at £3,500, the friends group 'asked' Grassland Hasmoor - Big Local. The pull-up were bars funded entirely by Grassland Hasmoor - Big Local.

4.0 Site Location



This aerial map shows Eastwood Park (B) and Hasland Village hall (A) in relation to the town centre to the north-west of the park.

5.0 Site Details

5.1 Site Name

Eastwood Park

The park is 6 hectares in area and is easily accessed on foot, bicycle and by vehicle from Eastwood Park Drive in Hasland. The park is situated approximately 1.5 miles away from Chesterfield town centre.

The site address is:

Eastwood Park
Eastwood Park Drive
Hasland
S41 0AY

Grid reference SK 3969NE

5.2 Ward

The park is situated within the Hasland Ward of Chesterfield Borough.

5.3 Current Elected Members

Stuart Brittain- Labour
Amanda Serjeant - Labour (deputy Leader)
Mick Brady - Labour

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing is Cllr Jill Mannion Brunt (Labour)

6.0 Site Description

6.1 Park Character

The park can be separated into 3 zones of different functionality with distinctive landscape character and for the purpose of this document can be described as:

- Zone 1:** Heritage and Biodiversity Area, consisting of the Village Hall and Gardens,
- Zone 2:** Active Recreation Area, consisting of Enclosed Recreational Facilities and
- Zone 3:** Passive Recreation Area, consisting of the Open Park and Open Recreation Facilities.



Zone 1 - Red
 Zone 2 - Blue
 Zone 3 - Green

Zone 1: Heritage and Biodiversity - Village hall and Gardens

This zone has the village hall and associated dwelling at its centre which is surrounded by a heavily treed but well maintained space.

The primary function of this area is the conservation of heritage including built heritage in terms of the village hall. The formal gardens include an arboretum, rose garden and community orchard. The biodiversity element includes a wildlife garden and there are bird and bat boxes installed in this area. The objective for this zone is to preserve the historic element. Maintenance is carried out with this in mind and planting undertaken in keeping with this setting.

A series of mature trees ranging from horse chestnuts to limes, ash and beech collectively provide a lightly wooded setting to the village hall and immediate surroundings.

The environment of the hall has been improved by providing more sitting out space and creating a better landscaped setting with bedding, lawns and shrub planting.



The Rose Garden

Zone 2: Active Recreation – Enclosed Recreation Facilities

The primary function of this zone is physical activity. This contains the car park which provides easy and quick access to the facilities. Facilities include a well maintained crown bowling green, a multi-use games court, tennis court and a sports pavilion.

This area provides valuable provision for all, especially the youth age group as well as those wishing to keep active in later life. The area has a good dynamic in terms of use and there is rarely conflict.



The Car Park and Multi Use Games Area

Zone 3: Passive Recreation - Open Park and Open Recreation Facilities

The largest zone in the park is the open park area. Its primary function is for informal recreation, relaxation, play etc. It is a zone of well cut grass which supports football pitches and the cricket square as well as informal recreational activity such as dog walking. Several paths provide all weather access across and around this zone.

Improvements have been made to the drainage of the existing football pitch and new junior football. Paths have been widened and resurfaced and trees planted around the perimeter of the park. There is also a combined junior and toddler play area with

an outdoor gym and pull up bars nearby. Further towards the main road is the wheels park.



Looking south into the General Amenity Area

7.0 Visitor Facilities

Following consultation prior to the restoration project, surveys were carried out particularly asking the public what they wanted to see or what was required in the community. This was to ensure that provision of facilities was appropriate and adequate to the needs of the community.

Facilities in the park comprise the following:

Sports Pavilion

The sports pavilion acts as accommodation for the Bowls, Cricket, Netball and Football teams based in the park. It contains home and away changing, a small kitchen area, bowls team room, general purpose room, referees changing and storage space.

Tennis and Multi Use Games Court

Eastwood Park has one full sized tennis court and a floodlit multi-use games area. Pickleball markings have been included to the tennis court.



The Multi Use Games Area

Public Toilet Provision

Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities are available to the public in the sports pavilion. Toilets are also available in the village hall at organised events, activities and for general contract hire.

Football Pitches

There is one senior football pitch in the park. It is currently used by 2 local football clubs on alternate weekends. There is also space for 3 mini soccer pitches which can be utilised based on demand. The entire area of the amenity space comprising the football pitches were drained as part of the restoration project. Various teams within the local junior football club Hasland Community Football Club also use the pitch areas in spring and summer to train on, on a casual basis.

Bowling Green

The Bowling Green dates back to 1924. The resident Eastwood Park Bowling Club takes part in over 90 fixtures, held at the green over the course of the season. The Bowls Club hires the facility on an annual contract basis through the Council.

The bowling green is made available to local residents on a casual pay and play basis. Fees to use the green are collected by the bowls club as part of their annual contract hire agreement.



The crown bowling green

Outdoor Gym and Teen Seat

The Outdoor Gym consists of eight pieces of equipment and a youth shelter. This is proving a popular addition to the park and is used by a wide cross section of local residents.



The Outdoor Gym

Wildlife Garden

A redundant flat bowling green is establishing as a wildlife area. It has been landscaped and planted with native trees and wildflowers.

Commemorative Arboretum

A newly planted commemorative arboretum planted with exotic ornamental trees to fulfil demand for commemorative/memorial trees.

Trees

There are approximately 160 trees in the park with some unusual species like Indian Bean Tree and Strawberry Tree. As part of the restoration project, 6 trees that were either dead or dying were removed and some 50 new trees introduced into the Park.

Play Area

The play area design was the subject of widespread consultation with local residents, parents and children. The final design for the play area provides play solutions to a wide age range of users and has proved very successful and is a very popular facility within the park.



Setting for the Children's Play Area

Maintenance Depot

The Council's Environmental Services Section has a grounds maintenance depot located in the Park. The Parks grounds maintenance team are based here, and the depot also acts as a location for storing materials and equipment used in other areas of the Borough.

Village Hall

The village hall remains a popular venue for community activities nearly one hundred years after opening. It has been fully restored as part of the restoration project with the addition of a new kitchen and toilet provision.

The Village Hall is hired by local residents and community groups for organised activity, weddings/birthdays etc. There is a varied schedule of organised activities such as martial arts clubs, performing arts groups, line dancing and dog clubs.

There is office accommodation based in the Village Hall which can be utilised by Green Space Officers.



Setting for the Village Hall

Seating

There are 10 seats and 5 sets of picnic tables placed around the park. Seating around the main amenity open space has been placed at approximately 100m intervals.

Fountain

In 2000 the fountain was reinstalled in the Park and restored to its former glory as part of the recent restoration project, following a period in the mid-eighties when it was located in the town centre and renamed the 'Peace Fountain'.

Footpaths

The park has an extensive network of surfaced paths which link the main features and facilities. The paths are in good condition and have been widened as part of the restoration project to act as multi user routes.



The fountain and surfaced footpaths

Community Garden

With the restoration of the park, a community garden was introduced. The garden brings together community groups and individuals to work alongside each other to grow their own produce. Schools, girl guides, a youth group and a charity who works with adults with learning difficulties have all held a plot there over the past 7 years, along with a number of local residents.



A gardened plot in the Community Garden

Petanque

Offering moderate exercise in a friendly sociable setting, Eastwood Park Petanque Club now offers several sessions a week. The club welcomes players with or without experience who wish to leisurely social play or those who wish to develop into competitions. The club is well established in the Mercia Petanque Region that takes in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire.



The Petanque club enjoying the piste

Public Art

A feature archway was commissioned and is located at the end of the main spine path.



The Centenary Arch

The Centenary Archway was produced by a local artist in collaboration with the local community to celebrate 100 years of the park since its creation in 1913.

Bee Sculpture

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust launched the 'Pollinating the Peak' project in 2015 with a conference in the winding Wheel, Chesterfield. To coincide with this a wooden carved bumblebee sculpture was unveiled in the ground of the crooked spire. To continue the great work of the trust and to celebrate the essential work of our pollinators, the same local artist was commissioned to create an additional wooden carving of a bumblebee for Eastwood Park. The choice of location in the park was in a secluded corner of the park as a welcome to vehicles entering the park. The bed was largely bare and so has been planted with bee friendly plants. The sculpture was funded by The Big Local 'Grassland Hasmoor', the Friends of Eastwood Park, Councillor Brady and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



The Bumblebee sculpture

War Memorial

The war memorial stands at the main entrance to the park. The war memorial and its setting has been restored to its former glory.



The war memorial and visual setting

Wheels Park

The Wheels Park was on the original 'wish list' collected during a visit to the Youth Club in 2007 so has been sought after for many years. The young people of Hasland were instrumental in the design and decision making for this project. Opened in 2017 it has already become a well-used facility that receives great feedback from its users. It is often found that older teenagers give guidance to the younger children.



The ever popular Wheels Park

Pull up bars

The Pull-Up Bars were requested during questionnaires conducted in the park during Summer Activities in 2018. Visitors to the park were asked what else they would like to see in the way of exercise equipment. Pull up bars was the most requested addition.



The 'official' opening of the pull up bars

8.0 Site Ownership and Designations

8.1 Ownership

The land covering the area marked by the green dotted line in Figures 1 and 2, along with the green space to the north east of the park is in the ownership of Chesterfield Borough.



Figure 1

Figure 1 shows Eastwood Park and its relationship to the village centre and wider green space network



Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the land edged in green that was donated by Alderman Eastwood in 1912, hence the name Eastwood Park in his honour.

8.2 Constraints and Designations

Constraints:

- Leases and Licences: None
- Covenants: None
- Steep Slopes: None
- Location of any pylons: None
- Flood Risk: None
- Hazardous Risks: None
- Pollution: None known
- Possible contamination from past land use: None known
- Ground conditions: None
- Public Rights of Way: None

Environmental designations:

- Greenbelt: No
- Local Wildlife sites: None known
- Protected Trees: None
- Local Nature Reserve: None known
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest: None known
- Ancient Woodland: None known
- Conservation Areas: None identified
- Listed Buildings: None identified
- Registered Historic Parks & Gardens : None identified
- Designated as a Queen Elizabeth 2 Field 2012

8.3 Concessions and agreements

A Service Level Agreement has been set up with Chesterfield Borough Council's Environmental Health section for a rolling programme of pest control within the park.

Village Hall – Contract hire and one off bookings for the village hall are administered by the Council's Community Facilities section located in the tourism information centre. The restored hall provides a venue for birthday parties, weddings, meetings and fairs. It is becoming increasingly popular, especially in the summer months.

Ice cream concessions – There is a licence agreement with a local ice cream company to trade on the park. They visit the site from time to time in the colder months as part of their route. In the warmer months and during holidays they stand in the park for longer periods of time, for which they give the council an annual fee.

A catering van is licensed to trade in the park. This feature has proven popular given that there is no permanent café in the park. The demand for a café is high because people are staying longer in the park and the requirement for refreshments / snacks is valid.

Provision of inflatable rides - There is an annual licence agreement with a local company to trade on the park. They operate during weekends and school holidays.

Funfairs – A funfair visits the park during the first week in September under a licence agreement. A small fair is located at the southern end of the park close to the village and the Hasland Road. A few large rides are present with the emphasis on juvenile rides for the younger children

Catering vans trade in the park during events, these are subject to provision of the necessary food and hygiene documents as required by councils Environmental Health Section. Catering vans attend during larger events and are not a regular feature in the park.

9.0 Demographics

Hasland (where Eastwood Park is located) is a suburb and electoral ward in the south-east of Chesterfield in Derbyshire just a few miles from the Peak District National Park and a short walk from the centre of Chesterfield itself. The area is characterised by high density housing and has a population of around 6,000. The park is regarded as an important part of the landscape setting for the area. Residential dwellings and a number of care homes border the park, along with the Methodist Church and Working Men's Club. The primary and secondary schools are within walking distance of the park.

Official census data is used to provide a socio-economic profile

- The ward of Hasland has a population of 6615. The population is largely White British (94.9%) with very few ethnic minority groups (BAME) represented, the most notable being Asian or Asian British (4%).
- The majority of people in Hasland own their properties with 71.2% owner occupied, 0.7% Shared ownership, 14% social housing and 12.9% private rented
- The age bands of the population can be broken down as follows:

Age	No	%	Age	No	%
0 - 4	181	2.7	45 - 49	541	8.2
5 - 9	344	5.2	50 - 54	437	6.6
10 - 14	371	5.6	55 - 59	366	5.5
15 - 19	412	6.2	60 - 64	458	6.9
20 - 24	314	4.7	65 - 69	360	5.4
25 - 29	384	5.8	70 - 74	268	4.0
30 - 34	412	6.2	75 - 79	209	3.1
35 - 39	444	6.7	80 - 84	172	2.6
40 - 44	535	8.0	85 and over	217	3.3

The wards population age profile is similar to the national figures. Hasland is one of few wards in Chesterfield that has a lower proportion of 60+ age groups than nationally. Though proportions of younger age groups are below national averages, like Chesterfield overall they are not as significant as for Chesterfield Borough overall.

- Crime in Hasland is below average for Chesterfield. There are very low levels of burglary and violent crime compared to other wards. A quarter of all crime and

one third of violent crime takes place in the St Leonards ward that contains the Town Centre.

- Of the 6,000 people in Hasland, 3,864 are of general good health (65.3%), 1,420 are of fairly good health (24%) and 632 are not in good health (10.68%).

Chesterfield is the 86th most deprived area in England out of 317 English local authorities. There are 69 lower layer super output areas (LSOAs) in Chesterfield. Overall compared to England, 6 LSOAs are in the 10% worst deprived, and a further 14 LSOAs are in the 20% most deprived. Please see appendix 1 for full IMD

High levels of deprivation are found in the North East part of the Hasland Ward, which includes Eastwood Park. The North East area suffers from high levels of income and employment deprivation and is in the most deprived quintile nationally. The other three SOAs within Hasland area contain similar levels of deprivation with poor scores for Health and Employment but excellent scores for 'barriers to housing'.

The park offers the community a space for people of all ages and abilities to socialise and partake in informal leisure and recreation. It has flat accessible paths to allow ease of wheelchairs, in the wildlife garden there are picnic tables which allow inclusive wheelchair use. The terrain is easy for those with mobility issues. A quarter of the population are under 15 so play and youth provision was important to serve this population. To the north east of the park the population are more deprived, so by providing largely free activities allows this group to be included. Features such as the community garden gives an opportunity for groups with disabilities to get involved with horticultural activities.

10.0 A Welcoming Place

After a visitor survey was carried out in the summer, the general consensus is that people do regard the park as being a welcoming place and are very satisfied with the improvements that have been made.



10.1 Access and Circulation

The park has four main entrances. The park entranceways and footpaths are formed from a macadam base with a resin bonded aggregate finish. The main footpaths are all generally level providing good access for pushchairs, wheelchairs and bicycles. All access points can be locked off if required.

Eastwood Park Drive has both vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access points. It acts as the main vehicular entrance to the park. Access to the car park is signposted from Eastwood Park Drive and the main Hasland Road.

Hoole Street has both cycle and pedestrian access. This entrance is particularly important to local people as it can act as a short cut to the village shops and amenities on the south side of the park.

The B6039 Hasland Road has both cycle and pedestrian access. This is the main pedestrian access into the park from the village centre. The original gates into the park here are dated 1913 and have been fully refurbished. Vehicular access can be gained through these gates as required for specific events.

Meadowhill Road has both cycle and pedestrian access. This entrance is particularly important to local people as it can act as a short cut through to the village shops and amenities on the south side of the park.

The wide, generous, mainly level paths are a feature of the park, and are attractive to users of all abilities.

The most popular routes through the park access via the main entrance on Hasland Road and through the archway, as a result of people using the car park. Based on this observation interpretation signs have been located here. There are no obvious 'desire lines' as the footpaths have been designed to satisfy the footfall of park users.

Recent highway improvements in the village included a new zebra crossing directly in front of the gates.



The main park entrance on Hasland Road

10.2 Traffic

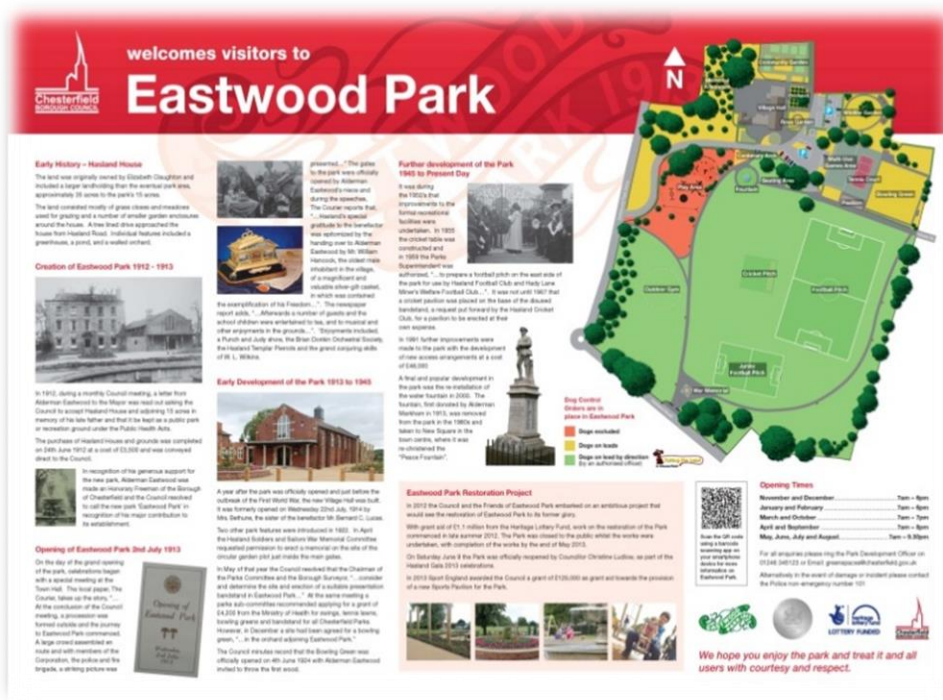
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Speed control measures in force

10.3 Signage

Site specific signage is provided at each of the four main entrances to the park and is consistent with a style for parks across the borough. Each sign shows the name of the park, approved/discouraged activities and contact details, a brief history of the park and illustrates dog control enforcement.



Entrance Signage

Appropriate smaller signage is located at the play area and the outdoor gym. Further signage welcoming vehicular visitors is being priced up

10.4 Equal access for all

The parks pathways are generally level and gateways are wide enough to accommodate pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The main green space is segregated from the car park and vehicle movement by a fence line.

The play space has elements for less able bodied children and is accessible from an adjoining pathway.

The outdoor gym area has elements for less able people and is accessible from an adjoining pathway.

There are numerous seats throughout the park to sit and take a rest.

The Village Hall and takes into account the needs of disabled people with access ramp, disabled toilet provision and hearing loop. The new sports pavilion is also fully accessible.



Seats have been installed of the type originally seen in the park over 100 years ago. Footpaths have been widened and levels regulated.

10.5 Recreational Value

The park has one crown bowling green, one adult and one junior football pitch and a cricket square and outfield. Adjacent to the bowling green is a petanque club, a tennis court and a floodlit multi use games court for netball, five-a-side football and basketball.

The multi-use games area although available on a casual basis to all users of the park can be hired at specific times. The Chesterfield and District Ladies netball league hires the court three nights a week from September to the end of March. This works well as it takes place through the winter months when casual use of the court by local young people drops off.

The tennis court is made available to locals on a casual play basis and can be hired out at specific times through the Park Development Officer.

10.6 Facilities Management

The council's recreation coordinator is responsible for all events and activities that take place in the Council's parks and green spaces, whether it's bookings for football pitches or the Friends Gala Day, providing groups with advice on event management along with a Technical Assistant who provides event health and safety advice. A copy of our event booking form is attached at **Appendix 2**.

Bookings for the Village Hall are made via staff at the Council's Winding Wheel (a former cinema on the edge of town now venue for room hire) on 01246 345333. The staff also manage bookings for other council cultural facilities such as the Market Hall Assembly Rooms. The caretakers, who facilitate access for groups using the hall, are also based at the Winding Wheel.

Listed below are the weekly contract bookings and a flavour of bookings that are made on an occasional basis at the village hall.

Monday – Ringcraft dog club. Rethink drop in session

Tuesday – Rethink drop in session

Wednesday – Ash friends meeting group. Draper dance class

Thursday – Draper dance class

Friday – Art club

Weekends and school holidays – children’s parties, wedding receptions, other parties, functions and concerts

Various dog club meetings

Christmas Fayres

Indoor Baby and Toddler wares Sale

This increased usage of the village hall and park in general through events and improved facilities provides casual supervision and increased security. A busy park vastly reduces people’s perception and fear of crime due to its popularity.

Facilities have been improved and installed based on the 2011 consultation. The play area has amalgamated to provide toddler and junior equipment in close proximity to each other so it is more convenient for parents with children in each age group. The MUGA in particular is very popular and has provided a valuable space for the youth of the community.



Multi Use Games Area

The bowling green can be made available to local residents on a pay and play basis. Fees to use the green are collected by the bowls club as part of their annual contract hire agreement.

The football pitches are contract hired to local teams in the Hasland and Chesterfield area. Bookings are made through the Greenspaces Development Officer.

The play space was relocated to its current position as part of the restoration project in 2013. The new play space has been designed to conform with current BS EN standards and to maximise the amount of play value on offer to local children and their parents and carers. The sand play area is particularly popular with very young children and it is noticeable that families are staying longer in the park as a result of this popular addition.



The Popular Children's Play Space

10.7 Educational Value

The park is an ideal base for educational visits. Local schools, brownies and guides along with educational events have enjoyed the park and what it has to offer. This has included tree trails, bulb planting and litter picks. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust

have organised bumblebee safaris where youngsters are taught how to identify different types of bumblebees

10.8 Visitor Surveys

Visitor and satisfaction surveys are carried in the park on a bi-annual basis until 2017.

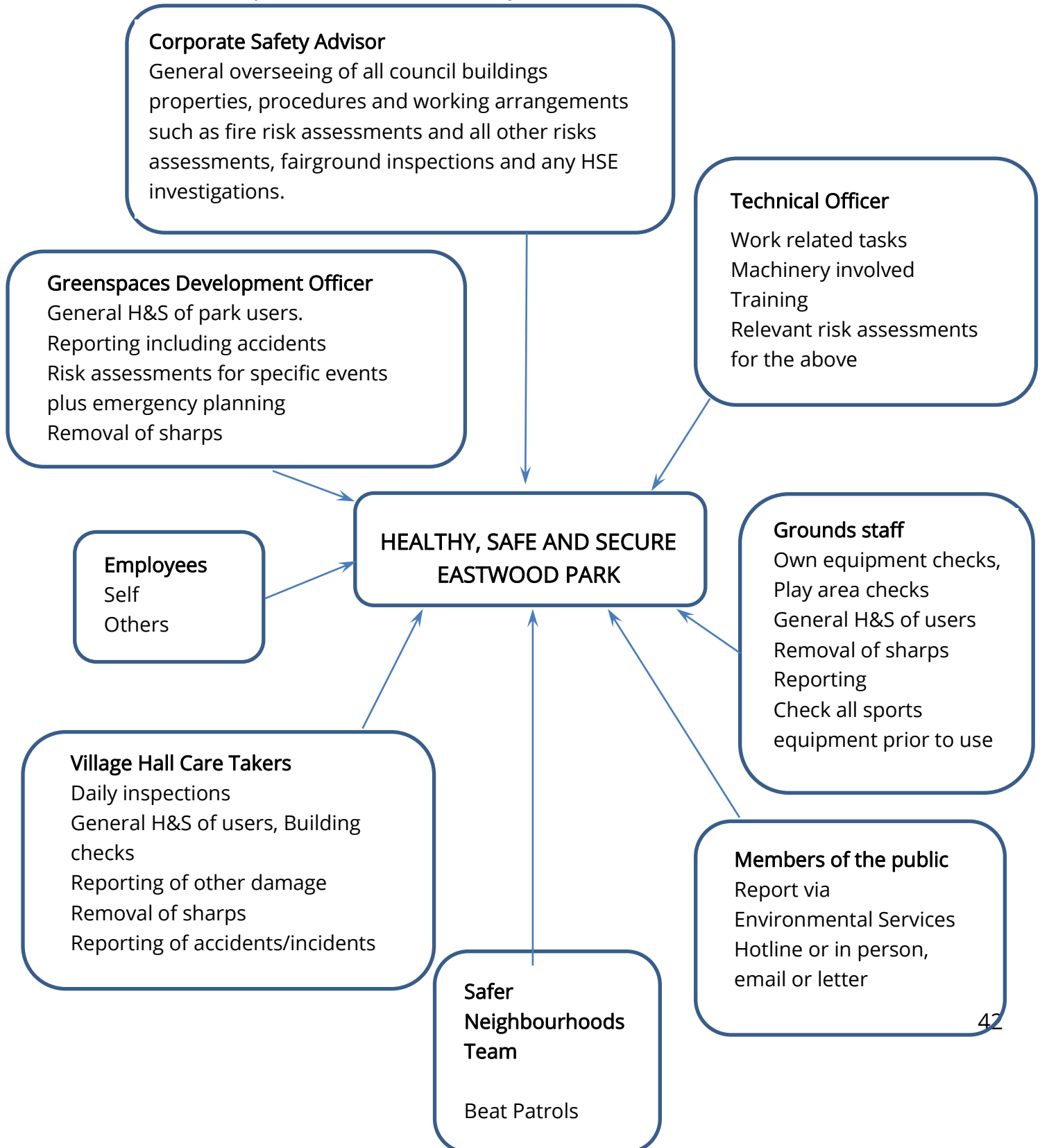
When asked if the park is 'a welcoming place to visit' respondents to the Visitor Survey 2011 rated it as: 10.0%Excellent, 44.3% Good, 37.1% Ok, 7.1% Poor, 1.4% Very Poor.

In the Visitor Survey 2017 when asked if the park is 'a welcoming place to visit' respondent's survey rated it as: 66.4%Excellent, 23.7 % Good, 3.6 % Ok, 1.8% Poor, and 0.9 % Very Poor.

11.0 Healthy Safe and Secure

Responsibility for Health and Safety on site

The following diagram illustrates the ways in which different people are responsible for various aspects of health and safety on site.



11.1 Public Safety

An inspection of the park was carried out in order to create a generic risk assessment for the park under general operation. This will be reviewed on an annual basis. Risk Assessments for the park can be found at **Appendix 3**. A public safety risk assessment is **Appendix 3a**.

As part of the role for the development officer, a number of activities and events are organised. These events are individually risk assessed identifying very specific potential risks. If the event is large scale enough that it warrants an emergency plan, this is carried out in partnership between Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and the emergency services.

The grounds maintenance staff on site ensures that their equipment is safe and ready for use prior to carrying out tasks. A trained member of the grounds maintenance team carries out daily playground inspections and maintenance as and when necessary or report defects to the relevant person.

Play equipment within Eastwood Park is also inspected twice annually by independent qualified engineers.

The grounds staff, Greenspaces Development Officer and Village Hall caretakers are trained in the removal of sharps and it is their responsibility to remove them as soon as possible.

There is a (publicly available) defibrillator located on the side of the Sports Pavilion. The caretakers based at the Village Hall are trained in the use of the defibrillator.

The council's corporate health and safety advisor oversees the general workings of the council and if any issues need resolving will have an input from his point of view and that of the overriding council health and safety policy. If there are such incidents that the Health and Safety Executive have to inspect, the councils H&S officer will advise and carry out follow up inspections of any action plans that would need to be submitted.

In line with the Health and Safety at Work Act, each individual is responsible for their own safety and that of their colleagues.

The environmental services technical assistant for health and safety is responsible for the health and safety of employees and all the work related tasks that they carry out. This includes ensuring that they are all appropriately trained, that all machinery they are using is safe to use and the relevant risk assessments and COSHH assessments have been carried out.

11.2 Reporting Mechanisms

Anyone can report an accident / incident or dangerous occurrence by a variety of means. Following policy, the details are inputted into the council's health and safety system via the intranet. Where members of staff do not have this access there are paper versions of the form. Signs in the park display telephone for numbers to either report an issue to the council and/or report incidents to the police. Members of the public can also use various social media and website chats to report and issues.

11.3 Tree inspection Regime – Proactive Inspections

Trees in the park are inspected by a qualified arborist in late summer. If a significant structural defect or symptom of disease is noted the individual tree is thoroughly inspected using the VALID Tree Risk Benefit app. Additional investigations may also be undertaken, such as invasive drilling, increment core sampling or laboratory analysis.

On a day to day basis, any issues arising from individual inspections are passed to one of the council's approved tree surgery contractors for quotation. On receipt of an acceptable price the work is ordered, and the completed job checked by the arborists prior to the invoice being authorised for payment.

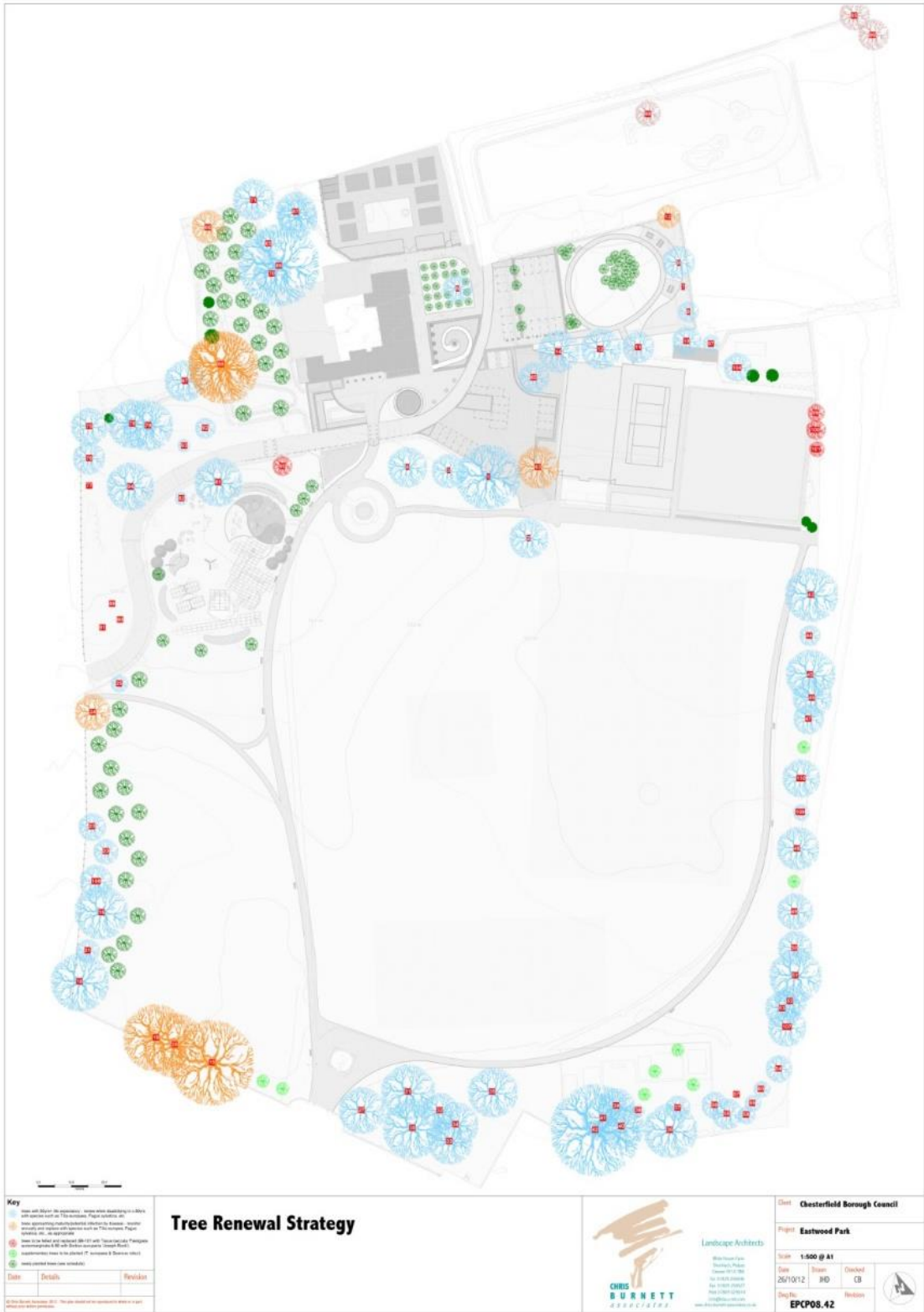
The council's approved contractors are also available for emergency response to immediately hazardous trees.

The council's grounds maintenance staff have a working knowledge of trees and report any immediately obvious defects they encounter to the arborists for inspection and necessary action. In 2023 there are

11.4 Reactive Inspections

The public can report perceived dangerous trees through the council's call centre. The enquiries are logged on a central system and assigned to the appropriate officer.

The arborist then visits the described location to assess the tree(s) in question. Any routine or emergency work is then arranged via a contractor or the council's own staff. The enquiry system is then updated with any action taken.



Tree Survey and Renewal Strategy

11.5 Out of hours call out

The public are able to contact the council's Careline to report dangerous trees on council land outside normal working hours.

The Careline staff will then contact the arborist on call who will visit the site and assess the tree and the need for remedial work.

Any work deemed an emergency would be undertaken by the arborist or a contractor.

11.6 Standards of Work

All tree work undertaken by the council, or by contractors working on the council's behalf, is in compliance with British Standard BS3998:2010 Tree Work. Work is prioritised according to urgency.

11.7 Vandalism and graffiti policy

Our policy regarding the removal of graffiti is to remove it within a week. If the graffiti is of an offensive nature it will be removed within 24 hours of it being reported.

Vandalism is dealt with through the property maintenance team. There is a designated officer each venue and they will arrange for repair. Anything of a dangerous nature is taken out of commission by means of cordoning the area off or removing dangerous items.

11.8 Compliance with health and safety at work

All staff work in line with the corporate health and safety policy and ultimately the Health and Safety at work Act. Proactive measures are taken to ensure compliance with this policy. All new members of staff attend the corporate induction and on the job training.

11.9 Water courses

A visual check of the fountain is carried out on a daily basis. The water quality is tested weekly and treated on a monthly basis. A specialist fountain company maintains the fountain on the council's behalf.

11.10 Security

The main buildings are locked at night and have intruder alarms. A local security company are key holders and attend if alarms are activated.

Lighting to areas adjoining the Village Hall has improved safety for people using the function room into the evening.

The security of the park is a vital role for the grounds maintenance team on a daily basis. The high profile presence (during working hours) of the park team in general acts as a deterrent to anti – social behaviour.

The parks staff are familiar to the local community. There is a growing mutual respect which acts as a deterrent to potential antisocial behaviour particularly by some of the youth in the area that use the park to 'hang around'.

Vehicular access to the park is restricted during the hours of darkness through the locking of gates by a security contractor. Cars are limited to designated car parks during the day to minimise conflict with users of the park.

11.11 Restorative Justice

Since April 2009, people within Derbyshire have been able to rely upon the Restorative Justice scheme as an alternative resolution to local problems. Restorative Justice gives victims the chance to decide on a response to low level crime and anti-social behaviour in the community. It is about finding positive solutions and encouraging offenders to face up to their actions, making them understand what they've done wrong and give them an opportunity to do something to repair the harm. It also prevents them from having a criminal record.

Offenders have to demonstrate the following:

- That they are sorry for what they have done and show some remorse
- Apologise to the victim, this can be either verbally or in writing
- 'Payback' for the damage they have caused. This can be either in monetary terms or by giving up some of their time to work it off. Work should be voluntary and in their own time.

11.12 Dog Control Orders – Public Space Protection Orders

A PSPO can be introduced to include restrictions on specific behaviour and/or requirements for people to abide by when in that area. This can be done if there is evidence of behaviour in a public space which is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of the life of the community, and the behaviour is persistent/continuing and unreasonable.

PSPO's were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, will replace any existing Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) and Dog Control Orders (DCOs) that were in force on 20 October 2017.

<https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/health-and-environment/public-spaces-protection-orders-pspos/dog-control-public-spaces-protection-order-pspo.aspx>

We want everyone to be able to enjoy our public spaces, and sometimes that means having rules to make sure that can happen.

We've brought in restrictions in Eastwood park and can be summarised as follows:

Dog exclusion – this order requires dogs to be kept out of the children's play area

Dogs on leads – this order requires that dogs are kept on a lead in sensitive areas of the park, such as the wildlife garden and tennis courts.

Dogs on lead by direction – applies across the rest of the park. Dog walkers are required to put their dog on a lead when asked to by a council officer. This could happen in instances where a dog is interfering with other people's enjoyment of the park, or when events are being held in the grounds. The fixed penalty for breaching a Dog Control Order is £50. The fixed penalty for failing to pick up dog faeces under the borough wide Dog Control Order is £80.

The council employs dog control officers who catch and detain stray dogs, respond to reports of dangerous dogs, enforce the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act and carry out educational and promotional activities across all green spaces within the borough. The plans applicable to the PSPO for Eastwood park are in Appendix 4

In the 2011 Visitor Survey only 4.2% of respondents stated that feeling unsafe was a barrier to greater use of the park. However, antisocial behaviour was an issue for respondents; with a third of them (33.3%) stating that it was a barrier. Anecdotal evidence suggests that it is the actions of young people that make up the majority of this antisocial behaviour.

In the 2017 Visitor Survey only 2.6% of respondents stated that feeling unsafe was a barrier to greater use of the park. Antisocial behaviour was still an issue for respondents; but this has now been reduced, with only 17.9% stating that it was a barrier.

12.0 Clean and Well Maintained

12.1 Grounds Maintenance

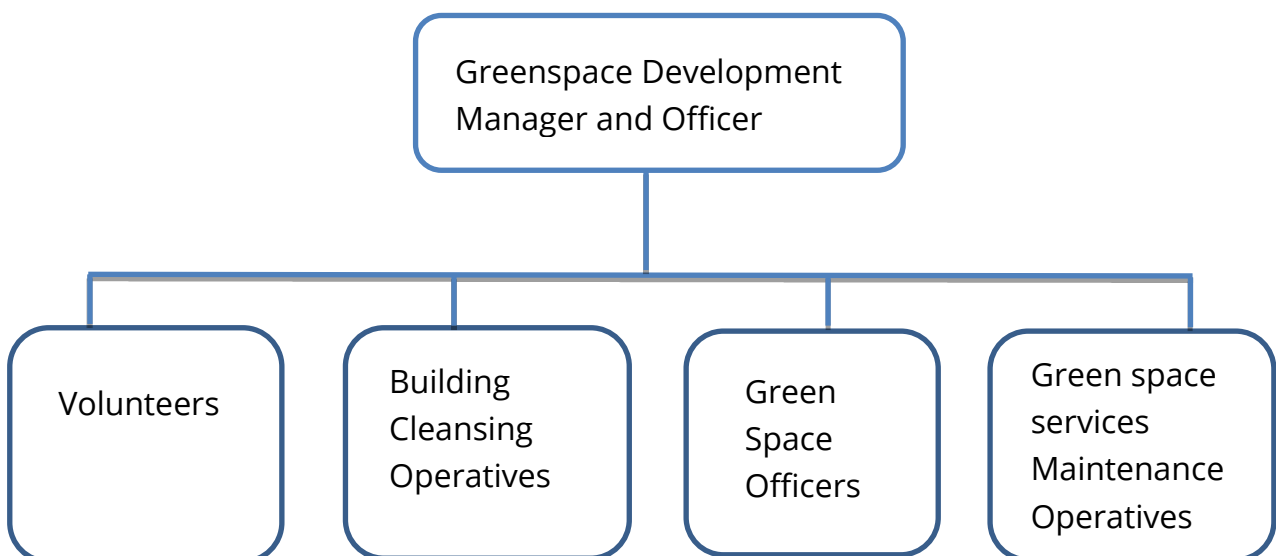
The planned work programme for the park is attached at **Appendix 5**. Additional works are raised at the discretion of the area supervisor and charge hand gardener.

A holistic approach to park maintenance and management has been adopted by the ground maintenance team and park ranger service. The team are multi-skilled, and more emphasis is placed on attention to detail and delivery of quality services.

There has been a shift from the frequency-based specification to include performance-based requirements. Greater emphasis has been placed on horticultural excellence in the park and the horticultural skills required to maintaining an historic park.

The gardeners have a much more customer focus, giving advice to the public, getting involved in event management and supplementing the existing council ranger service and vice versa.

The area supervisor has direct line management over the greenspace operatives while the park development officer has a working relationship on a day to day basis with the other two.



Since 2013 the following apply

- Moving from a rigid frequency based maintenance programme to a more flexible performance based maintenance programme
- Continue to review current maintenance arrangements and enhance maintenance regimes where practical
- Endeavour to maintain a presence/seek to secure continued staff presence on site
- Increased number/encourage use of dog bins (PSPO reviewed and in place)
- Increased number of litter bins / frequency emptied
- Encourage community involvement – Friends Groups and Community Gardeners
- Continue to promote waste minimisation

12.2 Vehicle management.

To reduce the amount of unnecessary vehicular use in the park the service has requested various departments not to use the paths in the park unless it is essential for work related reasons, e.g. a works van close to the workplace to allow easy access to tools is acceptable.

Access to the car park for park and village hall users is made via Eastwood Park Drive but more recently the depot in the Park has been downgraded with most grounds maintenance operative relocating to a new depot site. Deliveries of materials, such as bedding plants, nursery stock and fertilisers will continue, but traffic movements associated with Council vehicles have been greatly reduced. Sleeping Policemen have been installed to reduce speeding.

In January 2023 the car parks have been re marked to define available parking spaces. This is part of ongoing measures to address parking issues during peak times.

12.3 Drainage

Drainage to the football pitch, cricket outfield and play area was improved as part of the restoration project. Despite this there are a couple of drainage issues still to resolve within the park where possible.

Near the front entrance to the park alterations to Hasland Road by Derbyshire County Council have resulted in the excess surface water running into park giving rise to a periodic wet area that is naturally low lying and difficult to drain. This is not persistent and only shows itself during periods of prolonged heavy rainfall. It poses no issues from a health and safety perspective and visitor use of the park is not affected. This was partially resolved in 2021 when 3 interlinked soakaways were installed. Derbyshire Highways were approached again in 2022 to cease draining into the park due to the impact on the mature trees at the boundary. In November 2022 the highway drains were redirected back in to the main sewer and away from the park. In 2023 a 4th soakaway is planned for the skate park, although smaller in size than the previous soakaways. There is now only a small area which readily drains away within a day of any significant rainfall events.

Another area affected during periods of prolonged heavy rainfall is around the base of a couple of lime trees near the car park and picnic tables. Drainage installed here during park restoration has not been wholly successful. With this in mind additional drainage works will be undertaken in 2023.



Wet area near the main entrance gates

12.4 Maintenance of Buildings and Structures

The buildings and structures in the park are in excellent condition having recently been restored. The old redundant, semi-derelict, and poor quality buildings, which detracted from the generally well maintained green spaces, have been removed.

Accommodation for the bowlers has been provided in the sports pavilion completed in May 2015. The existing bowls pavilion was demolished and removed from site.

A senior building surveyor and energy management officer in the facilities maintenance section manage a repair and maintenance programme on behalf of environmental services across all our parks.

Copies of the property repair and maintenance programme are attached at **Appendix 6**.

Any repairs arising as a result of day to day activity in the park are initially logged by the Green Spaces team and then communicated to facilities maintenance for repair. Any repairs arising as a result of day to day activity in the village hall are logged by the caretakers and communicated by them for repair.

Park furniture, such as the park benches and signage, is maintained and repaired by grounds maintenance operatives.

The play equipment within the Park is inspected weekly by a Greenspaces officer, who undertake repairs and removes any hazards. An annual inspection of play equipment is undertaken by qualified engineers.

12.5 Building Cleaning

The Council's own building cleaning section carries out cleansing services in the village hall twice a week. The caretakers employed by the arts and cultural venues team also undertake cleaning duties linked to events and activities taking place in the hall. Under the existing contract arrangements four cleaning standards have been agreed:

The village hall falls within the hygiene standard with a cleaner tending to the toilets and the kitchen. The caretakers do other hire related cleaning to the hall and meeting room areas.

Hygiene Standard – this applies to rooms/areas which are to be hygienically clean in so far as it is reasonably practicable to do so a high standard of cleaning should be achieved e.g. toilets, shower areas, kitchens and children's crèche/play areas.

12.6 Dog Fouling

Several dog waste bins have been replaced in the park and are emptied by greenspaces services operatives 3 times a week.

The council takes a proactive stance on reducing dog fouling and there are now PSPO powers enforced by the environmental protection team in place.



Dog Waste Bins

12.7 Litter

The grounds maintenance team based on site is responsible for the collection of loose litter and the emptying of litter bins within the park. Litterbins are emptied three times per week in the winter and daily through the summer period. On very busy summer days the bins are emptied on a more frequent basis. The council takes a proactive stance on reducing littering and have trained enforcement officers to issue fixed penalty notices to people who are witnessed dropping litter.

13.0 Conservation of Heritage

13.1 A brief History of Eastwood Park

A brief history and chronology of the park is attached at **Appendix 7**.

13.2 Eastwood Park Restoration Project

In 2008 the council embarked on a project to restore the park to its former glory. The council, working in partnership with the Friends of Eastwood Park, made a bid to the Heritage Lottery Funds Parks for People fund. Grants are made available from the Parks for People programme for costs relating to:

- Landscape Restoration
- Repair/Enhancement of historic structures and buildings
- Repair of boundary features such as gates and railings
- Refurbishment and provision of park furniture, e.g. seats, lighting and signage
- Provision of play areas
- Provision of planting schemes such as trees and shrubbery's
- Visitor facilities where these are appropriate to the conversation of the site and its identity and the volume and nature of visitor use

Proposals for the conservation, restoration and improvement of Eastwood Park emerged as part of this process of involving the local community, Friends of Eastwood Park, sports groups and other stakeholder groups and officers and elected members of the Council.

In June 2012 the Heritage Lottery Fund confirmed approval of our Stage 2 bid awarding a grant of £1.2m. Contract works commenced on site in September 2012 with completion in May 2013.

The park was officially reopened on 9 June 2013 to coincide with the centenary celebrations for the park. The Friends of Eastwood Park also arranged a concert in the village hall to mark the occasion.

Initially, the analysis of the historic evolution of the park coupled with identification of key issues, guided a series of solutions and proposals arising from an intensive process of consultation. This is summarised in the restoration schedule and masterplan attached at **Appendix 8**.



Historic features such as the War Memorial were restored to their former glory

A brief history is featured on the entrance signs for the general public to read. Every year at the gala day there is a heritage display. This covers a vast array of historical information of the village of Hasland including the park. There are also a number of books in publication, written by a local historian.

In terms of the maintenance of built features in the park, these can be found in appendix 5 with the frequencies. This includes annual gutter clearing, fountain repairs and maintenance and also external decoration of the hall once every 10 years.

14.0 Community Involvement

14.1 Friends of Eastwood Park

The Friends of Eastwood Park formed in 2006 following public groundswell to get the council to mark the centenary of the park's opening in 1913. They are constituted, have their own bank account and meet in the Social Club opposite the main pedestrian park entrance. They govern through a committee of 8 people and have an open door policy for local people to get involved in one-off projects or longer volunteering on the committee. They now have around 50 members.

The group has always viewed itself as a voice of the community rather than a practical volunteers group, although they do organise the annual Gala Day (which is attended by several thousand local people) and Christmas event to raise funds for the Friends and to assist in delivering park improvements.

The Friends group are consulted if there are any planned development and help form the basis of the decision. Occasionally the Park Development Officer will go to them with an opportunity at the Friends meetings, a vote will be cast, and a decision made based on a majority rule. An example of this is funding of equipment for the community garden.

The Friends are also involved in helping at events and activities organised by the park development officer. They are the promoters of two live and local events in the village hall. The Friends of Eastwood Park keeps the tradition of gala royalty alive. This involves various children in the village who serve as the queen, junior queen, princess etc. The girls come together to represent Hasland across the county at other events.



Gala Day in the Park

Please see appendix 9 for the chairs report and a summary from the secretary at the friends of Eastwood Park AGM

14.2 Greenspaces Development Officer

The Greenspaces Development Officer is to continue with the role adopted as development officer, including to:

- engage with the community of Hasland, community groups and the friends of Eastwood park to develop the park in ways which will raise the profile of the park and its facilities to create an environment that is well used and appreciated
- Work in partnership with other local organisations to achieve common aims.
- report and act upon anti-social behaviour to reduce the risk in terms of damage and reputation of the park
- Continue to promote the park, its people and activities.

An annual programme of events for local people to participate in is carried out with support of the Friends of Eastwood Park. This usually consists of school holiday

activities, and where possible linking them with various national campaigns. Recent examples include:

- February half term – nest box building. To tie in with national nest box week
- Easter – crafts and trails
- Spring Bank – activities included in the Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild' campaign
- Summer holidays including - National Play day a variety of sports for young people to try out., kite making, Bat box making. Beach day where the park is transformed to an urban beach for the day complete with a sand pit, deck chairs, donkeys, funfair, ice cream etc.
- October half term: Bird feeder making and a tree activity trail, broomstick and witches hat making, - willow workshops, spring bulb planting spooky crafts, kite making and orienteering.
- Christmas: Winter festivities - wreath making and yuletide logs, craft stalls etc.



Bird box event in the Park and a Christmas wreath

The DTL is developing a calendar of events and activities to complement existing bookings taken by the Cultural Venues team at the Village Hall. Recent initiatives include walking football on the multi-use games area, and a Jog Derbyshire run in the park. The rangers, parks staff and the Friends group are being trained on running Xplorer orienteering events for young people.

The Greenspaces Development Officer continues to support the Friends of Eastwood Park and their activity in the Park and attends all Friends group meetings each month. The Council also holds a forum for all 'Friends Of' groups twice a year. Here news, successes, new initiatives and good practice can be shared with all Friends groups in the borough.

Partnership working is a vital element to promoting community involvement and in recent years a working relationship has been made with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Please see appendix 10 for a project which is ongoing. Bumblebee conservation trust will be assisting with interpretation for the bee flower bed next to the sculpture.

14.3 Community Garden

The community garden has attracted a wide range of local people and groups who now work as volunteers to develop it.

The Friends of the park secured an 'Awards for All' grant, to provide tools and educational materials for schools to use in the garden when they visit. Over the lifetime of the plan we propose to develop the wildlife garden further with volunteers and local schools. We will apply to local Environmental Trusts for support with this project.

The Eastwood Park webpages are being developed further to enable better connections between the Council and Park users, promoting events, volunteering opportunities and customer feedback and more importantly what we are doing in response.

We perceive the value of our volunteers as huge. A total of 147 different volunteers have provided 2481 hours of their time. This approximately calculates to £18,607 of labour gifted to Eastwood Park, based on the British Trust for Nature Conservation national rate for volunteers of £15 per hour for skilled workers and £7.50 per hour for unskilled. An example of a volunteer agreement is in appendix 11.

14.4 Comments and Complaints Statistics

It is important to us that people know what level of service to expect and also if they are not completely satisfied, how to complain.

We have an incident reporting system for staff to record accidents, near-misses etc.

There is also an enquiry system on the council website for the public to use. Phone calls to the call centre are also recorded on the system and people can return comments on a form in the Council newspaper. A complaints, compliments and comments (3c's) procedure has been set up on the internal intranet for colleagues to fill in and re-assign if necessary.

15.0 Environmental Sustainability

The council aims to minimise the negative environmental impact of all our activities and services throughout their lifecycle. In particular we will set and review our objectives and targets to:

- Improve energy efficiency
- Reduce emissions to air
- Reduce water usage
- Increase environmentally preferable procurement
- Improve waste management
- Protect and enhance Biodiversity

An assessment regarding environmental sustainability has been completed specifically for the park, a summary of which is shown below.

Sustainability					
Activities giving rise to negative impact	Negative impact	Initial impact rating	Current control measures	Actions arising	Residual impact rating
Weed spraying	Poisons entering the environment	Medium	Contact herbicide use only Usage minimised to hard surfaces Mulching	Extend mulching programme	Low
Transportation	Emissions Carbon footprint	High	Reduced number and frequency of vehicles using the depot Use of bio diesel Use of fuel efficient vehicles Maintenance of fleet	Funding would be required to make further improvements Look to further reduce the use of depot	Medium
Use of consumables Water Energy Peat	Carbon footprint	High	Mulching Choice of plants Effective use of water in buildings by design	Consider water harvesting in the community garden	Medium

Use of fertilisers and soil improvers			<p>and type of equipment Insulation of buildings Pipes lagged Equipment with sensors Main hall double glazed Ceiling height reduced with increased insulation More effective boiler installed New building complies with sustainable building regulations Timing controls Low energy lighting Plants supplied in reduced peat medium No other use of peat</p>	<p>Research into solar panels did not demonstrate a business case Funding currently unavailable for other significant improvement Seek alternative funding</p>	
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15.1 Green Purchasing Policy

The Council's environmental purchasing policy is incorporated within the Corporate Procurement Strategy.

The aim of the policy is to improve our environmental performance by procuring environmentally preferable goods and services whilst ensuring that we obtain value for money.

A two part procedure has been developed; purchases are identified as either significant or standard purchases. The aim of this approach is to ensure that purchases that have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment are given more consideration than small day to day purchases.

In order to determine if you are making a purchase with a significant impact a series of thresholds have been developed. The basic principles of the policy are outlined below.

What is significant?

Any purchase the value of which is over £25,000

Any purchase which has significant Health and Safety implications

Electrical equipment rated at 1kW or higher

Heating or hot water equipment with an input rating in excess of 35 kW

Any vehicle powered by fossil fuel

Significant purchases are not everyday events and they warrant a degree of thought and effort to ensure we get it right.

This process is aided and documented by the completion of a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Form. The Sustainability Officer offers help to complete this form and we will act on exceptions.

15.2 Standard Purchases

Any item which doesn't fall into the significant category is defined as a Standard Purchase.

For these day to day purchases of less significant items we consider environmental issues (see below) but aren't obliged to document this.

When making a standard purchase we first consider a number of issues, for example:

- Is the product energy and resource efficient?
- Does the product use the minimum amount of virgin materials and make maximum use of post-consumer materials (e.g. recycled)?
- Is the product none or less polluting to air, water or land than alternatives?
- Is the product fit for the purpose and economically advantageous?

These are always applied when standard purchases are made for the park and recent examples include:

Recyclable plastic water butts to catch rainwater for use in community garden

Locally sourced untreated timber for bird boxes

Only non-persistent herbicides are used

Our wood prunings from the park and surrounding area are chipped and used as mulch in the park to reduce purchase of non – sustainable products.

15.3 Banned Product List

Chesterfield Borough Council will not buy products which contain ozone depleting substances or have used these substances in their production or packaging.

The substances can be categorised as:

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), halons, 1,1,1, trichloroethane and any other ozone depleting substances.

Tropical hardwoods not independently certified as coming from a well-managed and sustainable source

Wood preservatives or wood treated with preservatives containing pentachlorophenol (PCP), lindane or tributyltioxide

Active substances banned in the European Union under Council Directive 79/117/EEC

Council Directive 79/117/EEC dated 21 December 1978 prohibits the placing on the market and the use of plant protection products containing certain active substances which, even if applied in an approved manner, could give rise to harmful effects on human health or the environment. The UK government has added several active substances banned in the UK.

The Council will not use products which are petroleum-based, or contain foaming agents NTA or EDTA, optical brighteners, chlorine bleaches, enzymes, synthetic perfumes, and colourings or have been tested on animals.

Peat for soil amelioration purpose and materials containing genetically modified organisms

The council's green purchasing policy applies to all plant and material purchased for use on the park.

15.4 Pesticides

Pesticides are rarely used within the park. The exceptions to this are the use of glyphosate herbicide to control weeds within the tarmac car parks and the occasional use of glyphosate plugs to treat tree stumps growing within shrubberies

Peat Use

The council does not permit the use of peat or peat based products on any of its sites. Cell and container grown tree planting stock is sourced from nurseries that use minimal peat in their operations.

15.5 Green Waste

Green waste, such as collected amenity grass cuttings, is recycled at a local green waste composting site. Chippings from trees are retained on site and used throughout the borough, especially in the country parks. There is a composting system within the community garden where weeds, excess produce and other waste is collected for use on the plots. The leaves collected from the park have also been stored in a separate bay for further composting. The garden plot holders are encouraged to compost using this facility.

15.6 Use of Consumables

The use of consumable is minimised as shown within the sustainability assessment as shown above.

As part of the restoration project the village hall was modernised in line with part L of statutory building regulations in order to improve the energy efficiency of the building. Upgraded items included – a new condensing boiler, additional insulation, new heating controls and double glazing to the windows in the main hall to name but a few.

Energy and water usage within the village hall is closely monitored by the council's facilities maintenance section and system improvements are undertaken as necessary.

Water use in other areas of the park is closely monitored by the council's facilities maintenance section and system improvements are undertaken as necessary.

Floodlighting to the multi-use games area is controlled by a timer to minimise unnecessary energy use. The floodlighting is timed to come on 15 minutes before an activity takes place and go off 15 minutes after an activity has finished in order to allow people to access/leave the park safely in the winter months.

15.7 Biodiversity

A biodiversity assessment of the park is summarised below:

Biodiversity					
Activities giving rise to negative impact	Negative impact	Initial impact rating	Current control measures	Actions arising	Residual impact rating
Human activity	Restricts wildlife in the park	High	None	Creation of new habitats in peripheral areas	Medium
Mowing	Intense cultivation regimes restrict wildlife	High	None	Creation of new set aside areas in peripheral parts of the park Balance with community needs must be retained	Medium
Hedge trimming	Wildlife habitats restricted	High	Hedges not cut until after nesting period Continuous lengths of hedges identified and retained Some hedges have mixed species	Relax cutting regime on some hedges Gap up with native species	Medium
Tree maintenance	Wildlife habitats restricted	Medium	Minimal maintenance regimes Native tree planting regime Small elements of deadwood left	Utilise wood from maintenance to create log piles, (partially submerged) and chippings for mulching. Balance with habitats, safety and formal park structure to be retained	Low
Domestic animals	Disturbance to wildlife and restricts wildlife	High	Dogs on a lead policy for some of the park	Due to community needs, no further action is proposed, and the current balance will be maintained. The development of peripheral areas however	Medium

				should improve the habitats	
Choice of plants	Risk of poisoning to wildlife Dense leaved plants restricting habitats	High	Mixed plantings Wildlife garden Use of nectar plants	Gapping up with nectar rich plants As poisonous plants need to be replaced do so with nectar rich species See habitat creation	Low
Habitat creation	Encourages flora and fauna	Medium	Wildlife garden created Bird boxes Bat boxes Bird feeding station in the Community garden	Introduce Bug hotels And habitat piles Introduce set aside areas Increase number of bird boxes Balance with community needs and formal park to be retained Use of species identified in the Biodiversity strategy	Medium
Habitat protection	Protects flora and fauna	Medium	Maintenance of wildlife garden	Introduce set aside areas and maintain new habitats as appropriate	Medium
Habitat surveys	Understanding of natural habitat, which directs activity	Medium	Survey completed Resulted in activities above	See above, need to undertake follow up survey 2 years after new areas introduced	Medium
Promotion of natural value of the park	Greater understanding and respect for nature	High	Cameras in some bird boxes Information about wildlife in the park displayed on the information board Wildlife garden interpretation Bird box and other related activities	Keep information on community board up to date	Medium

Eastwood Park is not designated for its nature conservation value and there are no records of protected or priority species having been recorded in the park. There are no

existing habitats capable of supporting Great Crested Newts but bats however are present in the Village Hall and ancillary buildings. Bats are a target species in the Biodiversity Action Plan from Derbyshire County Council. The two bat boxes in the picture below have been left for the park and were put up in trees identified within the biodiversity strategy.



Building Bat Boxes for the Park

General Description

The park is almost wholly confined by urban settlement but with a link to an area of allotments in the north eastern corner. The majority of the park comprises well maintained playing fields with a lightly tree lined fringe. Ornamental flower beds, mature shrubs and hedges are found close to the Village hall, near the organic community garden, but there is little in the way of unmanaged or wild areas.

Description by zone

ZONE 1: Heritage and Biodiversity – Village hall and gardens.

This zone comprises an area of closely mown, species poor, amenity grassland which surrounds ornamental shrubs or bedding and an expansive tarmac car park. Mature, ornamental shrubs lie in a bed on the western perimeter of this zone which is separated from the playing fields by a dense beech hedge. Both these habitats offer breeding cover and nesting opportunities for birds. Mature trees include some large specimens

of beech, lime and horse chestnut which are valuable for birds and also potentially for bats.

ZONE 2: Active Recreation – Enclosed recreation facilities

This zone is characterized by a series of enclosed recreation facilities with limited ecological value. The bowling green is an intensively managed sward and the tennis court is a tarmac space. A thin wedge of ornamental shrubs separates the tennis court from the bowling green. However, the dense trimmed beech, holly and hawthorn hedges that also enclose the bowling green provide nesting opportunities for breeding birds. Mature and semi mature trees mainly consist of lime and several ornamental varieties of Acer. A maintenance depot with hard standing, stored machinery, container, skips and the like completes this zone which is surrounded by a mature Leylandii hedge.

ZONE 3: Passive Recreation – Open park and open recreation facilities.

The zone that occupies the largest part of the park is dedicated to sports such as football. As a consequence, the sward consists of improved closely mown species poor grassland. Mature trees enclose this zone and consist of wych elm, lime, oak, horse chestnut, beech cherry and sycamore.

The Council has a biodiversity strategy for the Park and the recommendations will be implemented over the lifecycle of the Management and Maintenance Plan.


A copy of the plan identifying opportunities to improve biodiversity in the Park is attached at **Appendix 12** and actions arising from it are incorporated into the management and maintenance action plan.

16.0 Marketing

The Greenspaces Development Officer has a well-established programme of events and activities for the park throughout the year.

16.1 Activity Promotion

Marketing materials are produced for park events and activities. A consistent and coherent message is being delivered. Flyers are placed on park notice boards and posted on the council's Facebook and twitter feed. The Friends of Eastwood Park also promote events and activities through their own social media. Occasionally, headline activity will result in a more formal press release. E.g. the launch of the wheels park.



Eastwood Park, Hasland February half term fun

Tuesday 20 February – Bird box building – 11am – 3pm
Be a part of this national campaign and give our birds a helping hand. Come along to the sports pavilion and make your own nest box.
To avoid disappointment, book your place on 345123 or 345399.
Alternatively email greenspaces@chesterfield.gov.uk


Friday 23 February – Xplorer
A family friendly navigation challenge that is educational and fun. Explore the park to find the markers.
Register from 1pm to 3pm at the sports pavilion – take as long as you need.

Please note: these are outdoor events and may be subject to weather.
Please wrap up warm. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

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Eastwood Park, Hasland Summer fun in the sun!

Week 1: 23 July – Sports roadshow 11am – 1pm 25 July – Sports roadshow 11am – 1pm	Week 4: 13 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 15 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 15 Aug – Let's go fly a kite. Make, decorate and fly your own. 1pm – 3pm
Week 2: 30 July – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 1 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 3 Aug – National Playday Allsorts to try. 1pm – 4pm	Week 5: 20 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 20 Aug – Xplorer 1pm – 3pm 20 Aug – KMX racing 1pm – 3pm 22 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm
Week 3: 6 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 6 Aug – Laser Tag 1pm – 3pm 6 Aug – Going Batty Make your own bat box. 1pm – 3pm 8 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm	Week 6: 29 Aug – Sports roadshows 11am – 1pm 29 Aug – Body Zorbs 1pm – 3pm 29 Aug – Beach day 11am – 4pm

All activities will be run from the Sports Pavilion
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Typical examples of marketing materials

Other partnership events are advertised independently.



Photo Credit: Glen Shoe

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

3 May 2018 · 🌐

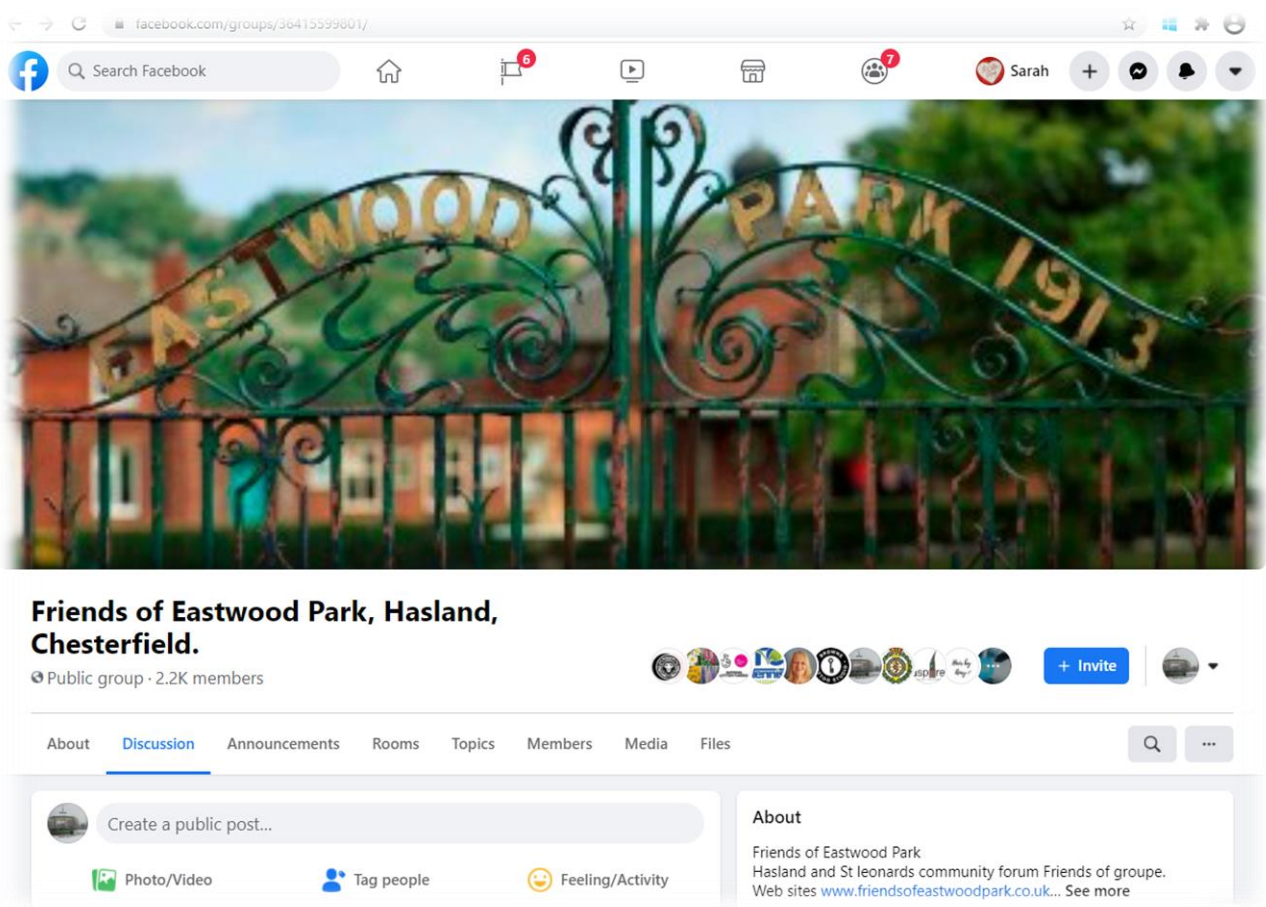
Come along to our Pollinating the Peak project's Spring Celebration this Saturday 5 May, at Eastwood Park, Chesterfield, 1-4pm! Enjoy fun family activities such as art workshops, a bumblebee safari and a treasure hunt. There'll also be a bumblebee parade, so come in fancy dress if you wish! Photo: Bilberry [#bumblebee](#) (a Peak District National Park priority species)

There is a press release after the event in appendix 13

The Greenspaces Development Officer liaises closely with local schools, providing leaflets for the holiday activities in the park for children and young people to take home.

16.2 Friends promotion

The friends of Eastwood Park maintain a Facebook page and a website. Their facebook page has attracted an audience of 2,200 people.



facebook.com/groups/36415599801/

Search Facebook

Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland, Chesterfield.
Public group · 2.2K members

Discussion

Create a public post...

Photo/Video Tag people Feeling/Activity

About
Friends of Eastwood Park
Hasland and St Leonards community forum Friends of groupe.
Web sites www.friendsofeastwoodpark.co.uk... See more

The 'Friends of' website



16.3 Corporate Branding

The council's original branding was originally created 40 years ago and so was not designed with modern publishing needs in mind, particularly for websites or social media. Below is the most up to date logo



16.4 Village Hall

The village hall is marketed through the cultural and community venues team and promoted through the Councils website, a brochure available at the Tourist Information Centre, Winding Wheel entertainment and conference centre and adverts in publications such as Twist and Reflections which have a wide circulation.

16.5 Signage

Welcome signage has been installed in the park. 2 of the signs have capacity to display posters etc. promoting the park, events and activities.

The link below takes the reader to the Eastwood Park pages on the Councils website.
<https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/eastwood-plan>

The Councils website contains basic information about the park, events and activities.

welcomes visitors to
Eastwood Park

Opening Times

November and December	7am – 6pm
January and February	7am – 6pm
March and October	7am – 7pm
April and September	7am – 8pm
May, June, July and August.....	7am – 9.30pm

Dog Control Orders are in place in Eastwood Park.

Taking the Lead
in Chesterfield

Please keep all dogs under control. Please put your dog on a lead if asked to do so.

No Dog Mess

Dog mess should be removed and disposed of. Offenders may be prosecuted.

For all enquiries please ring the Park Development Officer on 01246 345123 or Email: greenspaces@chesterfield.gov.uk
Alternatively in the event of damage or incident please contact the Police non-emergency number 101

Scan the QR code using a barcode scanning app on your smartphone device for more information on Eastwood Park.

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We hope you enjoy the park and treat it and its users with courtesy and respect.

Pedestrian entrance signage

17.0 Management and Development Programme

Revenue Budgets

The following table shows a breakdown of the budget associated with the management and maintenance of the park and the Village Hall.

EASTWOOD PARK	£
General Repairs	600
General Grounds Maintenance	750
Electricity	1,100
Gas	750
Water Charges (Metered)	1,200
Sewerage & Environmental Charges	1,500
Refuse Collection Charges	480
Buildings Insurance	230
Contrib. to Premises Renewals Fund	18,010
Premises Related Expenses	24,620
General Equipment/Materials	3,500
Security Services	9,500
Professional Services	400
Telephone Expenses	1,000
Winter Maintenance	100
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000
Supplies & Services	19,500
Grounds Maintenance	102,640
Building Cleaning	11,030
Agency & Contracted Services	113,670
Miscellaneous Income	(500)
Fees and Charges - General	(3,090)
Bowls	(1,600)

General Rents	(3,950)
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The vision for the site has been realised through external funding bids, by rationalising assets, using the friend's groups to raise funds and apply for bids, capital bids and the community infrastructure levy.

Table 6 Environmental Sustainability

Table 7 Marketing and Promotion

Measures of Success - Monitoring & Review

The Management and Maintenance Plan will be continually reviewed, by the following:

- Site inspections
- Liaison with Friends groups
- Management of staff responsible for actions via 1-2-1's and EPD's etc
- Externally via Green Flag and In Bloom
- Satisfaction levels
- Compliments, comments and complaints
- Level of bookings
- Income and expenditure management

It then will be revised and re-written based on evidence found.

The cycle of this Plan is to:

Operate according to the aims and objectives written within the Plan;

Monitor the operation of the Plan by monitoring the performance of the Park's management and maintenance against the targets and objectives.

Review the working of the Plan to ensure that the objectives contained therein remain valid with time and changing circumstances (Annually); and,

Revise and improve the Management and Maintenance Plan where necessary.

Green Flag Theme Table 1	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
A Welcoming Place						
Provision of quality activities and events for the public – with links to national awareness campaigns	Deliver seasonal events and activities particularly at weekends and during school holidays February half term Easter Spring bank Summer holidays October half term Christmas	Annual recurring December	Green Spaces staff	Within existing budgets	↗	Learning new skills, pride in the park, community engagement, promoting the park. Participation levels Comments on social media Increased awareness of park – friends group reduced asb etc

Develop a programme of sports/fitness activities directly and indirectly through partner organisations	Ensure that there is a wide range of sporting activities available for all sectors of the community E.g. Petanque, pickleball, netball sessions, walking football, Xplorer, roller derby, buggy walks, outdoor gym sessions, buggy walks	Annual recurring December	Green Spaces staff and friends' group	Existing staff and partner resources. May generate a small amount of income	↗	Learning new skills, pride in the park, community engagement, promoting the park. Membership levels of clubs
Consider a charging policy for events and activities	Agree and implement a policy for events and activities where a charge or donation could be made.	ongoing	Green Spaces Team		→	Donations have been suggested and are being made.
Develop a range of performing arts events, e.g. acoustic music / poetry / storytelling, based at key features around the park, e.g. the Community garden, Play Area etc. as well as the village hall	Work with partners to deliver arts in the environment sessions for children incorporating nature and art	Annual recurring December	Green Spaces Team Community Growth		↗	Learning new skills, pride in the park, community engagement. Participation level Satisfaction level
	Work with partners to deliver live and local shows	Summer 2021	Friends group	Potential income		

Develop a wildlife enhancement project throughout the park	Undertake consultation with local people inc. interest groups such as Butterfly Conservation Trust, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Bumble Bee Trust Produce preliminary sketch ideas and changes to maintenance regime	September 2019 September 2019	Green Spaces Team Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Big Local funding bid	→	Consultation complete by September 2019 Sketch ideas complete by October 2019 Learning new skills Community involvement Pride in the park
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Green Flag Theme Table 2	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Healthy, Safe and Secure						
Continue to promote responsible dog ownership within the park	CBC enforcement team to present at events to educate the public in responsible dog ownership Fixed penalty notices to be issued	Annual recurring December	Esther Thelwell Environmental	Indirect cost - from existing resources	↗	Satisfaction ratings from visitor surveys Anecdotal evidence from grounds maintenance.

			Protection Officer			Dog fouling reduced
Improve drainage to two lime trees near the car park.	Look to moderate ground levels around the trees to encourage water to shed away from the trees.	September 2019	SO/PO	Within existing budgets	↗	Drainage issue resolved
	Consider aeration of the ground around the trees	September 2019	GMS/LDO	£500	→	Health of trees. Impact upon the environment
Rejuvenate the planting around the poles in the area of the spiral garden and village hall	Remove existing roses and replant with a mix of Clematis , Jasmine and Honeysuckle	September 2019	GMS	£500	→	Increase planting and biodiversity provision. Accentuate & compliment buildings.
				Within existing budgets £250	↗	

Green Flag Theme Table 3	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Clean and Well Maintained						
Monitor and review the post-restoration cleansing regime to ensure standards are being raised and maintained	Cleansing supervisors and on-site staff to closely monitor the standards and ensure they are maintained.	Annual recurring December	GTL/ Gardeners	Established Planned work programme	↗	Weekly site inspections and remedial work % Visitor satisfaction survey and complaints
Monitor and review the post-restoration grounds maintenance schedule to ensure standards are raised and maintained	Grounds maintenance supervisors and staff to closely monitor standards and ensure they are maintained and raised wherever possible	Annual recurring December	GTL/ Gardeners	Established Planned work programme	↗	Weekly site inspections and remedial work % Visitor satisfaction survey and complaints
Establish a robust inspection regime of	Regularly inspect notice boards and keep information current	Once a quarter and posters for events	DTL/ Friends	Nominal printing costs –	↗	Ensures the information is kept current

all information boards.		changed as necessary		existing budgets		
Repair damaged turf at rear of basket swing in the play area Extend tarmac area between toilets and MUGA	Site gardeners undertake repair	September 2018 May 2019	GTL	Within existing budgets £200	↗	Works complete by March 2019 Restoration of the turf.
Undertake gap planting at various locations around the park	Site gardeners undertake replacement planting	April 2019	Gardeners	Existing budget	↗	Works complete by April 2019 Restoration of character
Repair the paving slab at the main entrance on Hasland Rd entrance	Streetscene officers to undertake repairs	April 2019	GTL	Existing budgets	↗	Works complete by May 2019
Litter bins at Hasland Rd entrance	Reinstate litter bins on hard standing at entrance adj to Hasland WMC	April 2019	GMS	Existing budget	↗	Works complete by May 2019

Green Flag Theme Table 4	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Conservation of Heritage						
Increase local knowledge and awareness of the heritage of the park	For the Annual Gala Day produce a display of the parks heritage	Annual recurring June	Friends group		↗	Provides information on the history and heritage of the park
Ensure that heritage features of the park are conserved	Produce a baseline condition survey of all heritage features	July 2021	DTL/ LDO	Existing resources	→	Condition survey undertaken
	Implement a reporting mechanism to highlight any issues for repair or conservation	July 2021	DTL/ LDO		→	Reporting mechanism implemented and maintained
	Inspect and undertake remedial action	Annual recurring	Kier / DTL	Property funded		Actions undertaken and heritage features conserved

Green Flag Theme Table 5	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Community Involvement						
Support Eastwood Park Bowls Club to develop youth coaching sessions. Bowls awareness/ invitation week	Reach agreement with club for them to deliver coaching sessions to local children during bowls awareness week	September 2021	DTL Bowls Club	Existing budgets	➔	4 sessions delivered 6 people each Community involvement
Increase the number of people volunteering for various activities in the park.	Engage volunteers for: wildlife management and maintenance objectives events community garden surveys and counts	September 2019	DTL Friends	Existing budgets	➔	4 volunteers recruited Learning new skills, pride in the park, community engagement, promoting the park. Volunteer hours recorded

Green Flag Theme Table 5	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Community Involvement						
Continue to support FOEP and encourage greater participation in the group as a key mechanism of establishing dialogue and effective communication with local people and park users	<p>a) Regular attendance at the FOEP meetings.</p> <p>b) Involve Friends with a number of events, activities and surveys.</p> <p>c) Support their Gala day to engage the wider community</p>	<p>Monthly</p> <p>At all seasonal events and activities</p> <p>Annual recurring December</p>	DTL	Existing budgets	↗	<p>Support 12 meetings per year</p> <p>1 joint visitor count and surveys carried out bi annually</p> <p>Support annual gala day – 1 event</p>
Develop relationships with local schools and encourage an appropriate level of	To engage with local schools E.g. through the community garden and other opportunities such as bulb planting and graffiti removal	Ongoing	DTL Volunteer	Existing budget	↗	<p>4 schools actively engaged</p> <p>2000 bulbs planted annually.</p> <p>Primary schools involved in Chesterfield in Bloom</p>

use of the park for the delivery activities						ND Support school bulb planting
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Green Flag Theme Table 6	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Environmental Sustainability						
Promote positive environmental messages to encourage greener living	Use the community garden to showcase and promote healthy and green living. Successfully supporting plot holders to produce their own produce and publicise this to the local community.	Annual recurring December	DTL	Existing budgets	➔	10 plot holders producing their own produce Communication via newsletter, website and social media

Green Flag Theme Table 6	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Environmental Sustainability						
Promote and encourage biodiversity on site	Continue to install bat and bird boxes and bug hotels	Annual recurring December	DTL	Existing budgets £100	↗	4 boxes Increase biodiversity
	Changes maintenance of certain hedgerows to make habitat change	Cost neutral	GMS	Potential saving	→	1 hedgerow allowed to grow out Increase biodiversity. Increased number of birds visiting and nesting.
	Introduce more sustainable management and planting into the park verges and interstitial spaces		DTL/LDO /GMS	£500	→	Wildflower areas established and maintained Increase biodiversity
	Introduce wildflower planting into the set aside area of the community garden		DTL/LDO / GMS	£300	→	Wildflower areas established and maintained Increase biodiversity

	Remove some of the failing Victorian shrub beds and introduce a more environmentally sustainable planting scheme with more seasonal interest.	November 2021	GMS /		↗	Improve visual amenity and species diversity
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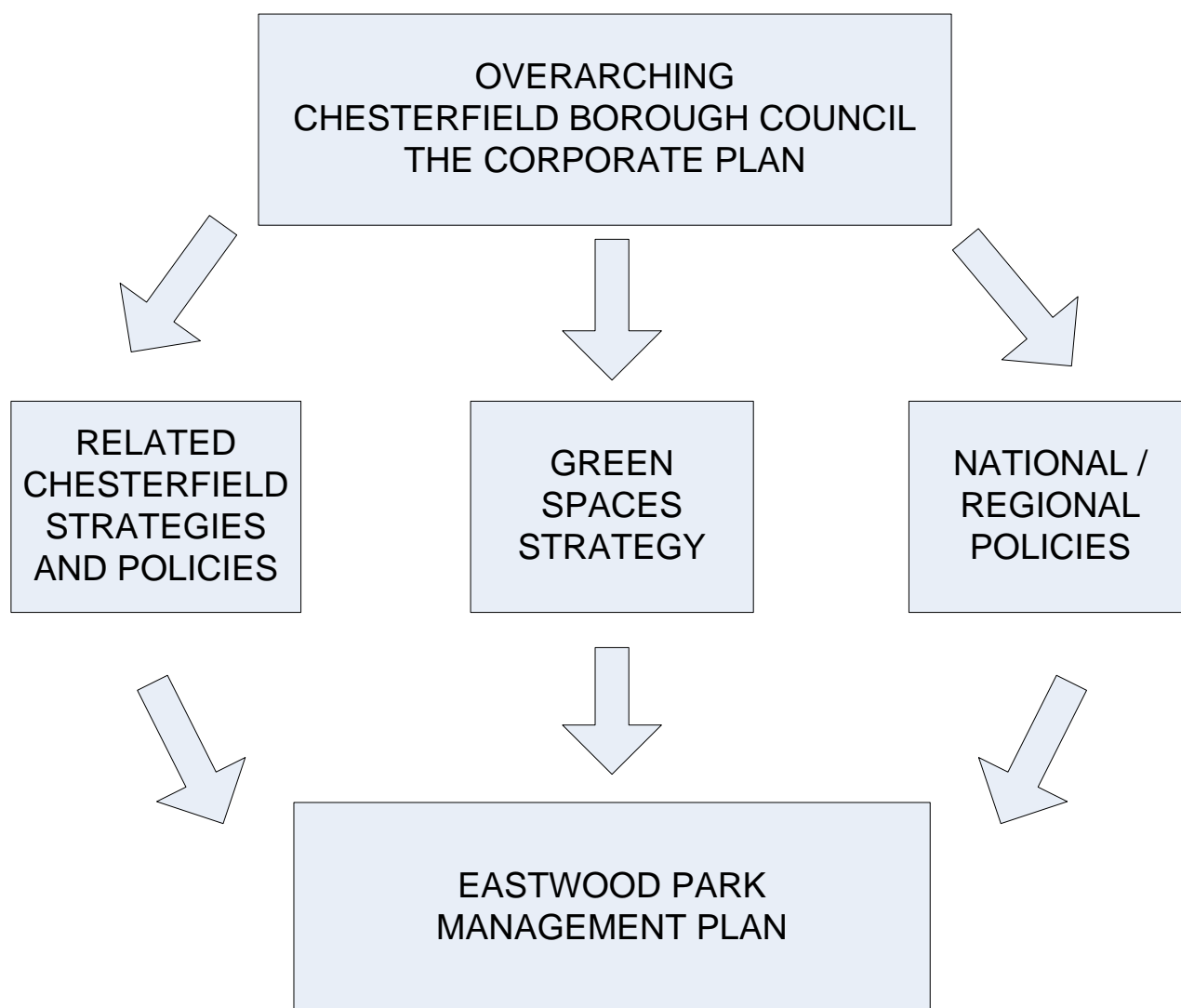
Green Flag Theme Table 7	Action	Target Completion Date	Lead Partner	Estimated Cost	Progress/ Direction of Travel	Performance Measure
Marketing and Promotion						
Objective to produce corporate leaflet on history/general information of the park	Work with local historian to produce information leaflet Margaret Hartshorn	April 2022	DTL	Existing budgets £500	→	Leaflet produced Distributed throughout the village
Update information available on the Council's website to	Make improvements to the dedicated pages on the Council website	Ongoing	DTL/ LDO	Existing budgets	→	Website updated

be more comprehensive						Exit surveys for events and activities – where did you hear about this
Ensure key information about all facilities and services is clearly promoted for new / infrequent users	Promote through 'Your Chesterfield' publication News bulletins on webpage and park notice boards All user e-mails for key events, social media	In advance of all seasonal events and activities	DTL PR Officer	Existing budgets	➔	8 press releases 20 social media posts Website hits Increased park usage
Provide information on site so that visitors can easily contact relevant staff.	All contact details including phone number, email and website details kept up to date on welcome signs and promotional material.	April 2017	DTL	Linked to other activity	➔	Leaflet produced Website updated % Satisfaction Surveys

19.0 Context and Policy

19.1 Policy Context

This section provides some strategic context within which the management plan has been produced and provides an example of how actions and aims within the management plan are both guided by, and relate back, to wider strategies. The borough council is guided by a Corporate Plan and other key strategic documents. National and local strategies provide guidance and help to steer and formulate objectives. The following diagram sets out the relationship and hierarchy of plans and policies that have guided the production of the Eastwood Park Management Plan



19.2 the National Context

The government document 'Public Parks' 2016/17 asks the question "why do parks matter?"

Our inquiry into public parks asked three key questions: why parks matter, what challenges are facing the parks sector, and how we can secure a sustainable future for parks. The level of response has clearly demonstrated the strength of the feeling people have for their local parks and green spaces, and how much parks are valued by individuals, families and communities.

Parks and green spaces are treasured assets and are often central to the lives of their communities. They provide opportunities for leisure, relaxation and exercise, but are also fundamental to community cohesion, physical and mental health and wellbeing, biodiversity, climate change mitigation, and local economic growth.

These benefits have long been recognised, but within a context of budget reductions and tightening financial circumstances it is increasingly important that we find ways to quantify the wider value of parks in order to access new sources of funding and target investment in areas of greatest impact.

An APSE briefing in 2017 concluded that:

Parks Managers have done a great deal of innovative work to ensure they have continued to survive despite huge cuts to funding levels. However, as Cllr. Trickett of Birmingham City Council states, "We have been innovative and we have looked at alternatives, but the cuts are in very great danger of tilting the balance too far." If we fail to protect our parks and green spaces they will have severe negative consequences with regards to being able to meet many of England's national priorities regarding social, economic and environmental targets. The responsibility for parks and green spaces still lies very much with local authorities and it is they who are best placed to make decisions on local need. But in light of reducing budgets there is a role for central government to provide leadership, co-ordination and vision regarding the future sustainability of England's parks and greenspaces. The DCLG Committee recommends they be given annual updates on the progress the Parks Minister and his cross-departmental group achieves in the role.

Two indicators measure the improvements to green spaces-

1. The achievement of Green Flag status for parks and open spaces.
2. The public's satisfaction with their local parks based on visitor surveys.

Parks have become increasingly important in contributing to mental health and wellbeing. The government have announced a project involving 'green social prescribing in an attempt to tackle spiralling mental health

The project, announced in July 2020, will test how to embed green social prescribing into communities in order to:

- improve mental health outcomes
- reduce health inequalities
- reduce demand on the health and social care system
- develop best practice in making green social activities more resilient and accessible

19.3 The Regional Context

Chesterfield is the largest town in the administrative county of Derbyshire. The borough of Chesterfield is the smallest district in Derbyshire by area, being a relatively compact, predominantly urban area. It includes the settlements of Chesterfield, Brimington and Staveley which together had a population of 103,800 at the time of the 2011 Census.

The town centre of Chesterfield is a sub-regional shopping and service centre for the whole of north eastern Derbyshire. It has excellent rail services to London and other regions and the M1 motorway runs adjacent to the borough's eastern boundary with road links via the A617 and A619 to junctions 29, 29A and 30.

Chesterfield lies on the River Rother and its tributaries which flow from south to north through the borough. The environs of these rivers and the Chesterfield Canal, which runs parallel to the Rother for much of its length within the borough, offer major opportunities for further improvement. The urban areas of the borough are defined by "green wedges" of open countryside which help to retain the separate identity of communities. Chesterfield is also contained to the north, west and south by the North East Derbyshire Green Belt.

The borough is part of the North Derbyshire/North Nottinghamshire coalfield area which has been subject to major industrial structural change resulting from the closure of deep mines and the decline in heavy engineering industries both in the borough and the surrounding districts of Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

The East Midlands Regional Plan requires local authorities to put together green infrastructure studies or plans which identify key infrastructure assets.

19.4 Local Context

The Borough had a total population of approximately 104,900 in 2021. The number of people over retirement age is slightly higher than the national average and the number of people of 16 years and under is slightly lower than the national average.

The population of Chesterfield Borough is predicted to rise by 10.5% during the period 2010 – 2035. Generally, the population of Chesterfield Borough is an ageing one. There will be a greater proportion of people over retirement age in future years.

Chesterfield is the 86th most deprived area in England out of 317 English local authorities. There are 69 lower layer super output areas (LSOAs) in Chesterfield. Overall compared to England, 6 LSOAs are in the 10% worst deprived, and a further 14 LSOAs are in the 20% most deprived. Please see appendix 1 for full IMD

The council has been investing in the restructuring of the town's economy in order to attract new manufacturing industries and service based businesses. It is committed to working in partnership with the private sector and local and regional organisations to promote the regeneration of former industrial areas which lie derelict. This will enable the borough to meet both its future housing and employment needs from the redevelopment of brownfield land within the urban area, thereby avoiding any further peripheral expansion of settlements on to greenfield land.

The Borough of Chesterfield is fortunate to have over 400 ha of public open space of recreational value in or immediately adjacent to the built areas of the Borough. This includes parks, greenways, public playing fields, small areas of open space in local

areas, separate woodlands within the built areas, and urban fringe woodlands and countryside sites with public access.

19.5 Chesterfield Borough Local Planning Policy

The newly adopted Local Plan (adopted July 2020) includes policies and site allocations to provide guidance with the provision of open space and play provision in the borough. Policy CLP 17 of the plan provides policies to protect valued open space whilst allowing for enhancements. It is accompanied by standards for the provision of a range of types open space, by both site area and accessibility. The Local Plan identifies Eastwood Park as a valued open space and provides protection for it through planning policy. The aims of the planning policy are to:

- Protect and enhance the existing level of open space and associated recreational facilities in the Borough.
- Enable the Council to achieve an appropriate level of open space provision from new development.
- Provide open spaces and associated recreational facilities that are safe attractive, accessible and usable spaces.
- Provide facilities that are accessible by means other than by use of a private car.
- Help to improve people's quality of life and enhance the form and character of settlements by protecting open spaces.

The new Local Plan supersedes the previous Open Space and Play Provision SPD, which was withdrawn in July 2020. A new SPD is in preparation and is expected to be in place by the end of 2021.

Since 2016 the council has operated a Community Infrastructure Levy that collects contributions from categories of new development that can be used to create new and enhance existing open space where it is being placed under additional pressure by new development.

19.6 Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document

The Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document outlines and clarifies policies in the Replacement Chesterfield Borough Local Plan (July 2006) relating to the Historic Environment.

The overarching aim of this document is to protect and conserve the locally distinctive characteristics of the Borough's existing townscapes and landscapes whilst also ensuring that new development respects and/or enhances the existing character of distinctive localities.

The main objectives of the Historic Environment SPD are:

- To provide guidance on the historic environment which should be considered in formulating development and assessing development proposals
- To promote better understanding and appreciation of the historic environment
- To protect and enhance the historic environment
- To ensure that all development proposal take account of local distinctiveness
- To make the historic environment accessible to everyone and ensure that it is seen as something with which the whole society can identify and engage
- Explain how the protection of the historic environment and the promotion of opportunities for change can contribute to sustainable development

The SPD recognises that a well-conserved historic environment is a major driver in delivering a high quality of life for existing and future generations of Chesterfield. The document is currently at the scoping stage. The SPD is to be updated during 2021 to reflect current local and national planning policy and practice around heritage and conservation.

19.7 Chesterfield Borough Council Structure

The Council is composed of 48 councillors elected every four years. Councillors are democratically accountable to residents of their ward. The overriding duty of councillors is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them. Councillors have to agree to follow a code of conduct to ensure high standards in the way they undertake their duties. The Standards and Audit Committee trains and advises them on the code of conduct.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Meetings of the Council are normally open to the public. Here councillors decide the council's overall policies and set the budget each year.

The cabinet is the part of the authority which is responsible for most day-to-day decisions. The cabinet is made up of the Leader and eight councillors appointed by the full council. Before major decisions are to be discussed or made, these are published in the cabinet's forward plan in so far as they can be anticipated. These major decisions are called "key decisions"

There is a scrutiny board, informal review panels, and the efficiency and best value scrutiny panel who support the work of the cabinet and the council as a whole. They allow citizens to have a greater say in council matters by holding public inquiries into matters of local concern.

The Council is responsible for providing a wide range of local services in Chesterfield including housing, planning, economic development, estate management, public health, refuse collection and leisure facilities including parks and sports centres. The day to day delivery of these local services is carried out by various staff through the council's management structure, which is detailed in part 7 of the constitution.

The senior management structure is headed by our Chief Executive, Huw Bowen. He has overall responsibility for managing the council and as part of the corporate management team helps deliver our vision, aims and priorities set out in our corporate plan.

Huw Bowen is supported by two executive directors who oversee the various service areas. Please see appendix 14 for the management accountabilities.

19.8 Council Plan

The Council Plan 2019 – 2023 sets out what, within available resources, we plan to achieve over a four year period towards the delivery of the longer-term vision for our borough. The Council Plan is a statement of the vision for the borough and how Chesterfield Borough Council is responding to the key challenges ahead.

Chesterfield Borough is a great place to live, work, visit and invest. We want all our communities to share in the benefits of Chesterfield's success, enjoying healthy and active lives. We face a challenging time with further reductions in local government funding and an increasing demand for services. The Council Plan helps us to effectively invest and deploy our time, resources and energy to support key services and work with residents, partners and businesses to ensure that everyone in the borough can achieve their full potential.

The Council Plan includes our priorities for the next four years:

- Making Chesterfield a thriving borough
- Improving quality of life for local people
- Providing value for money services

These are the activities on which we will focus our efforts and want to see a real shift in over the four years. The four year plan allows us time to plan ahead without trying to speculate about what our communities will need and expect in the distant future. The Plan doesn't cover in detail everything we do (this is covered in our service plans and annual council plan delivery plan) but we have included some key facts and figures which tell you a bit more about our day to day activity.

Throughout the plan development we have been guided by our simple but important vision:

Putting our communities first

Chesterfield Borough Council is here to serve and support our communities including our residents, tenants, businesses, visitors, students and voluntary groups. Together we will continue to make our borough a great place to live, work, visit and invest

19.9 The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

Our Vision

The Chesterfield Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2020 – 2030 sets out the vision as follows:

“to provide, protect and enhance a variety of high quality, accessible open and green spaces throughout the borough, that are well designed and maintained, sustainable; support biodiversity, safe; and promote health, well-being and enjoyment, improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the borough.”

Chesterfield will have a network of accessible, high quality and highly valued green spaces to be proud of, promoting sustainability, supporting biodiversity and extensively contributing to the economic, social and environmental aspirations of the borough.

This vision will guide and support Chesterfield Borough Council’s actions on green spaces. This must be considered when designing and improving green spaces and management and maintenance regimes for them.

The vision has five key components:

- A strong network and infrastructure of green spaces will be protected through the planning system, enhanced and managed to provide multi-functional benefits.
- Green spaces will be socially inclusive, catering for a wide range of people, ages and backgrounds.
- Green spaces will be enhanced and managed to maximise their biodiversity value.
- Green spaces will make a substantial contribution to the visual amenity, identity, character and local distinctiveness of the town; and
- Green spaces will be managed and maintained in a flexible, creative and sustainable manner seeking to minimise energy and chemical inputs, increasing re-cycling and through use of local materials.

Chesterfield Borough Council has taken a positive approach to parks and open space provision in the Borough. This is reflected in higher standards of maintenance than nationally, an absence of the decline in the condition of parks which has occurred elsewhere, the recent development of two major Borough parks and investment in local play and sports facilities as far as resources have permitted.

This strategy will become the key document guiding the Council's protection and investment into parks and open spaces.

By adopting this strategy, the Council will have:

- clear and transparent guidance and priorities for improving its parks and open spaces, to meet the needs of community attitudes and expectations in providing green space in the borough.
- evidence of local leadership on and commitment to parks and open spaces, to underpin bids for funding for their improvement.
- clear links to and co-ordination with the Councils Corporate Plan and the emerging Local Plan.
- evidence and policies to underpin the negotiation of 'planning gain' for open space provision in association with new development.
- a developed hierarchy of parks and green spaces, with a framework for prioritisation and resource allocation for management and improvement with the basis for the development of investment-backed annual action plans
- improved accessibility to Chesterfields parks and open spaces.

The Chesterfield parks and open spaces strategy covers the whole borough of Chesterfield and includes all publicly owned accessible green space. Allotments and playing pitch facilities are referred to throughout the strategy, however, recommendations in relation to allotments and playing pitches are dealt with in the existing allotment and playing pitch strategies.

It sets out a range of policies and actions that will help to secure better local open space provision and includes targets to help us measure our success in achieving the strategy's aims.

19.10 Environmental Services and Green Spaces Team

Chesterfield Borough Council's Green Spaces Team manages, improves and encourages greater use of the borough's parks and green spaces.

The Green Spaces team have responsibility for a budget of approximately £1million per annum, and directly and indirectly provides employment for over 107 people.

Chesterfields Green Spaces Team provides:

- Maintenance and improvement of parks and green spaces within Chesterfield;
- Provision of outdoor sports facilities including football, tennis and bowls;
- Allotments;
- Children's play spaces;
- Landscaping services;
- Support to 'Friends' groups.
- Management of Country Parks, Nature Reserves, Woodlands
- Letting of facilities for events and sporting activity.

Additional information on the individual services provided by the Council for our Green Spaces is available from Green Spaces Team, Old Brickworks Lane, Stonegravels Chesterfield, S41 7LF

Email: greenspaces@chesterfield.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/Eastwood-Park>

The green spaces team was formed by amalgamating the outdoor leisure management section with the parks and open spaces management and arboricultural services under the Environmental Services section.

Other duties include the provision of arboricultural advice to other sections of the council and the letting of facilities in parks for events and sports.

The Greenspaces team are organised in two areas covering the east, central and west areas of the borough based within the principal borough parks of Poolsbrook Country Park, Queen's Park and Holmebrook Valley Park respectively.

The Greenspaces teams undertake a range of site maintenance tasks including woodland and grassland management, hedgerow maintenance, access improvements and the maintenance of fencing and site furniture.

Other duties of the greenspace's teams are leading volunteer tasks, liaising with the public, providing visitor information, supporting events and deterring misuse of sites. This includes dog fouling and littering enforcement.

External contractors are also employed to undertake specialist services such as arboricultural works and wildflower meadow maintenance through hay cutting etc. Parks policy and landscape development strategies are also formulated by officers within the green spaces unit.

19.11 Training and Continued Professional Development

Chesterfield Borough Council is committed to the professional and personal development of its employees. This is demonstrated through the council's involvement in the Investors in People scheme. Employees have annual personal development reviews with their line manager where training needs are highlighted and performance reviewed.

19.12 Budgets and Revenue

The Greenspaces and Streetscene Services Section have responsibility for the overall budget for the service. This is split into the various budget heads with an allocation of approximately £1 million for parks and green spaces.

An essential part of the management role is to maximise grants and external funding for works to green spaces where possible to augment budgets. This can come from a variety of sources, the most recent being a grant from Sport England for £150k, which enabled the new sports pavilion for Eastwood Park to go ahead.

Important sources of revenue are generated from a number of areas such as sports pitch lettings, angling club leases, organised events, café leases and room lettings in park buildings.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Indexes of Multiple Deprivation 2019

Chesterfield Borough – Lower Super Output areas –

Deciles – 1 indicates the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods within England and 10 the 10% least deprived. Colours – Green indicates an improvement since the 2015 index, amber indicates a static position and red indicates deterioration.

	Hasland South East Mansfield Road		Hasland North West Challands Way		Hasland North East Gorse Valley		Hasland South West Storforth Lane	
	Rank	Decile	Rank	Decile	Rank	Decile	Rank	Decile
IMD	18850	6	22161	7	6382	2	22117	7
Income	17869	6	20052	7	5186	2	1994	7
Income affecting children	13859	5	23991	8	3944	2	25265	8
Income affecting older people	23669	8	22083	7	6304	2	20120	7
Employment	13027	4	12739	4	4969	2	15329	5
Education, training and skills	20906	7	20964	7	7622	3	25868	8
Health and disability	6936	3	12502	4	1546	1	10548	4
Crime	24765	8	30630	10	19735	7	24847	8
Barriers to housing and services	31825	10	32465	10	23476	8	31039	10
Living Environment	25047	8	29565	10	31152	10	22917	7

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RISK ASSESSMENT



	Venue: Eastwood Park – General Public use	
Risk Assessment undertaken by: Sarah Poulton	Service:	Environmental Services
	Service area:	Green Spaces Team
Signed: <i>Sarah Poulton</i> Date: 20/1/23	Service manager:	Gary McCarthy
	Signature:	<i>Gary McCarthy</i>

Scope of Risk Assessment:

This assessment covers the park for general usage
 Consist of a mainly tarmacked path network, grassed amenity areas with trees and shrubs, play area, skate park, MUGA, outdoor gym, crown green bowls, Petanque, there are a series of seats, picnic benches and bins. There is a pavilion onsite.

Hazard	Consequences	Who is at Risk	P	S	R	Controls	P	S	R	Action Level
Uneven ground or obstacles	Personal injury including bruising, cuts, grazes, sprains and strains fractures	Public	3	3	9	Trees, herbaceous borders, flowerbeds, grassed areas, trees, seated area, and paths are all maintained on a regular basis. Paths and terrain are mainly flat	1	3	3	Low

	resulting from accident – slips, trips, falls, needles, litter etc					Staff / public reporting mechanisms in place to record damage / maintenance requirements. Public should pay close attention to all ground conditions and surrounding area Unsafe areas will be cordoned off Visual inspection carried out frequently				
Adverse weather conditions	Extreme weather conditions including heat causing heatstroke, sunburn. High winds causing trees to fall	Public	3	3	9	The park has trees to provide shade. Events may be cancelled or adapted due to conditions Visual checks of parks made after high winds	1	3	4	Low
Flooding / icy conditions	- Slips, Trips and Falls All areas become slippery when wet	Public	4	2	8	Paths are treated with grit in icy conditions Persistent and hazardous flooded areas are cordoned off	2	2	4	Low
Animal hazards, insects, dogs	Personal injury resulting from animal hazards, insects, dogs.	Public	3	1	3	PSPO in place Staff are able to request dogs be put on a lead if they become an issue Public are advised to report issues to CBVC enforcement	1	1	1	Low
Anti-Social Behaviour	Could result in physical injury, physical damage or psychological damage being sustained for example assault or abuse.	Public	3	2	6	Staff on site occasionally Advise members of the public to report and incidents to the non-emergency police number 101 Diversionary activities commissioned if required. Reduce perception of crime / ASB by natural surveillance, activities and repairing vandalism	2	2	4	Low

Trees	Impact injury of a falling branch – concussion, fracture	Public	3	5	15	Visual inspections are carried out when staff are onsite. There is a regime for tree inspections and programmed maintenance	1	5	5	Low
Traffic	Collision impact injuries such as bruises, crushing, fractures	Public	3	4	12	Traffic movement is limited on site Any traffic movement is restricted and safety procedures put in place such as using hazard warning lights	1	4	4	Low
Using Play equipment	Improper use, falling injuries such as cuts bruises Strains sprains, and fractures	Public children	4	3	12	The play equipment inspected RoSPA trained inspector every 3 months and a weekly visual check If defects are discovered equipment will be cordoned off until a repair has been made. Signage is displayed to indicate age appropriateness.	2	3	6	Low
Using MUGA	Grazes, bruises sprains strains fractures	Public	4	2	8	MUGA is litter picked regularly. Visual checks are made regularly. Glass, other litter and moss will be removed	2	2	4	Low
Using gym equipment	Strains sprains, cuts and bruises Improper use	Public Young people	4	2	8	Signage is displayed to indicate the appropriate age range for the user. Visual checks are made and inspections by qualified officers Any defects are taken out of commission	2	2	4	Low
Skate park	Collisions at speed, falls causing Grazes, bruises sprains strains fractures	Public Young people	4	2	8	Visual checks are made and inspections by qualified officers. Surface is litter picked. Any defective areas are taken out of commission	2	2	4	Low
Bowls						Club have their own Risk assessments and insurance				

Hazard	Consequences	Who is at Risk	P x S = R	Controls	P x S = R Action Level
<p>Identify Hazards</p> <p>Identify hazards in the halls/rooms/site and on the perimeter road that could reasonably be expected to result in significant harm.</p>	<p>What could result from the hazard?</p> <p>First aid injury – minor cuts, sprains, bruises.</p> <p>RIDDOR 3 day injury – broken fingers, toes, sprained tendons or muscles, illness (tiredness, stress, gastric).</p> <p>Serious injury – head injury, loss of consciousness, broken bones, dislocations, respiratory problems. Usually an injury from which full recovery is possible.</p> <p>Death or very serious injury to one person – loss of limb, paralysis or life changing injury from which full recovery is unlikely.</p> <p>Death or very serious injury to more than one person.</p>	<p>Who might be harmed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organiser’s staff • Venue staff • Visitors • Exhibitors • Contractors • Young/new inexperienced staff • Disabled • Children • New and expectant mothers • Elderly visitors 	<p>Risk</p> <p>P = Probability S = Severity R = Risk Level</p> <p>$P \times S = R$</p>	<p>Is the risk adequately controlled?</p> <p>Consider hierarchy of controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate • Substitute • Reduce • Isolate • Control • PPE • Discipline <p>Do the controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet legal requirements? • Represent best practice? • Reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable? • Comply with industry standards? 	<p>What is the Residual Risk?</p> <p>Recalculate the risk.</p> <p>Action Level</p> <p>H = High, immediate action required.</p> <p>M = Medium, justify and review each event day.</p> <p>L = Low, no further action required.</p> <p>(See table in footer)</p>

RISK RATING & RESIDUAL RISK

LIKELIHOOD (PROBABILITY)	5. Almost Certain	5.	10.	15	20	25.
	4. Probable	4.	8.	12.	16.	20.
	3. Possible	3.	6.	9.	12.	15.
	2. Possible (Under unfortunate circumstances)	2.	4.	6.	8.	10.
	1. Rare	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	1. Minor Injury (No 1st Aid required)	2. Minor Injury (1st Aid required)	3. Injury Requires Hospital Treatment	4. Major Injury resulting in Disability	5. Fatality	
SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCES)						

Risk Rating is calculated by multiplying the likelihood against the consequences, e.g. taking a likelihood of 4, which is classified as Probable, and multiplying this against a consequence of 2, which is classified as a Minor Injury 1st aid required, would give you an overall risk rating of 8, which would be risk rated as a medium risk. Residual risk is the risk left after adding additional control measures.

High risk equals 16 to 25.

High Risks activities should cease immediately until further control measures to mitigate the risk are introduced.

Medium risk equals 9 to 15.

Medium Risks should only be tolerated for the short-term and then only whilst further control measures to mitigate the risk are being planned and introduced, within a defined time period. Note: Medium risks can be an organisations greatest risk, it's Achilles heel, this due to the fact that they can be tolerated in the short-term.

Low risk equals 1 to 8.

Low Risks are largely acceptable, subject to reviews periodically, or after significant change etc.

Appendix 4 - PSPO



Chesterfield Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order 2017

Schedule 2 – Map 5



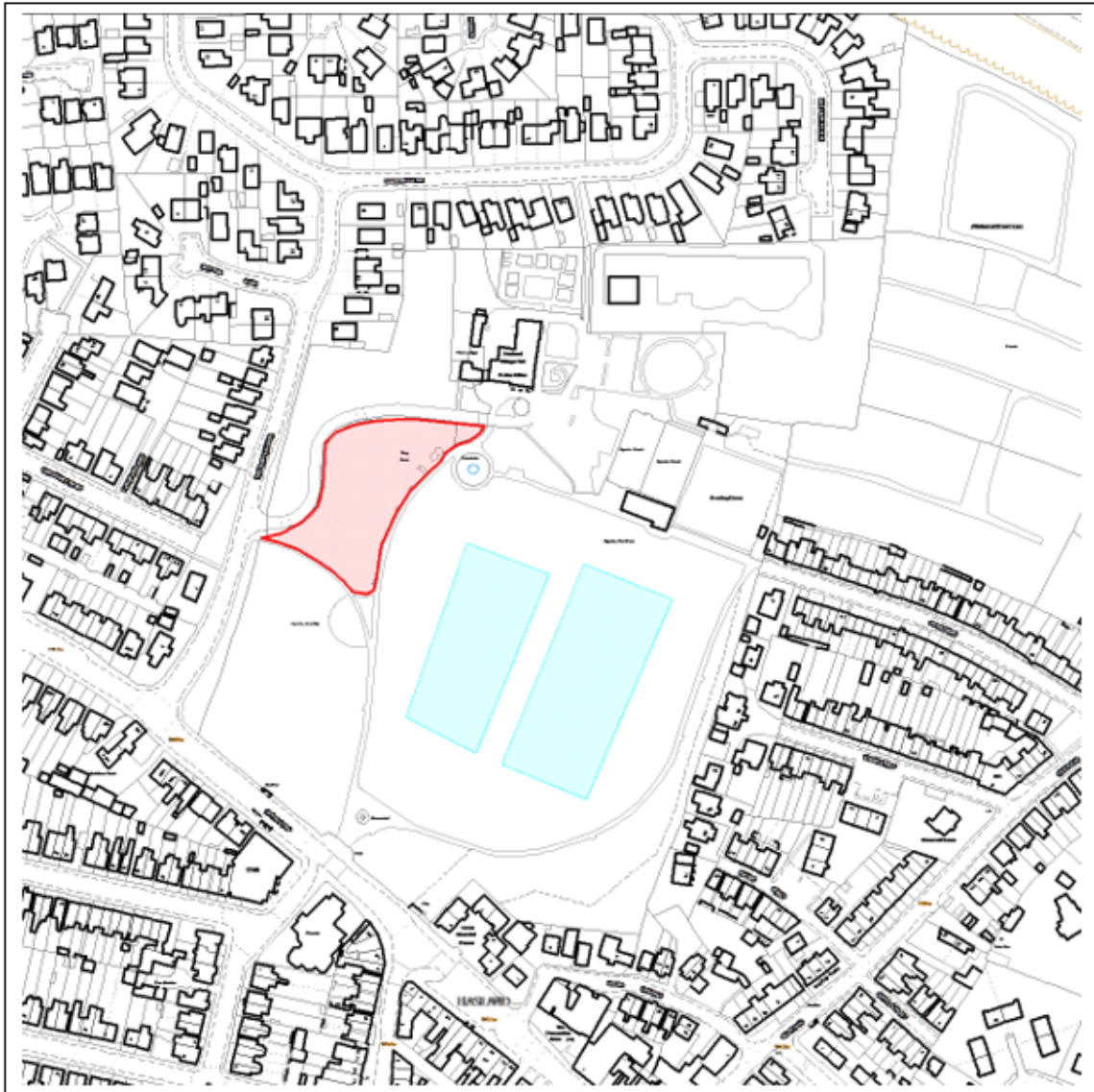
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Dogs must be on leads at all times within the highlighted area 


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Schedule 3 – Map 18



Key

Dogs are excluded all year within the highlighted area 

Dogs are excluded during the months of September to May (inclusive) 

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Appendix 5 - Grounds Maintenance Budgets

Account Code	Description	Original Budget	Profile of Original	Actual to December	Variance (Adverse) / Favourable
		2022/23 (£)	Original (£)	December (£)	(£)
2100	General Repairs	300	225	0	225
2204	General Grounds Maintenance	1,000	750	0	750
2216	Electricity	1,250	938	487	451
2217	Gas	800	600	634	(34)
2228	Water Charges (Metered)	1,100	825	1,744	(919)
2230	Sewerage & Environmental Charges	1,550	1,163	1,933	(770)
2249	Refuse Collection Charges	480	360	351	9
2251	Buildings Insurance	270	0	0	0
2255	Contrib. to Premises Renewals Fund	18,010	0	0	0
	Premises Related Expenses	24,760	4,860	5,148	(288)
4204	General Equipment/Materials	3,500	2,625	0	2,625
4271	Security Services	9,500	7,125	4,880	2,245
4305	Professional Services	400	300	70	230
4337	Telephone Expenses	1,000	750	653	97
4453	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,000	2,250	0	2,250
	Supplies & Services	17,400	13,050	5,603	7,447
5010	Grounds Maintenance	104,440	89,000	89,166	(166)
5011	Building Cleaning	11,610	8,708	8,616	91
	Agency & Contracted Services	116,050	97,708	97,782	(75)
9047	Miscellaneous Income	(500)	(375)	(2,000)	1,625
9150	Fees and Charges - General	(4,890)	(4,890)	(3,849)	(1,041)
9174	Bowls	(1,540)	(1,540)	(1,600)	60
9256	General Rents	(3,950)	(2,963)	(2,961)	(2)
	Income	(10,880)	(9,768)	(10,410)	642
	Eastwood Park - Heritage	147,330	105,850	98,123	7,727

Appendix 6 - Property Repair and Maintenance Programme

PROPERTY: Hasland Park -incl Village Hall				COMMITTEE:					CODE:2322				
	CURRENT COST £	EXPECTED LIFE	COST PER ANNUM £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2021/22 £
General Repairs and Maintenance	4250	1	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250	4250
Internal Decorations	12000	7	1714						12000				
External Decorations	3500	10	350										3500
Roof Repairs and Maintenance	30000	25	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Gutter Cleaning	400	1	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Gutter Renewals	4500	20	225								3500		
Tarmacadam/Paving Resurfacing and Maintenance (2026/27)	35000	15	2333										
Fencing Repairs and Maintenance (2026/2027)	25000	15	1667										
Boundary Wall Repairs and Maintenance (2026/2027)	1000	20	50										
Floorcoverings Repairs and Maintenance	15000	10	1500										15000
Fixtures and Fittings Repair and Maintenance (2026/27)	15000	15	1000										
WC Cubicles (2026/27)	5000	15	333										120
Pointing	15000	25	600										
TOTAL	£		15623	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	17850	5850	9350	5850	24350

PROPERTY: <i>Hasland Park</i>				COMMITTEE: <i>Rec & Leisure</i>					CODE: <i>2322</i>				
	CURREN T COST £	EXPECTE D LIFE	COST PER ANNUM £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2021/22 £
General Repairs/Maintenance	3250.00	1	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00
Electrical Test/Inspection All building	750.00	5	150.00					750.00					750.00
Electrical Test/Inspection Bowls/cricket Pavillion	350.00	5	70.00					350.00					350.00
Electrical Test/Inspection Grounds Maintenance	150.00	5	30.00					150.00					150.00
Electrical Test/Inspection PEL	650.00	1	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
Emergency Lighting Renewal (2026/27)	3500.00	15	233.33										2,500.00
Fire Alarm Renewal (2026/27)	15000.00	15	1,000.00										
Intruder Alarm Renewal	4500.00	10	450.00										4,500.00
Central Heating Renewals Village Hall (2026/27)	15000.00	15	1,000.00										
Central Heating Renewals Grounds Maint	1000.00	15	67					1,000.00					
RE-wire Bowls Pavillion/cricket pavillion	3500.00	25	140										
Fountain Reprs and Maint	1750.00	1	1,750	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Fountain Pump/Filtering system renewal (2026/27)	3500.00	15	233										
Fire Extinguisher Replacement	500.00	10	50.00	50.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
<u>Totals</u>			9,073.33	5,700.00	5,690.00	5,690.00	5,690.00	7,940.00	5,690.00	5,690.00	5,690.00	5,690.00	13,940.00

Appendix 7 - A Brief History of Eastwood Park



Hasland House

The land was originally owned by Elizabeth Cloughton and included a larger landholding than the eventual park area, approximately 35 acres to the park's 15 acres. The land consisted mostly of grass closes and meadows used for grazing and a number of smaller garden enclosures around the house. A tree lined drive approached the house from Hasland Road. Individual features included a greenhouse, a pond, and a walled orchard.

Creation of Eastwood Park 1912 – 1913

In 1912, during a monthly Council meeting, a letter from Alderman Eastwood to the Mayor was read out asking the Council to accept Hasland House and adjoining 15 acres in memory of his late father and that it be kept as a public park or recreation ground under the Public Health Acts. The purchase of Hasland House and grounds was completed on 24th June 1912 at a cost of £3,500 and was conveyed direct to the Council. In recognition of his generous support for the new park, Alderman Eastwood was made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Chesterfield and the Council

resolved to call the new park 'Eastwood Park' in recognition of his major contribution to its establishment.

Opening of Eastwood Park - 2nd July 1913

On the day of the grand opening of the park, celebrations began with a special meeting at the Town Hall. The local paper, *The Courier*, takes up the story, "...At the conclusion of the Council



meeting, a procession was formed outside and the journey to Eastwood Park commenced. A large crowd assembled en route and with members of the Corporation, the police and fire brigade, a striking picture was presented..." The gates to the park were officially opened by Alderman Eastwood's niece and during the speeches, *The Courier* reports that, "...Hasland's special gratitude to the benefactor was epitomized by the handing over to Alderman Eastwood by Mr. William Hancock, the oldest male inhabitant in the village, of a magnificent and valuable silver gilt casket, in which was contained the exemplification of his Freedom..."

The newspaper report adds, "...Afterwards a number of guests and the school children were entertained to tea, and to musical and other enjoyments in the grounds...". 'Enjoyments included, a Punch and Judy show, the Brian Donkin Orchestral Society, the Hasland Templar Pierrots and the grand conjuring skills of W. L. Wilkins.

Early Development of the Park 1913 to 1945



A year after the park was officially opened and just before the outbreak of the First World War, the new Village hall was built. It was formerly opened on Wednesday 22nd July, 1914 by Mrs. Bethune, the sister of the benefactor Mr. Bernard C. Lucas. Two other park features were introduced in 1922. In April the Hasland Soldiers and Sailors War Memorial Committee requested

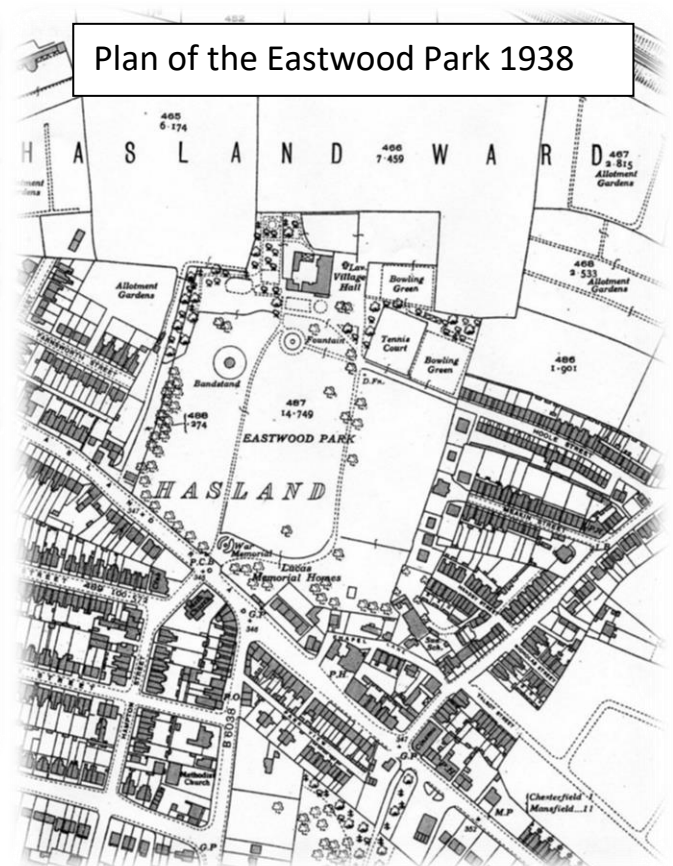
permission to erect a memorial on the site of the circular garden plot just inside the main gates. In May of that year the Council resolved that the Chairman of the Parks Committee and the Borough Surveyor, "...consider and determine the site and erection of a suitable presentation bandstand in Eastwood Park..." At the same meeting a parks sub-committee recommended applying for a grant of £4,200 from the Ministry of Health for swings, tennis lawns, bowling greens and bandstand for all Chesterfield Parks. However, in December a site had been agreed for a bowling green, "...in the orchard adjoining Eastwood Park". The Council minutes record that the Bowling Green was officially opened on 4th June 1924 with Alderman Eastwood invited to throw the first wood.

Further development of the Park 1945 to Present Day

It was during the 1950s that improvements to the formal recreational facilities were undertaken. In 1955 the cricket table was constructed and in 1959 the Parks Superintendent was authorized, "...to prepare a football pitch on the east side of the park for use by Hasland Football Club and Hady Lane Miner's Welfare Football Club...". It was not until 1967 that a cricket pavilion was placed on the base of the disused bandstand, a request put forward by the Hasland Cricket Club, for a pavilion to be erected at their own expense. In 1991 further improvements were made to the park with the development of new access arrangements at a cost of £48,000 A final and popular development in the park was the re-installation of the water fountain in 2000. The fountain, first donated by Alderman Markham in 1913, was removed from the park in the 1980s and



taken to New Square in the town centre, where it was re-christened the “Peace Fountain”.



Historical Context

A full historical description is set out in the Conservation Management Plan along with a series of Ordnance Survey maps and images depicting changes over, however a timeline of its creation is set out here:

- 1760 Construction of Hasland House (now demolished)
- 1849 Tithe Map shows landholdings belonging to Hasland House in the ownership of the Claughton family
- 1882 The first edition OS Map shows the layout of the grounds around Hasland House including parkland closes with mature trees between the main road and the house and a number of formal garden areas around the house itself.
- 1895 On the death of Catherine Claughton the property is willed to her nephew Reverend Maurice Beedham.
- 1904 Hasland House and grounds inherited by John Arthur Beedham, who based in Canada, sold the property at auction to Bernard Lucas. Alderman Eastwood finally purchased it from his trustees on his death in 1912 for £3,500.

- 1912 On June 24th Hasland House and 15 acres of adjoining land is conveyed direct to Chesterfield Corporation for the purposes of establishing a public park and recreation ground.
- 1912 On October 8th Alderman Markham donates a large water fountain from his family residence at Ringwood Hall to be placed in the new park.
- 1913 Mr. Bernard C. Lucas informs Chesterfield Corporation of his wish to build a Village Hall in Eastwood Park in a letter written to the Council on March 13th.
- 1913 The park was officially opened with a parade and ceremony on July 2nd 1913. On the same day, Alderman Eastwood was made a Freeman of the Borough. Although Alderman Eastwood wished that the new park be called 'Hasland Park' the Council decreed on conferring his Freedom of the Borough that the park was to be known in the future as 'Eastwood Park' in recognition of his fulsome and generous contribution.
- 1914 Mrs. Bethune formerly opened the Village Hall in the park on Wednesday July 22nd, 1914. Roland W. Paul, an architect from Bristol, designed the hall, which was paid for by Bernard C. Lucas who has spent many years of his early life living at Hasland Hall.
- 1919 Alderman Eastwood continued to support the park by supplying gymnastic apparatus for both boys and girls and paying for the park railings and the exterior of the house and greenhouse to be painted.
- 1922 The bandstand was planned and erected in the park.
- 1922 Hasland Soldiers and Sailors War Memorial Committee request permission to erect a memorial in the park.
- 1924 On June 4th a bowling green on the site of today's flat green was introduced into the park and officially opened by Alderman Eastwood.
- 1927 An old tram car was introduced into the park adjacent to the tennis court area and stone entrance steps built which still remain.
- 1931 The crown green bowling green was in place at the park in 1931 with Alderman Eastwood being asked to officially open the green.
- 1934 The small bowling pavilion was built by Mr. F. Beardow in 1934 at a cost of £186- 10 - 0d.
- 1935 The public toilets adjacent to the Village Hall were constructed at a cost of £330- 7 - 10d.
- 1935 Following a report on the poor condition of the old mansion house the Council agreed to demolish the building and replace it with a new caretaker's house and a refreshment room linking the house with the Village Hall.

- 1939 The park, and in particular the Village Hall, was utilised for the war effort during the Second World War.
- 1955 The cricket pitch in the centre of the park was constructed.
- 1958 The superstructure of the bandstand was demolished.
- 1959 The football pitch on the east side of the park was formally prepared and laid out.
- 1962 The OS Map shows the recent improvements to the park including the introduction of a children's play area in the south east corner.
- 1967 A new cricket pavilion paid for by the Hasland Cricket Club is erected on the base of the disused bandstand.
- 1971 The park is extended by 1.4 acres at a cost of £2,250.
- 1990 Improvements were made to the play area, football pitch and a car park for 20 spaces was constructed.
- 1991 A new access road was constructed from Eastwood Park Drive and a new footpath along the eastern boundary of the park was installed to link Hoole Street to Hasland Road. The toddlers play area was also installed.
- 2000 The fountain was re-installed in the park following a period from the mid-1980s when it was moved to New Square in the town centre and renamed the 'Peace Fountain'

Appendix 8 – Restoration schedule and masterplan

Masterplan Code	Description	Rationale and justification
1	Memorial arboretum	Plant a memorial arboretum with exotic ornamental trees to fulfil demand for memorial trees and replace the mature beech elm and lime that form an integral part of the backdrop to the Hall
2	Refurbish Village Hall	The current hall is in a tired condition with limited facilities and old toilets, no meeting rooms and limited catering facilities. The provision of new meeting rooms will allow the groups that meet regularly in the hall to be better catered for. Improved toilets, including dedicated disabled toilet provision will meet modern standards. A small outside sitting area close to the village hall will enable users to take refreshments outside when weddings and other functions are taking place.
3	Community garden	The area formerly known as the putting green will be transformed into a productive community garden.
4,5,8,26, 27,28,29 and 30	Improve the setting of the Village Hall	At present, the hall is surrounded by tarmac and interrupted from the park by a road which provides access to the car park and maintenance depot. Contemporary records of the park and hall in its heyday refer to gardens. 'Immediately in front of the house the view has been coloured by the introduction of a circular rose-garden, centred with a large fuschia tree, and the gardens on either side made bright with the blooms of the season. The new rose garden raised bedding and orchard re-introduce these elements and provide for a restored landscape

		setting to the hall. The existing tarmac surface will be replaced and resurfaced in resin bonded or tar spray chippings to lift the visual appearance of the area.
6	New wildlife zone	A zone where a more informal management regime could apply to the benefit of wildlife and help to improve biodiversity. Native trees and shrubs with areas of wildflower rich grassland and hedges will be established which provide a range of habitats for a range of invertebrates, small mammals and nesting birds. Breendon gravel paths will provide access to this area and picnic benches and seating will allow visitors to appreciate the virtues of this space.
7	New car park	In order to retain the same number of parking spaces to those that exist at present and to compensate those that have been lost to improve the landscape setting of the Village Hall, a small extension to provide 10 car park spaces is necessary. The impact of this extension will be reduced by beech hedging.
9	Tree felling	2 trees need to be felled to accommodate the revised parking layout. One is a mature horse chestnut which is in a very poor condition and the other is an elm which is likely to succumb to Dutch elm disease. Replacement trees will be planted.
10	New MUGA and tennis court	The need to provide more facilities for local teenagers has emerged as a key issue. A MUGA has been put forward to meet their needs in a way that is consistent with Eastwood Park's focus as a provider of range and depth of sporting activities for the local community. The options for its location have been the subject of much debate but the current location as shown has now been agreed. It is easily accessible and

		buffered from the existing bowling green by the new tennis court.
11	New sports pavilion	A location for a new purpose built sports pavilion is shown on the masterplan to replace the current inadequate facilities which are housed in two metal containers.
12,13,19 and 22	Improved path network	The current paths are largely narrow, uneven, poorly constructed and visually unattractive. Proposals for renewal include widening the main path across the park to take into account increased usage between Hasland centre and the Village Hall and increased seating provision, subtle realignment to improve curves and access points and a new link path to formalise a desire line between Hasland Road and Eastwood Park Drive.
14	Improved drainage	Drainage in the park is poor with impeded drainage evident on the playing fields and around the fountain. A new land drainage scheme is proposed which addresses this issue combined with improvements to the surface water drainage network.
15	Establish new mini football pitch	The park is well used for football and consultation has established a desire to increase and improve the range and intensity of use by providing additional facilities. A mini football pitch is therefore proposed on the flatter area to replace the kick about area which is on undulating poorly drained land.
17	Improve the setting of the war memorial	At present the setting of war memorial is not ideal. A square, close fence has been erected to deter vandals and there is minimal planting which is of a low key nature. Proposals seek to improve the setting by introducing a low stone kerb and bedding which will accentuate this important feature and simultaneously improve access.

18	Restore main gates and repaint railings along Hasland Road	The main gates are in a sound structural but a poor cosmetic condition. They should be cleaned, repaired and repainted.
20	Replace railings along western perimeter	The current railings were erected temporarily and are now in poor condition. They are in need of replacement and are included in the architectural metalwork Percent for art scheme.
21	Consolidate western perimeter with new tree planting	The gap that exists on the western perimeter should be reinforced with more tree planting to reinforce the identity of the park as a greenspace and connect the northern and southern wooded perimeter. It will also help to reduce exposure in the long term. Trees should be crown raised sufficiently to provide clear visibility beneath the canopy.
23	New seats and litter bins	A new park style base on original Victorian seating found around the bowling green should be re-fabricated. It should be of high quality with, wooden slats and metal arms and installed throughout the park to replace the existing tired ones. New litterbins and dog bins should also be installed throughout.
16,24	New infant and junior play facility	The existing play facilities are on diametrically opposite sides of the park and are looking worn and tired. The establishment of a new purpose built facility combining equipment for both infant and junior age groups is now proposed close to the Village Hall and car park but also easily accessible from the upgraded main link path. Proludic has been responsible for the detailed design and specification of the equipment which is wide ranging and innovative in nature. The existing play areas will be dismantled and restored to grass.
25	Fountain restored	Currently the fountain (which historically has always been part of the park but was borrowed

		and returned in 2000 and has never functioned properly ever since.) is in need of attention. Its outer stone perimeter wall is not level and the internal surface has been re-laid in grass and concrete setts. Proposals for the full restoration of this structure have been put forward with an allowance for restoration of the outer pool, repair of the bowl and water jets, improvements to water filter and electrical supply and connection to the restored drainage network.
31	Clean and repaint railings along eastern perimeter	The current railings are in a poor state of repair and require de-rusting and repainting.



Date	Details	Revision
12/09/11	Various amendments.	-6
23/09/11	Various amendments.	-7
24/10/11	Various amendments.	-8
12/12/11	Final amendments to coincide with contract starting on 1st Dec 2011.	-9
26/01/12	Minor adjustments to the layout of the HMAA & bench seats.	-10
16/07/12	Revised layout of car parking spaces.	-11
03/10/12	Revised positioning of benches.	-12

Eastwood Park: Masterplan

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Appendix 9 – The friends of Eastwood Park

GOOD EVENING, AND WELCOME TO THE AGM September 14th 2020
OF THE FRIENDS OF EASTWOOD PARK.

It is nice to see a good looking turnout. !!!!!

Before we to start the AGM 2020 can we take a few moments to remember Gill Horn, who was a master of everything practical, and a hard working committee member of the FOEWP and THE BIG LOCAL.

Her passing was :to soon: and a shock to all who knew her .

We also need to remember Issi a renowned member of The Hasland Walking Group, her fab sense of humour and her commitment to Gala Day . Also a hard working member of the FOEWP.

WILL BE SADLEY
THEY
" MISSED

What can I say about the last 12 months covid has ment lots of things organised in the park for young and older members of the public have had to be postponed because of the virus, the venue we are in now has had to change how and where we can gather keeping at the back of our minds SOCIAL DISTANCEING.

We have attained the Green Flag for another year wonderful achievement.

And the Community Gardens are all taken and have produced some wonderful veg and flowers. Thank you ,Sarah for your dedication to the plots.

If anyone present is interested in joining the FOEWP.....You would be welcomed into the fold

So onward and upward for hoping the next 12months brings us a

Year when events and social gatherings are back to some sense of
NORMAL.

CAN I SAY IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE CHAIR OF THIS WONDERFUL
FRIENDS GROUP.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION YOU GIVE TO
THIS GROUP AND HASLAND ESPECIALLY BARBARA AND PHILLIP

Thank you

PS JUST TO SAY THE HUB WHICH WAS DOWN ON PEMORE STREET IS
NOW BASED INSIDE THE WORKING MENS CLUB AND THE ENTRANCE
[IS AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING]

BRS 14.9.20

Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland Additional Notes ref 2020

1. The committee met 6 times albeit the meetings moved to virtual, using zoom, due to the pandemic restrictions.
2. Gala Day 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic
3. Summer Activities were permitted with tight compliance to Social Distancing and 'bubbles' of youngsters being created by the company facilitating the sessions. These were very well received.
4. A memorial bench, in memory of Gill Horn and Isi Charlesworth, was commissioned. This bench was sponsored by private donations from local Councillors; Grassland Hasmoor - Big Local Senior Citizens Working Group; a Community Leadership Grant from DCC and the Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland. This level of sponsorship reflects the affection the ladies were held in. They are both greatly missed. The bench will be dedicated as a Happy-to-Chat bench. Plaques are being funded by local Cllrs.
5. Improved CCTV to alleviate vandalism on and around the pavilion was sponsored by funding from DCC Community Leadership Funding; the Community Safety Team and Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland.
6. Two Socially Distanced Remembrance events were held to commemorate VJ day.
7. A new member has joined the committee following an appeal in a local magazine. She lives on the Heathcote Estate, one of the local public green spaces the Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland have included in their remit to improve. Funding from the Pocket Park initiative was awarded in 2019 and resulted in the installation of benches; picnic tables and some 'clamber and climb' play equipment. As we move into 2021 the aim is to continue these improvement works for this important local facility.
8. The Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland, in conjunction with Grassland Hasmoor - Big Local, are already, optimistically, preparing a programme of events and activities for the Summer/Autumn of 2021.

Barbara Arrandale

Hon Sec - Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland

Appendix 10 - Pollinators are life creators

Funding was acquired from the following for the bee

The Big Local Grassland Hasmoor, The Friends of Eastwood Park, Councillor Brady, the Bumblebee conservation trust and Chesterfield Borough Council.

The borough council partnered with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to make a bare bed in Eastwood Park become full of bee friendly plants which also gave the opportunity to share our key messages and love for bumblebees with over 100 local people

On two occasions we were at Eastwood Park, in Chesterfield, to celebrate the coming of Spring and the following year to launch the Bee Kind web based application.

May 2018 Around 50 plants were planted

Jacob's Ladder	3
Yarrow	3
Aquilegia	9
Hellebore	10
Bleeding Heart	3
Wallflower	9
Japanese Spiraea	9
Sedum	6

4th May 2019 around 95 plants were planted

Garden mint	4	Pineapple mint	2
Marjoram	6	Lavender	6
Trailing rosemary	3	Penstemon	3
Geranium 'Rozanne'	3	Lysimachia clethroides	3
Sedum 'Brilliant'	6	Digitalis	6
Pulmonaria	3	Rosa 'Ballerina'	2
Rosa 'Bright as a Button'	2	Fuschia	24
Hebe 'Black Beauty'	6	Lupin 'Yellow & Red'	16

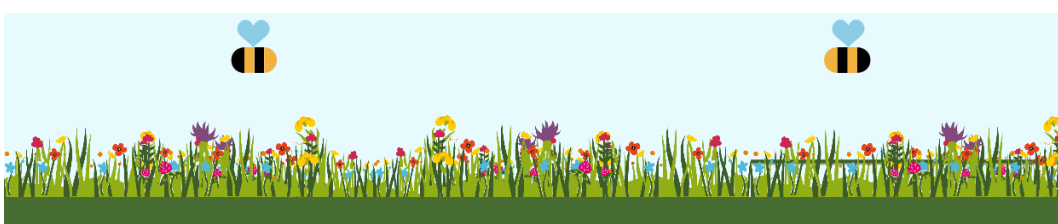


After the second planting the Bee kind score for Eastwood Park more than doubled as we went from a score of 1230 to 2666. Happily, the flowers we planted will cover all key months of the flowering season. The score includes bonuses for 11 species of “bumblebee super plants”, and for 10 native species.



Pollination project included:

- Wildflower giveaway to create bee streets
- A week of environmental education activities including the insect Olympics in the summer culminating in a parade celebration to an event in the park. this event also partnered other organisations such as the local spar and Sainsbury's
- College foundation students were involved in doing a gardening project. The students had learning development issues and getting them out of the classroom was beneficial to them. Things such as the group having a tea rota took some of them out of their comfort zone. During this project they applied for and received funding from Grow Wild for an art project



Appendix 11 – Volunteer Agreement



CHESTERFIELD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

This agreement describes the arrangement between (name)..... and Chesterfield Borough Council.

We appreciate your commitment to volunteer with us to achieve our objectives regarding Green Space Development in Chesterfield. We will do the best we can to make your experience of volunteering enjoyable and rewarding.

Chesterfield Borough Council commits:

- To provide you with an induction to help you understand and perform your role.
- To provide you with a Volunteer Handbook that sets out what the Council does, as well as the policies and procedures that you may require during your time volunteering with CBC.
- To clearly communicate the standards that we require from our services and to support you to achieve them.
- To provide training where necessary to help you to provide a service that meets our service users' needs, and to ensure your health and safety whilst with CBC.
- To help you develop your volunteering role with the Council, in line with the task description.
- To provide you with regular support from a specified member of staff, enabling you to feedback to us any concerns or issues you may have.
- To reimburse any legitimate and agreed expenses incurred while acting on our behalf as per the Volunteer Expenses Procedure.
- To provide appropriate insurance cover for you whilst undertaking voluntary work approved and authorised by us.
- To recognise your rights and commitments and appreciate your contribution.

I will commit:

- To help Chesterfield Borough Council fulfil its commitment to the people of Chesterfield.
- To follow the Council's policies, procedures and standards in all aspects of volunteering, including health and safety, equal opportunities and confidentiality.
- To attend all the service specific training and induction.
- To meet agreed time commitments and to give reasonable notice of any change so that other arrangements can be made.
- To be mindful that I am a representative of the Council.

My agreed voluntary commitment is:.....

Signed (on behalf of CBC): _____

Signed (volunteer): _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

This agreement is binding in honour only. It is not intended to be a legally binding contract of employment and may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intends an employment relationship to be established.

Appendix 12 – Opportunities to increase biodiversity

The existing layout plan was outdated and is currently be revised.

Appendix 13 – An example partner press release



Pollinating the Peak project launched with giant-sized Bilberry bumblebee and buzzing family fun

Project Launch – Spring Celebration



On Saturday 5th May 2018 Bumblebee Conservation Trust were at Eastwood Park, in Chesterfield, to celebrate the coming of Spring. Along with a group of incredibly enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers and the support of Chesterfield Borough Council, we were able to share our key messages and love for bumblebees with over 100 local people.

Chesterfield Borough Council helped with equipment for the event and also paid for plants so we could make a bare bed in Eastwood Park become full of bee friendly plants.

We gave local kids a free bee friendly plant in exchange for their postcode. We were then able to map a local network of bumblebee friendly plants and show people that even though they have only planted one plant, they are part of something much larger that will make a positive difference to bumblebees.

Families loved the bee craft, drumming, guided bee safaris and



bumblebee identification challenge. There was also a bumblebee hunt and we made a giant Bilberry Bumblebee out of natural and recycled materials. The event finished with a buzzing parade through the park. All of these activities got children and adults alike, excited about bumblebees and so



people are able to understand the importance of where food comes from and that bumblebees are in serious decline.

“Working in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council made the event a great success and allowed Bumblebee Conservation Trust to reach a local community to passionately share our love for bees and show how people can take positive action with just ‘one plant each’ to make a huge difference.

(Sally Duckney Project Manager- Bumblebee Conservation Trust.)



