



OXFORD PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008-2010





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This management plan is divided into the following sections.

Sections 1 and 2 give a summary and information about the site, including location, history and the industrial landscape.

Section 3 is a statement of the 'Vision for the Future of Oxford Park'.

Section 4 outlines how the vision relates to overarching Council priorities and programmes: the strategic context.

Sections 5 to 12 state the objectives for the future management and how those objectives are being, and will continue, to be met.

Section 13 gives information about monitoring, reviewing and what we would like to do in the future.

Section 14 contains the appendices.





1. Summary

The aims and objectives for the management of Oxford Park, and from which the management plan is derived, are the means by which the 'Vision' (section 3) will be realised. This is based on the Green Flag criteria and falls into eight broad categories:

Creating a sense of welcome to the area;
Ensuring a safe and healthy environment;
Ensuring the area is clean and well maintained;
Ensuring the area is managed in environmentally sensitive ways;
Conserving the historic heritage;
Encouraging community involvement;
Effective marketing of the area;
Implementing an effective management strategy.

This Management Plan covers the period 2008-2010

The plan is displayed at Oxford Park for viewing and comments. Any information in the supporting information file can be obtained on request from Ashton District Assembly Office.



2. Site Details

Name: Oxford Park

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Location: Grid reference: SJ 927979
Map coverage: Ordnance Survey Sheets
1:50,000 Landranger Map 109: Manchester
1:25,000 Explorer Map 277: Manchester and Salford
Oxford Park is situated on the A6017 in the West End area of Ashton-under-Lyne and in the Ward of St Peter's.

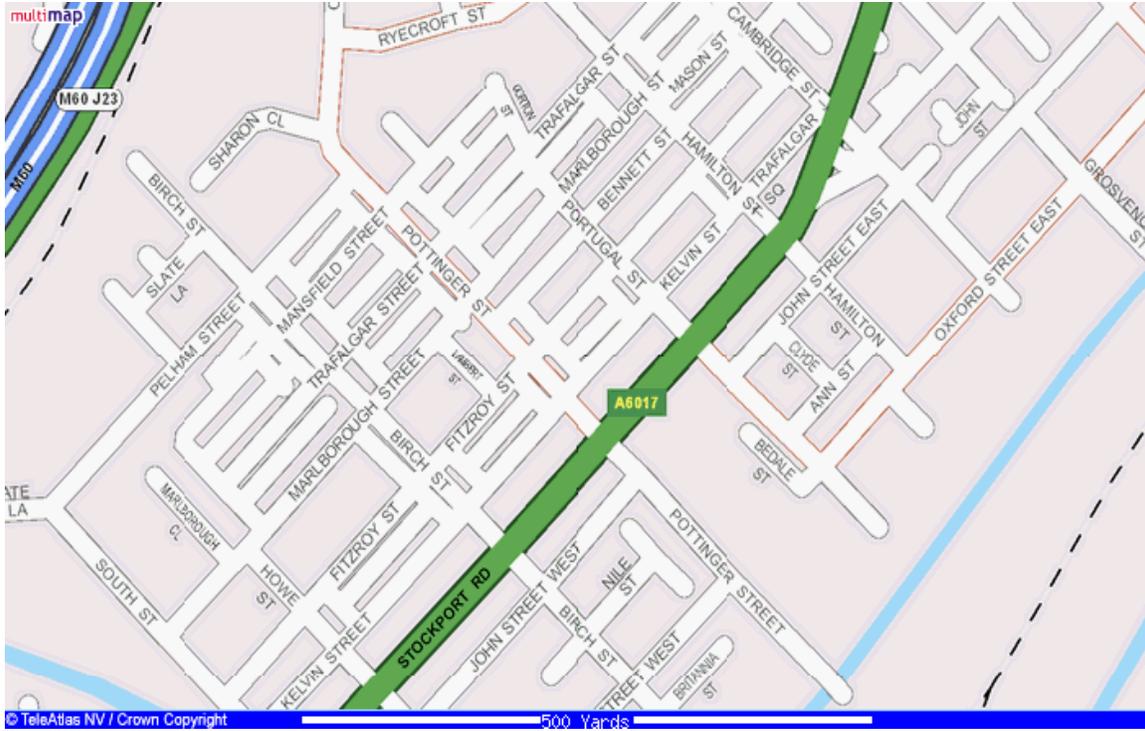
Area: 2.0543 hectares

Tenure: The land is owned by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, and managed by Ashton District Assembly, within the Neighbourhood and Community Services function.

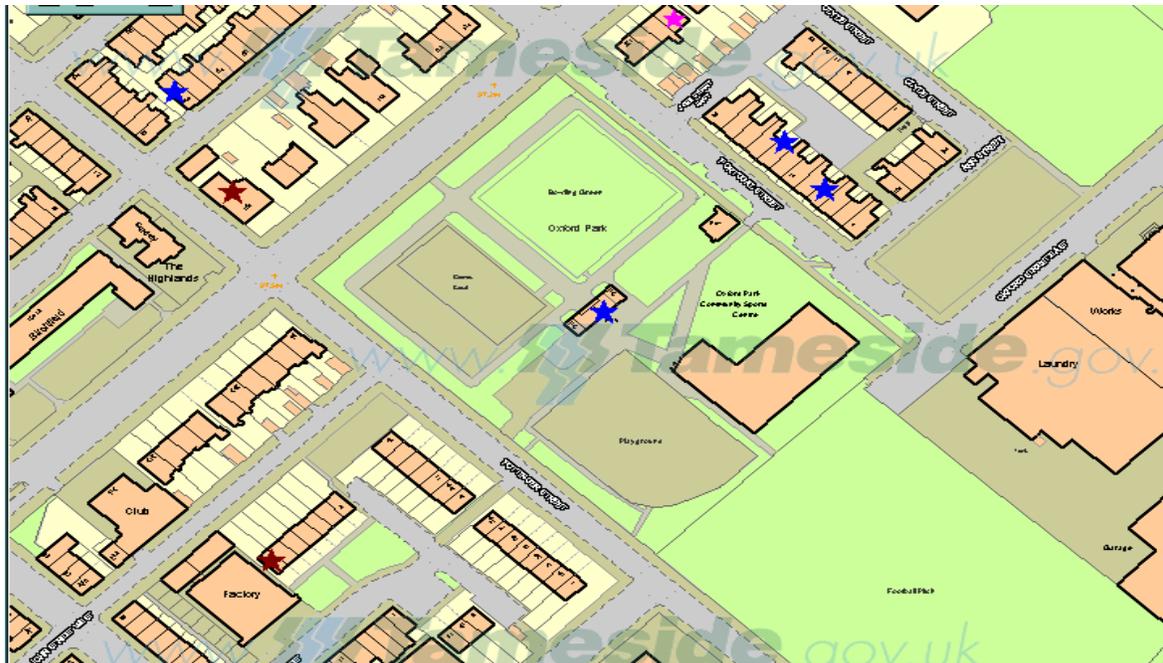
Access: Access is from Ashton town centre, on the A6017, sign posted Denton/Audenshaw.



Site Plans: Multimap view of the site



Tameside's mapping system view

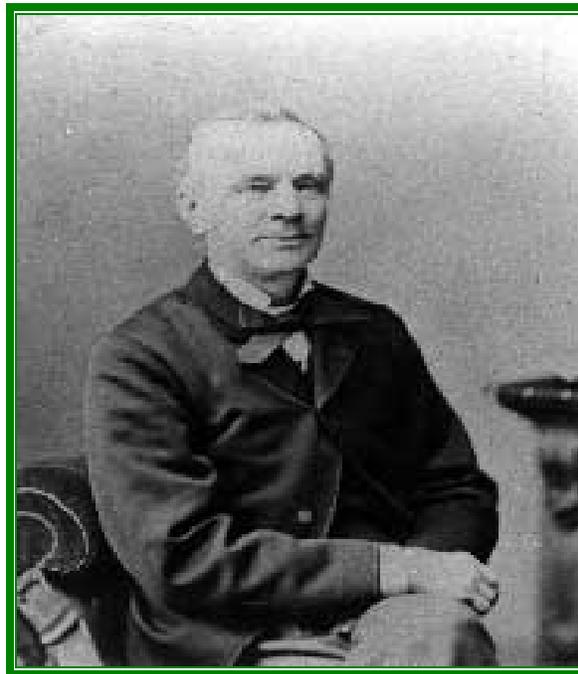




History of the Park:

Urban parks were established in 1833 as a direct result of the Industrial Revolution. As towns and cities grew and prospered, there grew a necessity to create a prime weapon in the new urban war against social evils.

In this same year, the Select Committee on Public Works produced the first report confirming how much public parks were needed, bringing the benefits of exercise, health, a civilising influence and meeting places. To this end, many Industrialists became benefactors of such places. Ashton-under-Lyne had its fair share of pioneers, Hugh Mason (1817-1886), in particular.



Hugh Mason (Courtesy of Tameside Local Studies)



Born in 1817, of mill owning stock, he started work at 10, then went to school, and at the age of 21, joined the family business. He was a dominant force and showed great energy in the social, religious and political life of Ashton.

The family had built two Oxford mills at Ryecroft, both being completely run by Hugh when his father and brothers retired. He built a community for his employees which included comfortable housing and recreation facilities. Oxford Park was finished in 1870, and was stated as having a recreation ground and gymnasium, although the gymnasium was in actuality a playground. There was also a conservatory on the rear of the large pavilion, which has since been removed.

Use Today:

The site is regularly used by local people and visitors from around the Borough, for a variety of activities. There are well developed links with local community groups and schools, and an annual programme of events at Oxford Park. In 2007, the park underwent a programme of improvements through its successful bid from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund; these have included new surfacing and equipment for the play area, refurbishments to both pavilions, CCTV for the playground and pathway refurbishments. The park is seen as an integral part of the community.

Summary of Resources:

Oxford Park is managed and maintained by Ashton District Assembly. It is situated on a busy road linking Ashton with Guide Bridge and on into Audenshaw and Denton. The park is a small urban park flanked by predominantly terraced housing and



various industries, with the Ashton Canal running at the rear of the site. Briefly, the park comprises: a play area, bowling green, pavilions, MUGA, Sports Centre and football pitches. Mature trees, planting and ample seating reflects the gentler nature of the park.

The park is at the core of the St Peter's area of Ashton. It is a warm and friendly park and caters for the diverse cultural aspects of the area. It is very much a family park and is still visited by residents who have grown up in the area. Lifestyles, Healthy Living, Sports and Youth provision are all focal to the success of the park. Scouts Groups meet here and St Peter's Youth (SPY) hold events and sessions as well as a full programme of events held at the Sports Centre. Close links with Tameside Sports Trust enable the continued success of the park as a community. The Park is seen as the heart and soul of the community with activities for all to join in. There is a genuine sense of ownership and this is reflected in the staff who work in the park as well as all those who visit.





3. A Vision for Oxford Park

This section contains a statement of Tameside Metropolitan Borough's vision for Oxford Park. The statement forms the basis for the future of the park.

'We want Tameside to be an attractive and environmentally friendly place to live, work and visit. We are committed to working with local communities to protect and improve our surroundings to make Tameside a cleaner and more accessible place for current and future generations.'

The District Assembly's aim is to promote Oxford Park as a diverse leisure facility for those in the local community who live near it and others who use it as an area for both formal and informal recreation.

The aims and objectives by which 'the vision for Oxford Park' will be raised are based on the key criteria set in the *Green Flag Park Award Guidance Manual*.

We believe this vision can best be achieved by continuing to work closely with the users of the park and partnership agencies.

Oxford Park is managed in context with the over arching policies and strategies of the council. In particular: **Tameside Council's Vision and Values**



4. Strategic Context

The Council's overall vision is to maximise the well-being of the people of the Borough. In achieving this vision it will:

- **Establish open systems of listening and communicating**
- **Develop innovative ways of involving the community**
- **Be flexible and adaptive to the changing needs of the Borough**
- **Work in a co-operative and co-ordinated way to improve the quality of services**
- **Provide quality of access to services**
- **Develop public confidence in local democracy and the Council**



The Community Strategy

Based upon extensive consultation with local people, businesses and partner organisations in 2002, the Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP) established the key issues facing the Borough for the next ten years. From this the Partnership produced the 2003-2013 Community Strategy, which sets out six themes for the future of Tameside. These themes are:

- **Supportive Communities** - Promoting a cohesive Borough with strong and positive relationships between people from all backgrounds and cultures, and where all people have similar life opportunities- Oxford Park welcomes all users.
- **A Safe Environment** - Reducing crime and improving community safety- Oxford Park promotes safety and discourages vandalism.
- **A Prosperous Society** - Improving the local economy through strong sustainable businesses, a skilled workforce and good quality housing. Oxford Park is in the Regeneration area and has benefited through funding.
- **A Learning Community** - Raising educational achievement and learning opportunities, Oxford Park supports this.
- **A Healthy Population** - Improving health and support for vulnerable people, Oxford Park, through Tameside Sports Trust also supports this.
- **An Attractive Borough** - Protecting our environment and creating a cleaner, greener neighbourhood. Oxford Park contributes through the District Assembly's work in this area.



Other linking strategies

Sustainable Communities Business Plan

A working document for delivering the Council's Parks and Land Management Service. The plan delivers best value through continuous improvement, performance monitoring, action plans, equalities and resources.

Trees and Woodland Strategy

A strategy for the effective management of the Borough's trees and woodlands.

Health and Well-being Strategy

A vision for improving the health of all Tameside's residents. Access to the parks and green space and its health benefits also form part of this strategy.

Quality of Life Strategy for Tameside

A strategy for improving the quality of life through the Council's programme of Local Agenda 21 work. The strategy seeks to achieve:

Social progress that meets the needs of everyone.

Effective protection of the environment.

Prudent use of natural resources.

Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

Children's Play Policy

This policy guides play provision for children across Tameside. The policy aims to ensure that a suitable amount and standard of play facilities are provided by the Council and are readily accessible to children and



their parents and carers. The play ground in Oxford Park is one of the Local - Plus sites designed for both young and older children.

Health and Safety Policy

This policy has been developed to ensure the health and safety of all residents of the Borough, employees and members of the council in connection with the management of public facilities throughout Tameside.

The management of Oxford Park supports all of the above policies, as will be seen throughout this plan.

Performance

The performance of Tameside Council is judged annually as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). In 2008, Tameside retained its 'Four Star' status. The management of Oxford Park through the District Assembly continues to contribute to that achievement.





5. Creating a Sense of Welcome

The overall impression for any member of the community approaching and entering the area should be positive and inviting.

Objectives:

To provide easily accessible information about Oxford Park

To provide and maintain high quality signage and information that can improve a visitor's first impression of the park

To keep people informed about who manages the area

To continue to provide and improve access to the area for people irrespective of their age or ability

How the objectives are met:

Easily accessible information

Information about opening hours, directions and facilities in the park can be found on Tameside Council's website at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/parks>

The District Assembly can be contacted direct through the Council's main switchboard on 0161 342 8355, for information for all its parks and open spaces.

Publications issued through partnerships—St Peter's Partnership and Ashton Underlined—are available with information about the events in the park and locality.

Signage

There is a new plan of the park at the main entrance on Stockport Road, showing where all facilities can be found.



There are also signs at the entrances on Pottinger and Portugal Street entrances along with a new notice boards at the main entrance and at Pottinger Street.



There are also notice boards in the Sports and Community Centre which give information about forthcoming events and available courses.

The boundary fence and entrance gates are all recently installed which improves the overall aesthetics of the park.

Access—physical

There is a good and frequent public transport system which caters for the whole of the Greater Manchester area, the bus stop is directly outside the park gates.

There are pedestrian crossings at the front, and adequate parking at either side of the park.

There is parking for disabled users, in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Act 1995, adjacent to the side entrance and near to the Sports and Community Centre.

Tameside has a number of cycle lanes within the highway infrastructure, encouraging cyclists. The park also has dedicated cycle bays.



There are 4 entrances to the park which are secured by Total Security Solutions, a local security firm, in the evening when the Sports Centre closes.



The footpaths and entrances are easily accessible by baby buggies and wheelchairs.

Vegetation is cut back to ensure visibility and prevent injury.

Social

The park has close links with the local community groups and partners with continual improvement in mind.

The park caters for a variety of social groups and, through Tameside Sports Trust, hosts a full programme of events over the year.

Staff receive training in disability awareness and, if appropriate, can receive training to help them understand and respond to various users.

Parks staff wear easily identifiable clothing and are courteous and helpful.



6. A Safe and Healthy Environment

It has been the experience of the District Assemblies over the years that effective management of the safety aspects of an area helps to give visitors the guidance to use and enjoy it. A well managed site, where vandalism is quickly repaired, also helps to make people think twice before committing wilful damage, and helps in the presentation of a well cared for site.

Objectives:

To provide a physical environment where visitors can feel safe

To maximise the role that Tameside Council can play in improving the health of the residents of Tameside

To ensure a culture of security

How the objectives are met:

Safe Environment

An annual inspection of the park is carried out in conjunction with a Health and Safety Advisor, in accordance with Health and Safety guidelines, to monitor existing procedures and highlight any areas requiring attention. Recommendations are implemented by the Park's Operation Team. On a day to day basis, any incidents are reported to the gardener, District Assembly or Tameside Sports Trust staff, and dealt with appropriately.

The children's playground is inspected weekly by the District Assembly Staff and any hazards dealt with. Faults with the equipment are reported and rectified by a specialist playground maintenance team. Weekly reports are filed which allow action to be monitored.



Risk Assessments have been undertaken for all maintenance operations within the park and suitable work methods developed. In addition, a Risk Assessment is carried out prior to any event in the park to ensure public and staff safety.

Staff are on call seven days a week to respond to any occurrences which may affect the health and safety of visitors, including a 24 hour call-out system for emergencies involving dangerous trees. Emergencies can be reported by phoning 0161 342 2222 at any time (minicom 0161 342 3009).

Regular inspections by the management team identify any general health and safety concerns which are then dealt with appropriately: Audit inspections and winter inspections by District Assembly staff are included with this.

All trees are inspected annually to identify any safety issues and a budget is in place to deal with these.



Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is not a major issue in the park but Tameside has designated land under The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, as having a zero tolerance for dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs in these areas. There may be on the spot fines or prosecution via Tameside Patrollers.

This message is signposted around the park and there are also dog grids at some of the entrance gates to alleviate some of the problems.

Health Benefits

There is a programme of events, which encompasses the park and Sports and Community Centre, aimed at health and well-being for all users of the facilities.

Security

Tameside Patrollers regularly patrol the park and surroundings as part of their security checks. The patrollers are under the remit of the Council's Community Safety Team and work closely with the Police and Community Police. Their work involves community liaison, enforcement issues for littering and dog fouling, youth issues and to provide a uniformed presence within the Borough. The park has recently secured extra CCTV monitoring which acts as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour. A Community Development worker, funded via community grants and based in the large Pavilion, liaises with young people to encourage them to take part in the park's welfare.



Any repairs through acts of vandalism are carried out by the District Assembly, reported direct or through staff within the park.

All staff have received Working Safely training.



Paul Potter - Oxford Park's Craft Gardener



7. Clean and Well Maintained

The Council believes that for health and safety, as well as for aesthetic reasons, it is important to manage and maintain Oxford Park to a high standard.

Objectives:

- To keep the area free of litter, waste and graffiti
- To manage and maintain the park to a high standard
- To maintain equipment to a high standard

How the objectives are met:

Litter and Waste

Litter bins are provided within the park. The original concrete bins have been replaced by the new Glasdon blue, in line with the Ashton style and colour.

The park is litter picked and checked weekly and all reports are given to the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor (appendix 1).





Ashton District Assembly has acquired graffiti cleansing machinery, which is able to tackle graffiti issues as soon as possible, although the park does not have too much of a problem with this.

The site is subject to yearly Local Environmental Quality Surveys, from which the NI 195 cleansing standard is reported to DEFRA. This information is reported to council members and members of the public at the District Assembly meetings. These surveys are carried out by the District Assembly staff.

Manage and Maintain

Formal grass and shrub areas are maintained by the District Assembly's Grounds Maintenance team in accordance with a clearly specified schedule. A permanent gardener splits his time between Oxford and West End Parks. West End Park is currently undergoing refurbishment so the Craft Gardener is temporarily at Oxford Park fulltime. The intention is that once West End Park is completed, the Craft Gardener will only litter pick the site, whilst still based at Oxford Park.



The basic grounds maintenance operations are laid out in a grounds maintenance specification that are modified as required reflecting local need. The specification may be viewed on request to the Operations Manager.



In addition, a regular programme of inspection and maintenance is carried out on the Children's Playground.

Structural and service repairs and maintenance are undertaken by Ashton District Assembly's budget. (Appendix 2)

Surface materials are durable in areas of heavier use, and appropriate to the context of the park. There are formal shrub beds, regularly maintained grassed areas and trimmed edges along paths in general to present a well cared for site.

Equipment

Plant and equipment used in the park are maintained and repaired as required. In some cases this is undertaken by the Authority's in- house workshops. In other circumstances equipment on lease from commercial companies is maintained by them under the lease agreement.

All equipment (mowers etc) are maintained to a high standard in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Safety guidelines, each item being covered by a risk assessment and policy of use.

Play equipment is subject to the same standards and review procedures.

Staff are appropriately trained in the use and maintenance of equipment.

All staff are provided with and are required to wear appropriate safety equipment.



Vehicles and machinery are maintained to a high standard with regard to manufacturers' recommendations, from small power tools to larger vehicles. This might be carried out at the central maintenance depot or at the manufacturer.

Johnson Compact 50 Sweeping Machine



Planting



8. Sustainability



Tameside's District Assemblies and Parks and Land Management teams are under the umbrella of Neighbourhood and Community Services, and as such recognise the importance of preserving the environment.

Objectives:

- To promote and improve the area's environmental value
- To maximise resource conservation and recycling

How the objectives are met:

In line with its commitment to Local Agenda 21, Ashton District Assembly continuously takes account of the principles of sustainability in its management of Oxford Park.

Pesticides are not used within the park unless there is no other viable alternative. If required this would be limited to spot treatment of pests and disease rather than blanket distribution of chemicals.

Overall responsibility for good environmental management at Oxford Park rests with the District Assembly and its Operations Team.

Resource Conservation and Recycling

Water bills are monitored to identify possible leaks.

All materials (paths, timber etc) are from sustainable sources. New plants have a local provenance. Any chemicals and products, such as for cleaning, are subject to assessment under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations, and the lowest risk



products are used.



Peat-based products are not used in planting composts or soil conditioners for beds within Oxford Park. All bedding plants used in the park are grown in peat-free compost.

All green waste generated in the park is collected from dedicated containers by Tameside Environmental Services staff to be composted centrally.

Vehicles and machinery are regularly serviced to minimise fuel consumption and emissions.

Plastic containers used in the growing of bedding plants for the park are either reusable or recyclable.

Due to the size of the park and restrictions to vehicle access it is not considered feasible to introduce public recycling facilities within the park, but these are available nearby in the town centre.

All arboricultural waste, including large trunks, is now split and chipped and the resultant chippings are used as top dressings on planted beds across the Borough.

9. Conservation and Heritage



Buildings and Structures

Many of the original features of the park have been lost over the years, including the conservatory attached to the pavilion and the covered walkway to this pavilion, although the gothic style columns still exist. The Bowler's Pavilion has undergone refurbishment and is now a safe dry meeting place for the Bowling Club. The larger Pavilion has been newly renovated and had the addition of picnic facilities. There are plans to use this space as a small café for all year round use.

Before.....

Large Pavilion Before.....



Pavilion Renovations

After.....



Community Pavilion



Completed

Fences and gates have been retained where appropriate, but where replacement has been necessary, the



aesthetics have been considered.

Nature Conservation

Due to the size, location and character of the site, the opportunities to provide suitable habitats for wildlife are not as great in Oxford Park as in some other park. This being the case, an opportunity has presented itself to create a secluded area for bird boxes and to promote the value of wildlife in the park, through the erection of the Sports and Community Centre. Local children planted this small area in the summer of 2007, naming it 'The Meadow', and bird boxes have been erected to encourage more wildlife. The presence and maintenance of a number of larger trees, in particular native species such as Ash, Sycamore, Cherry and Rowan increasing the food and shelter available to allow a number of birds to live and raise young in the park.

The canal siding directly behind the park football pitch has a number of migrating birds visiting each year, there is an opportunity to make more use of this site as a wildlife habitat and to encourage greater community use. The District Assembly has carried out preliminary investigations to assess the feasibility, based on advice from Greater Manchester Ecology Unit and British Waterways. We have instigated some preliminary ground work and, with the support from local Water Adventure staff, are looking at ways to best use the site.

Virtual elimination of the use of pesticides in the park results in a greater variety of insects, which in turn provides more food for birds visiting and nesting in the park. The Council's Arboriculture Team have responsibility for the trees within the park.

10. Community Involvement



The value of Oxford Park lies in its conception from industrial meeting place for recreation to the community focussed base that it is today.

Who are the community?

The local residents who live in the vicinity of the park
Visitors to the area: participants on events; individuals and families from all ages and backgrounds.

Who are the partners?

Tameside Sports Trust
Tameside Council and its officers
St Peter's Partnership

Objectives:

To capture and use the views of the community for the future of the park
To manage an appropriate mix of facilities
To maximise accessibility for all to the area.

How the objectives are met:

Community Views

We regularly undertake surveys to find out from users whether we are providing the kind of service they want. This includes barriers to use, things they particularly like and changes they would like to see. Tameside Citizen's Panel is made up of residents from across the Borough, who express their opinions on all of Tameside's services. All parks are also surveyed for the Association of



Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA), where questions are asked about the facilities a park may have and usage of the park. The last survey was completed in 2008. (Appendix 3)

Verbal and written feedback is given to the Sports Trust, after an event, which is then entered into a comments log.

We consult with local residents on issues that may affect them.

The park had a local residents group; incorporating Oxford Sports Association and Friends of Oxford Park. The intention is to have a separate 'Friends Group' which will open up opportunities for funding once this is constituted. A Homewatch group also runs from the park, attendance depends on agenda topics. There are Sports Camps; a drama group; a June programme of events; a year round café facility; and a year round Youth Drop-in Centre.

Facilities

The park has:

Formal flower and shrub beds with paths and benches to cater for contemplation and relaxation.

Tennis courts and multi-use games area for the more energetic.

A mixed bowling club has use of its own newly renovated club house.

Football fields are to the rear of the park.

A small children's play area can be found next to the Sports and Community Centre.



The Sports and Community Centre, managed by Tameside Sports Trust, hold indoor bowling, Jujitsu lessons, Basketball Clubs, Family Saturday Morning sessions and Ladies Only sessions.

Accessibility

All sectors of the community are welcomed at Oxford Park as already stated, and the facilities within the park reflect the involvement of all users.

Tameside Sports Trust also has a very effective Sports Development Officer. He covers the West End area of Ashton, encouraging the youngsters to participate in events and activities.

Art Work done by the local youths

Oxford Park art work done by local youths



11. Marketing



Oxford Park is not just a local park and play area, it is an integral part of community life. The District Assembly is keen to ensure that local residents are kept informed about the park and its development and also that people around Tameside are made aware of the park and encouraged to visit.

Objectives:

To promote Oxford park in the context of an overall marketing strategy

To provide a range of information about the park and to promote Oxford Park as a resource for the whole community

How the objectives are met:

Tameside has an overarching marketing strategy which incorporates all services. It is regularly reviewed and plays an integral part in the work of the District Assembly in promoting its parks.

Events in the park are advertised on the Council's website; in the local free newspaper and in the Tameside Citizen, delivered to all households.

Tameside has a dedicated Tourism Centre which promotes Tameside as a tourist attraction, including the parks.

Notice boards in the Sports and Community Centre and at the Stockport rd entrance promote the events held there.



Most events are free to attend

Ashton Underlined is a pamphlet which is issued 4 times per year, publishes the events and news from around the Town Centre and St Peter's Regeneration area of Ashton. Although the District Assembly do not contribute to this, it promotes the park extremely well. Surestart also produce a similar leaflet promoting the events in the community.

Publicity Leaflets and Pamphlets



12. Management and Maintenance



This management plan demonstrates how Oxford Park contributes to the safety, health and social life of its community and how Ashton District Assembly, under the direction of Neighbourhood and Community Services, can maintain and bring in future investment to benefit all partners and users, without which Oxford Park would not be as successful as it is today.

Responsibility for the overall management of Oxford Park lies with Ashton District Assembly under the direction of the Town Manager. District Assemblies bring services to the community at a local level. A budget is allocated to each area which is then split between services. Extra funding comes in from Government grants, partnerships and local community groups.

The Town Manager is assisted in the management of the park by his team including an Assistant Town Manager, Environmental Officers responsible for the day to day management of Green Spaces in the town, an Operations Manager responsible for grounds maintenance work on all green sites and administrative assistance.

This management team hold monthly meetings where future works and developments for the park are discussed.

All current and proposed work and events at the park are included within the Ashton Town Plan, produced each year by the Town Manager and agreed by the District Assembly. The individual Town Plans in turn are incorporated into the wider Business Plan, which covers the whole of Tameside's District Assembly Service.

The Town Plan for Ashton can be viewed through the following link:

http://www.tameside.gov.uk/corpgen/distass/townplan_ash.pdf

13. Monitoring and Review



It is intended that this plan be a working document and, as such, shall be amended as opportunities arise to carry out improvements to the park or a change in circumstances which affect the existing proposals. The purpose of this plan is to help provide a welcoming recreational facility for the residents of Ashton and the wider area.





OXFORD PARK ACTION PLAN

What do we want to do	Contributes to	Target date
To develop further the nature garden	Greater community use and awareness	Summer 2009
To continue with replacement of shrubs and floral displays with semi-sustainable planting	To create all year round interest with planting schemes	Summer 2009
To maintain partnerships in managing future projects for the site	Improved used of the park and engagement of new partners and community members	Ongoing
To enhance visitor enjoyment for all	Manage facilities appropriately	Ongoing
To refurbish the shrub beds	Improved safety for users	Ongoing
Continue initial exploration of canal siding as an extended useable space	Improves the overall facilities in the park and encourages new users	Ongoing
Extend the use of the large pavilion	Encourage new users	Ongoing

This document reflects the aims and objectives for the future success Of Oxford Park and as such is designed to encourage the effective use of resources within the park. The overall aim is to make Oxford Park available to as many people as possible and to make that experience an enjoyable one.

Appendix 1



TAMESIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES)

OXFORD PARK - ASHTON-U-LYNE

JOB DESCRIPTION	FREQUENCY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
CUT BOWLING GREEN	3 X PER WEEK	X	X
CUT BOWLING GREEN		X	X
CUT BOWLING GREEN		X	X
SHEAR WORK -BOWLING GREEN	WEEKLY	X	X
CLEAN CHANNEL - BOWLING GREEN	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
CUT GRASS - ROTARY MACHINE	WEEKLY	X	X
CUT GRASS - FLYMO	WEEKLY	X	X
STRIM FENCE - LINES AND OBS	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
WEED AND CULTIVATE SHRUBS	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
WEED AND CULTIVATE ROSES	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
DEAD HEAD SHRUB, ROSE, FLOWER BEDS	WHEN REQUIRED		
PLANT SUMMER BEDDING	ONCE PER SEASON	X	X
PLANT SPRING BEDDING	ONCE PER SEASON	X	X
CUT PRIVET HEDGE	TWICE PER SEASON		
OPEN AND CLOSE GATES	DAILY	X	X
CHECK PARK - LITTER PICK	DAILY	X	X
INSPECT AND CLEAN PLAYGROUND	DAILY	X	X
EMPTY LITTER BINS	DAILY	X	X
SWEEP PATHS	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
CLEAR LEAVES	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X
CLEAN GRID TOPS	WHEN REQUIRED	X	X

Appendix 2



Oxford Park 2009 -

<u>Area 1 -</u>	Adj car park -	Overseed & fertilise grassed area Plant ground cover plants Create access through area	J Bancroft ?
<u>Area 2 -</u>	Pottinger St/MUGA side -	Remove old shrubs/stumps Prune shrubs Gap up plants Remove ivy from tree Remove footpath,fit edgings & turf	
<u>Area 3 -</u>	Front of park/Pottinger St -	Gap up plants or re-plant to compliment Comm ctr frontage Touch up paint on entrance gate etc	Probation service
<u>Area 4 -</u>	Front of park/Portugal St -	Gap up plants or re-plant to compliment Comm ctr frontage Remove footpath,fit edgings & turf	
<u>Area 5 -</u>		Rip out shrubbery & re-plant / turf Remove 1 no. tree Plant 4 no.trees	
<u>Area 6 -</u>	Bowling pav area -	Surface area adjacent to fence Remove steel band off wall Plant up area adj footpath (11 M2) / surface	PG Fabrications
<u>Area 7 -</u>	Grassed adj bowls pav -	Remove 3 no. trees Fit hard surface under 2 no. picnic benches	Probation service



		Stain 2 no. picnic benches	Probation service
		Fertilise grassed area	J Bancroft
<u>Area 8 -</u>	Old Comm ctr -	Re-plant 2 no. beds	
		Stain decked area	Probation service
		Paint railings to decked area	Probation service
		Fit new canopy to decked area	
		Fit window baskets/troughs	?
		Paint brick service box	Probation service
		Paint cycle stands	Probation service
<u>Area 9 -</u>	Bowling green -	Skim over concrete steps/safety surface	
		Touch up/paint perimeter fencing	Probation service
		Grass under fence	
<u>Area 10 -</u>	Adj MUGA -	Paint out graffiti/paint on MUGA	Probation service
		Fertilise grassed area	J Bancroft
		Paint service box	Probation service
<u>Area 11 -</u>	RHS Comm ctr -	Replace soil	
		Re-plant shrubbery - 18 M2	
		Surface/stone up area adj fenceline	
<u>Area 12 -</u>	Front Comm ctr -	Remove 1 no. tree	
		Plant 1 no. tree	
		Fertilise grassed area	J Bancroft
<u>Area 13 -</u>	Front Comm ctr -	Replace soil	
		Re-plant - 3 M2	



<u>Area 14 -</u>	Front Comm ctr -	Replace soil Re-plant - 3 M2	
<u>Area 15 -</u>	Front Comm ctr -	Replace soil Re-plant - 3 M2	
<u>Area 16 -</u>	Front Comm ctr window -	Replace soil Re-plant - 21 M2	
<u>Area 17 -</u>	LHS Comm ctr -	Plant 3 no. trees Fertilise grassed area Remove shrubbery & part turf/re-plant Stain benches	J Bancroft Probation service
<u>Area 18 -</u>	Rear Comm ctr/Portugal St -	Stain wooden bin storage area Strim adj grassed area Info re nat area Remove old fence post outside new fencing Paint container green Fit planted trellis to screen container	Probation service PG Fabrications Probation service
<u>Area 19 -</u>	Rear play area -	Strim adj grassed area Info re nat area Remove privets/rhodos etc	Probation service
<u>Area 20 -</u>	Play area -	Paint equipment/remove graffiti where necessary	Daryll Maguire
<u>Area 21 -</u>	Pottinger St side,adj gate	Gap up & move plants	



	-	Top up tree pit (opposite plot) Remove dead tree stump	
<u>Area 22 -</u>	Pottinger St side -	Gap up & move plants	
<u>Area 23 -</u>	Football pitch -	Paint fence Pottinger St side Re-fit edgings along fenceline Remove hard surface/sleeper & turf	Probation service Probation service
	Tree area -	Tree survey Prune/crown lift Remove unwanted vegetation Remove litter/debris etc Weedkill Mulch	Tony Hill Probation service Probation service Probation service
	Adj to tree area -	Re-surface gritstone footpath	Probation service
	Adj to tree area/Portugal St -	Grade level mounded area & turf Paint fence green Fit A frame/kissing gate	Probation service PG Fabrications
<u>Area 24 -</u>	Adj canal side -	Landscape grassed areas/old shrubberies Plant trees/bulbs Re-surface gritstone footpath's Re-site container	Probation service Probation service Cheshire Services



	Paint container green	Probation service
	Fit planted trellis to screen container	Cheshire Services
	Repair wall	
	Fit fencing/gate to canalside	PG Fabrications
	Remove unwanted vegetation incl self seeded trees	Probation service
	Fit 2 no. new gates to perimeter fence	PG Fabrications
	Picnic benches	D.Maguire
	Fit picnic benches with base	Cheshire Services
	Lighting	St lighting
	Landing stage -	British waterways
	Remove unwanted vegetation	
	Refurbish landing stage area	British waterways
<u>General -</u>	Community buildings -	
	Fit window baskets/troughs	
	Plant/flower planters to entrances	
	Remove graffiti from park signage etc	
	Remove epicormic growth from trees	
	Box off trees	
	Tree survey on all park	Tony Hill
	Normal park maintenance - half moon etc	
	Litter/debris pick	Probation service

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Front of park/Pottinger St -	Touch up paint on entrance gate etc	Probation service
Grassed adj bowls pav -	Fit hard surface under 2 no. picnic benches	Probation service
	Stain 2 no. picnic benches	Probation service
Old Comm ctr -	Stain decked area	Probation service
	Paint railings to decked area	Probation service
	Paint brick service box	Probation service
	Paint cycle stands	Probation service
Bowling green -	Touch up/paint perimeter fencing	Probation service
Adj MUGA -	Paint out graffiti/paint on MUGA	Probation service
	Paint service box	Probation service
LHS Comm ctr -	Stain benches	Probation service
Rear Comm ctr/Portugal St -	Stain wooden bin storage area	Probation service
	Paint container green	Probation service
Rear play area -	Remove privets/rhodos etc	Probation service



Football pitch -	Paint fence Pottinger St side	Probation service
	Remove hard surface/sleeper & turf	Probation service
Paint fence green	Probation service	
Tree area -	Remove unwanted vegetation	Probation service
	Remove litter/debris etc	Probation service
	Mulch	Probation service
Adj to tree area -	Re-surface gritstone footpath	Probation service
Adj canal side -	Landscape grassed areas/old shrubberies	Probation service
	Re-surface gritstone footpath's	Probation service
	Paint container green	Probation service
	Remove unwanted vegetation incl self seeded trees	Probation service

Appendix 3 AGMA Questionnaire



AGMA PARKS SURVEY

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	N/A
	Agree			Disagree	Don't Know
There is good access to the park and paths are level and well surfaced					
The park has enough seats, benches and picnic tables					
The flower beds, trees and shrubs are attractive and well maintained					
The park has well maintained sports facilities					
The park has adequate play facilities for children of all ages					
The park has easy to follow signs and notice boards					
The park has adequate and well maintained toilet facilities					
The park is kept tidy and free from litter					
The park is kept free from dog mess					
I feel safe using the park					