

Updates for Mayfield Park for 2011/12

Exciting times for Mayfield Park

- In 2011 the decision was finally made to sell the Park Lodge and the new owners are presently carrying out improvement works before they move in.
- We have been trialling different bedding plants in our seasonal bedding schemes as in recent years we have had a problem with deer eating the geraniums etc.

Improvements to the Park

- Goal posts have been erected to one side of the football pitches and away from the main road so as to cater for children who wish to have a kick about out of the football season.
- Three speed ramps have been installed along the main entrance road leading to the bowling green car park so as to reduce the speed of drivers using the park and hopefully preventing any potential accidents.
- The roadway to the nursery has been resurfaced as it was beginning to become very uneven due to the amount of traffic using it.

Community Involvement

- The Bowling club have continued to promote the park and have provided free starter sessions to the public.

Park events for 2012

- Spring into Action
- Natures Harvest autumn event
- Community fairs
- Mayfield Nursery open days

1.5 Resources Update

1.5.1 Staff

The day to day management and maintenance is undertaken principally by the Mayfield Team within the Parks and Street Cleansing section. The Technical Gardener Richard Cross has overall responsibility of the park. Richard reports to Martin Willcox, the East District Manager. There are now two part time and two full time staff who are all principally employed within the park.

Mayfield continues to be a training centre for NVQ candidates to learn practical skills such as bedding and bowling green maintenance.

1.5.2 Finance and Budget

Budget allocations for the general maintenance have continued broadly in line with those of 2009/10.

Due to the overall financial position of the city council, the service is now tasked with reducing overall spend during 2012/13. This means we will be looking at all our tasks to see if there is a cheaper way to achieve them.

1.6 Community Involvement Update

The local schools continue to contact us so as to place their pupils on work placement programmes working alongside our skilled staff to gain knowledge.

The Bowling club help by maintaining the park furniture by giving them a lick of paint/preservative when required as well as undertaking the decorating of the pavilion.

1.7 User Feedback Update

The results of the latest City Survey conducted in 2010 shows public satisfaction with the city's parks and green spaces to now stand at 91%.

2.3 Specific Objectives for 2012/13

The following key objectives have been derived from the Green Space Strategy, the relevant team business plans and customer feedback and provide a focus for management in 2012/13. Specific actions to address these objectives are identified in the action plan.

- Continue the removal of invasive Laurels and Rhododendron from the woodland bank
- Stop mowing where possible to increase area's of wildlife importance.
- Work with local PCSO's to tackle the problem of horse and cart riding around the sports fields.
- Explore solutions in making good nursery wall.
- Work with the local PCSO's and Park Lodge owners to improve security of the park.

2.5 Green Spaces Policies Relating to Mayfield Park Update

2.5.1 Health and Safety

Three speed ramps were installed along the main drive leading up to the bowling green following complaints from park users of speeding vehicles.

2.5.3 Sustainability

The green waste generated in the park is being chipped and composted and then returned to the park so as to suppress weeds and retain moisture.

Large trunks of trees that are felled are being used to defend areas as well as being used for seating in areas that usually suffer from criminal damage.

3.1 Measuring success and progress towards Green Flag criteria

We recognise our success from the completion of the points from the action plan as listed below.

Welcoming place

- Updating of notice boards takes place on a regular basis

Healthy, safe and secure

- We have established links with the local PCSO's
- The cutting back of vegetation and opening up of sight lines took place in 2010.

Clean and well maintained

- The fencing along Weston Lane has now been renewed.

Sustainability

- The Ground Work Future Funding team have worked with the park staff to cut back etc. along the carriageway.

Conservation and heritage

- We are presently in discussions with the nursery concerning the future of the wall.

3.2 Programme of events

Events within the park this year included:

Spring into Action on 9 April
Orienteering Open Event on 7 July
Natures Harvest on 1 October

All events were publicised through the councils 'what's on' web pages. Events were also listed in City View, the council's flagship magazine that is distributed to all households. The Neighbourhood Services Team also produced a park events leaflet which included [park name] events.