

Green Spaces Audit and Management Plans

Green Space Audit

The Meadows Open Space

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The sense of space, nature and the new play area with views across St Austell Bay create an excellent environment for the community to enjoy
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	Yes
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Extra seating and 2 new picnic tables have been added to the park to take advantage of the views and to provide seating within the play area
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes. The play area has 6 items of play equipment which is more than suitable for a park of this size. There is also a skate ramp, BMX track and small MUGA
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	There is a natural habitat area with wildflower meadow on the site, with mown paths through the long grass
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	The park is serviced 3 times a week which includes litter picking and bin emptying. Due to the area being very popular with dog walkers, there is an issue with dog fouling despite the provision of waste bins
Is the site well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on the site, but hedges, shrubs and trees are maintained on a yearly cycle

Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on site every 3-4 weeks, with the inside of the play cut every 2 weeks
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	Yes. The council has worked in partnership with Urban Buzz Cornwall on creating a pollinator-friendly wild meadow on the lower wild area of the site, planting of hundreds of bulbs and plug plants such as primrose, and is maintained as a meadow with 1 cut at the end of the summer
Management	Comments
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	Yes
Is there community involvement on the park?	Community tree planting and seed sowing days, as well as bug hunts during school holidays
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good. Further 'thinning-out' of boundary trees will increase this and the health of the trees
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	There is occasional high-volumes of litter and use of motorcycles on the park at night
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Not fully as paths need improving. There is an basket swing.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	Wildflower meadow, habitat hotels, and nature trails
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	Will be added in due course
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes. Mulch from tree works is left to rot down on site and/or used for tree planting and flower beds elsewhere, logs from tree works are habitat piled 4 semi-mature trees planted in 2019
Are pesticides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

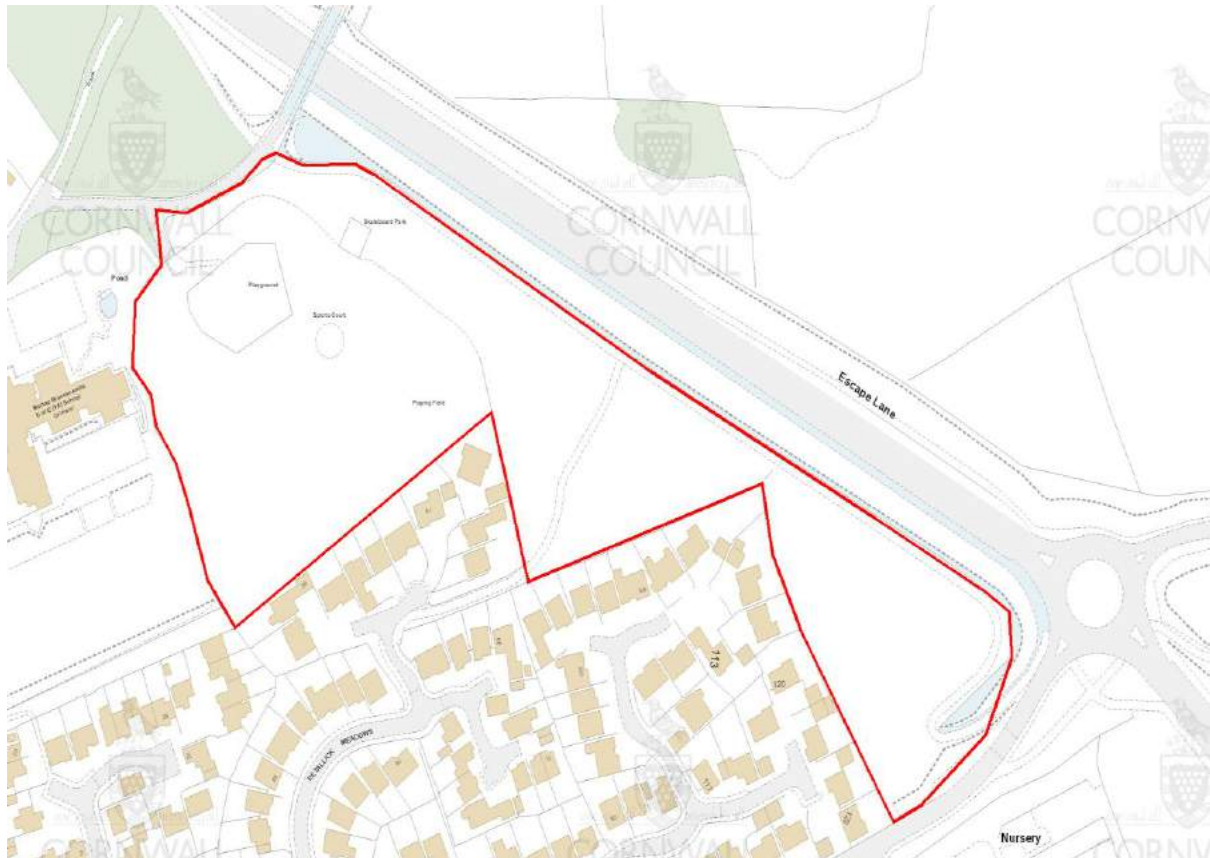
Site Name: The Meadows Open Space

Location: The Meadows Open Space is located at the end of Boscoppa Road, adjoining Bishop Bronescombe Primary School

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 2.57 Ha (6.34 Acres)

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of 1 equipped play area with mixed-age group equipment, 1 Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), a half-pipe skateboard ramp, a landscaped BMX track, nature/dog walking area, wildflower meadow, and an open grassed area.

The park has a cycle path running along the north-western boundary and is home to a number of young trees of varying species.



Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging and stone walling to the northern and western boundary and hedging and fencing along the boundaries with residential properties.

There is vehicle and gated-pedestrian access to the site from Boscoppa Road to the north, 2 entrance points from the cycle path along the north-eastern and south-eastern boundaries, and 2 access points from the Retallick Meadows estate to the south-west.

Currently, the park does not benefit from any internal lighting.

Welcome

The park has general 'welcome' signage at the entrances containing information about the park.

There is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

The park benefits from car parking spaces at the entrance to the site.

Clean and well-maintained

The grounds maintenance team empty the bins and litter pick on the site 3 times a week.

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There are currently 3 litter bins and one dog bin on the park.

The grass is mown every 3 weeks in the main area during the spring/summer season to maintain a well-kept appearance and any arisings are left on site. The wildflower meadow areas are cut yearly, between October and March, and all cuttings are removed.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are carried out by the Town Council's grounds team.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

The Multi-Use Games Area and Skate Ramp is used by local teenagers for informal ball games and wheeled-sports.

The equipped play area provides exercise and play opportunities to children aged 4-11-years old. Generally, the site provides a good space for leisure, recreation, and exercise for the local community.

Community involvement

It is hoped that the wildflower planting initiative with Cornwall Buzz will create community interest and involvement on the site.

Wildlife and biodiversity

Habitat and species surveys have not been carried out on the park. Vegetation works will be carried out in order to enhance the nature conservation interest of the site by creating wild areas and habitats for varying species. This will be in partnership with the Cornwall Buzz Project.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage The Meadows Open Space currently include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, meadow management and certified chainsaw operation.

Sustainable approach

The area to the south east of the site is managed as a wild 'meadow' area, with paths mown through to allow visitors to walk their dogs away from the more formal play and ball games areas. No pesticides are used on this site.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is one locked vehicle access gate.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management, mature shrub pruning and grass cutting. There is no formal planting, as the area maintains a 'natural' feel.

Play equipment

A new play area was installed during the winter of 2017 and included an accessible basket swing. The park is subject to a routine weekly inspection by the Operations Manager. A quarterly Operational Inspection is also undertaken, along with an independent RoSPA annual inspection.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works at The Meadows are carried out by the council's grounds maintenance team. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

All gates in the play area are self-closing to ensure safety and are regularly checked to ensure they are in the correct working condition.

Coppicing of dense trees and shrubs around northern boundary to improve visibility and sight-lines.

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible. Possible addition of kissing-gates and bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicle access

Welcome

Signage to this site needs improvement. The signs on entrances and the play area gates are adequate, but signs that clearly state where the park is could be added to encourage more people to use the park.

Clean and well-maintained

Current arrangements to be kept under review.

Health and well-being

The MUGA, green space and play areas provide an important opportunity for exercise, especially for young people. Usage of the BMX track should be promoted as it is a real asset on the site.

Signs highlighting the cycle path need to be reinstated/added to encourage more use.

Community involvement

Going forward, the formation of a Friends of The Meadows group would be beneficial to the future management of the park. The wildflower meadow and nature areas would benefit from increased community involvement in future in order to be sustainably managed.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a recently qualified horticulture apprentice to add to the skill set of the grounds maintenance team. Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Improve signage	To improve awareness of the park, its features and promote climate change values including cycling	Operations Manager to review and procure suitable signage.	Spring 2021
Further enhance the 'green' credentials of the park, perhaps by extending the areas of wildflower into the lower section of the park	Increase bio-diversity of the site	Operations Manager to assess suitability of further potential wildflower areas in conjunction with Making Space for Nature	Summer 2021
Formation of a Friends of The Meadows group	To give the community a greater voice in how the site is managed in the future, and to utilise volunteer working	Operations Manager to continue working with Claire Taylor to form group and generate local interest	Summer 2022
Creation of a Tree Trail around the conservation areas	Added interest points for visitors to the park	Operations Manager to work with Claire Taylor/Making Space for Nature	Summer 2022

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Improve accessibility of the site.	To improve access to the park for people of all abilities.	Operations Manager to review: • Footpaths throughout the site • Play equipment • Picnic tables • Car Parking	Summer 2025
To enhance and maintain the quality and quantity of trees on the site	To assist with the climate change agenda.	Continue to plan and maintain trees as per the Town Council's Tree Policy	Ongoing
Play equipment	To maintain a wide range of play equipment for all ages and abilities.	Continue to maintain, replace and enhance play equipment as opportunities arise. Consider provision of accessible play equipment.	Ongoing

Green Space Audit

Prince Charles Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner - Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	No. The site is situated in the centre of a housing estate, and despite having a good-quality play area, is currently underused
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	No. The site is bordered on all sides by chain-link fencing and overlooked by residential properties
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	No
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	The Town Council empties the bins and litter picks the area three times a week. The site is generally litter-free, but there is clear evidence of frequent dog fouling.
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes. However the seating and fencing are in need of painting
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on the site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle

Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	No
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	There are occasional Community Days held here
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	High. Graffiti, fly tipping, broken glass and damage to fencing.
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Yes. As above.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Access to and through the site is good. There is an accessible swing.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Not currently
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	None of this site is managed as a natural habitat
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A

Management Plan

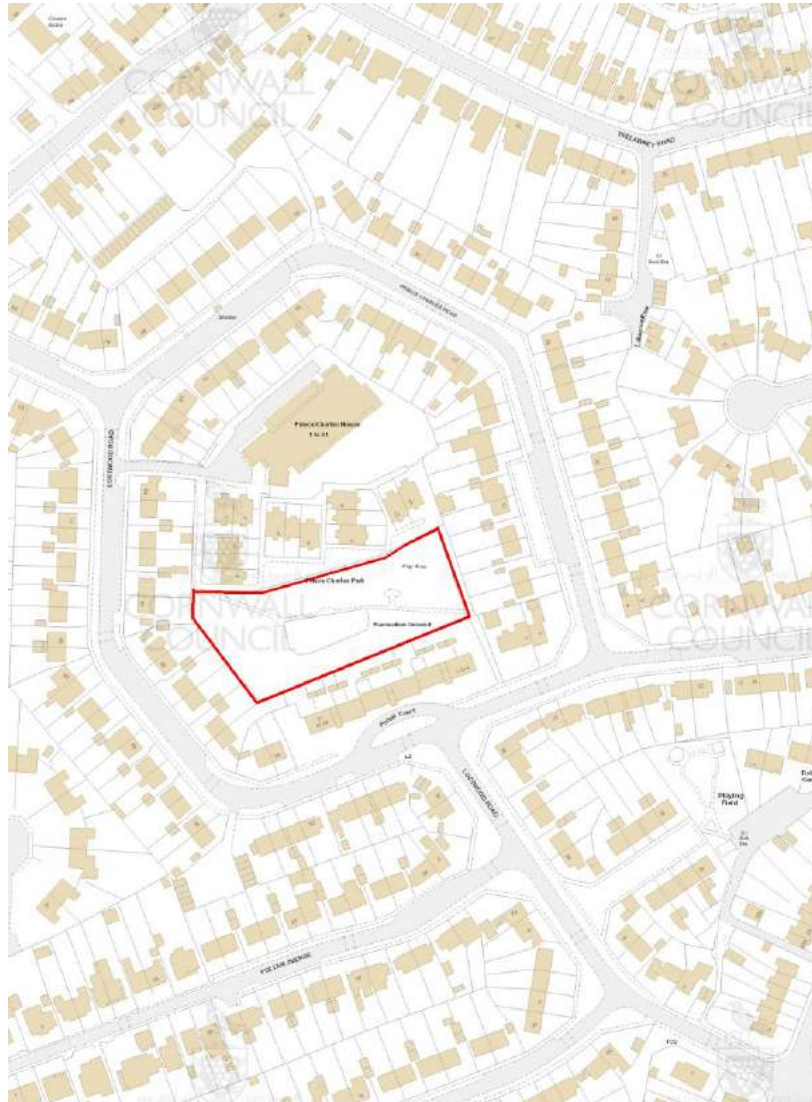
Site Name: Prince Charles Park

Location: Lostwood Road St Austell

Council Ward: Poltair

Site Area: 0.4 Hectares

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of 1 equipped play area with mixed-age group equipment, a fully accessible tarmac path, a seating shelter and 2 benches, and a medium-sized grassed area.



Prince Charles Park April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by chain-link fencing on all sides.

There is vehicle and pedestrian access to the site from the north, and there is pedestrian access via a tarmac path from the south.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site is carried out by the Town Council.

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There are currently 2 litter bins on site.

The grass is mown every 3 weeks in the main area during the spring/summer season to maintain a well-kept appearance and any arisings are left on site.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Community involvement

There is currently no community involvement on the park.

Wildlife and biodiversity

N/A

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Prince Charles Park include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, and certified chainsaw operation.

Sustainable approach

There is zero pesticide use on this site.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is one locked vehicle access gate.

Horticultural Management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play Equipment

The play equipment on this site is in a satisfactory condition.

Arboriculture Management

Arboriculture works at Prince Charles Park are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

All gates in the play area are self-closing to ensure safety and are regularly checked to ensure they are in the correct working condition.
The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

The park is underused and frequently suffers from vandalism. Work could be done to enhance the welcoming feel by adding signage and soft-landscaping elements.

Clean and well-maintained

Keep current waste management arrangements under review.

Community involvement

N/A

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Prince Charles Park include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, and certified chainsaw operation.

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Improve incidents of anti-social behaviour in the park	To improve community engagement and install more pride	Work closely with Ocean and residents' association to improve the fencing and encourage community activities.	2025
Improve signage	To make the park more welcoming and informative.	Operations Manager to procure signage when anti social behaviour has improved	2025
To enhance and maintain the quality and quantity of trees on the site	To assist with the climate change agenda.	Continue to plan and maintain trees as per the Town Council's Tree Policy	Ongoing.

Green Space Audit

Sandy Hill Park

- **Audit undertaken by:** Steve Skinner
- **Position:** Operations Manager
- **Date audit undertaken:** September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The redevelopment of the park in 2018 made use of the undulating topography of the site to create an excellent play area
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	The site is bordered by low stone walling and bow-top fencing
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	The "landscape play" features of the play area
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Mainly
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on the site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	There are occasional Community Days organised by a local member
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good

What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional complaints from the neighbouring properties.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	The path and seating meet accessibility guidelines. Not all play equipment is accessible and the site is on a hill.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	Eight trees have been planted in the fenced off area and a section is managed as a wild flower area.
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	No
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes.

Management Plan

Site Name: Sandy Hill Park

Location: Junction of Bethel Road and Menear Road, St Austell

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 1.2 acres (0.48 hectares)

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of 1 equipped play area with mixed-age group equipment, a fully accessible tarmac path, 2 picnic tables, 1 recycled-materials bench and a wildflower area.

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging and steel palisade fencing to the west, stone hedge along the northern boundary, and a low stone wall bordering the east and south boundary.

There is vehicle and gated-pedestrian access to the site from Menear Road to the east, and 2 gated pedestrian entrances from the south and east.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

The park has general 'welcome' signage at the lower end containing information about the park.

There is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

Waste management on this site is carried out by the Town Council.

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There are currently 2 litter bins on site.

The grass is mown every 3 weeks in the main area during the spring/summer season to maintain a well-kept appearance and any arisings are left on site. The wildflower meadow areas are cut once yearly, between October and March, and all cuttings are removed.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

The recently upgraded timber play area provides 'natural' exercise and play opportunities to children aged 4-11-years old. Generally, the site provides a good space for leisure, recreation, and exercise for the local community, and has proved to be very popular with all age groups since it was refurbished.

Community involvement

It is hoped that the wildflower planting initiative with Cornwall Urban Buzz during 2018 will continue to create community interest and involvement on the site.

Wildlife and biodiversity

Habitat and species surveys have not been carried out on the park. Vegetation works will be carried out in order to enhance the nature conservation interest of the site by creating wild areas and habitats for varying species. This will be in partnership with the Cornwall Buzz Project.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Sandy Hill Park include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, meadow management and certified chainsaw operation.

Sustainable approach

The area inside the fenced-off section, and the small wildflower meadow adjacent, are managed sustainably by carrying out one cut per year and removing the cuttings. No pesticides are used on this site.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is one locked vehicle access gate.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting, so the area maintains a 'natural' feel.

Play equipment

A new play area was installed during 2018. The park is subject to a routine weekly inspection by the Operations Manager. A quarterly Operational Inspection is also undertaken, along with an independent RoSPA annual inspection.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works at Sandy Hill are carried out by the Council's grounds maintenance team. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

All gates in the play area are self-closing to ensure safety and are regularly checked to ensure they are in the correct working condition.

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

Due to the low boundary walls providing excellent visibility and the recent refurbishment using attractive timber for the equipment, the park provides a welcoming feel to all who visit.

Clean and well-maintained

The current waste management arrangements will be kept under review.

Health and well-being

The new play area was designed to utilise the natural contours of the site, and most of the play equipment is net and climbing-based. This encourages very active play amongst children that use it.

Community involvement

Up until the refurbishment of the park, there was an active Friends of Sandy Hill Park group. Upon completion of the refurbishment however, the group decided to disband. Money from the groups past fund-raising efforts was transferred to the Town Council to spend on the park, and a new bench made from recycled materials was purchased and installed in 2019.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a recently-qualified horticulture apprentice to add to the skill set of the grounds maintenance team. Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Future Action Points

Further seating and the addition of more seating would be beneficial, as the park can get very busy at peak times such as summer holidays.

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Add more seating to the park	To accommodate the increasing numbers of people who use the park	Operations Manager to procure suitable sustainable seating.	Summer 2022

Green Space Audit

Truro Road Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The huge variety of mature trees, the historic bandstand, planting and the well-equipped play area provide excellent amenity value
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	Yes
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	Historic bandstand
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Dog fouling is an issue on this site
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	The bandstand has recently been refurbished
Is the planting well-maintained?	Yes, but more frequent maintenance on the beds is needed
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	Yes
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	N/A
Management	Comments
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	Yes
Is there community involvement on the park?	There is a Friends group, and several local charities regularly carry out community litter picks in the area
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Low
What are the levels of vandalism?	Occasional

Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Discarded needles have been found on site on several occasions, along with large amounts of litter and alcohol bottles. The park can be a congregational point for anti-social behaviour.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Partially. Not all of the park is accessible by a wheelchair. There is an basket swing.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Mulch from tree works is reused on flower beds
Are herbicides used on this site?	Occasional use to control weeds on hard surfaces

Management Plan

Site description:

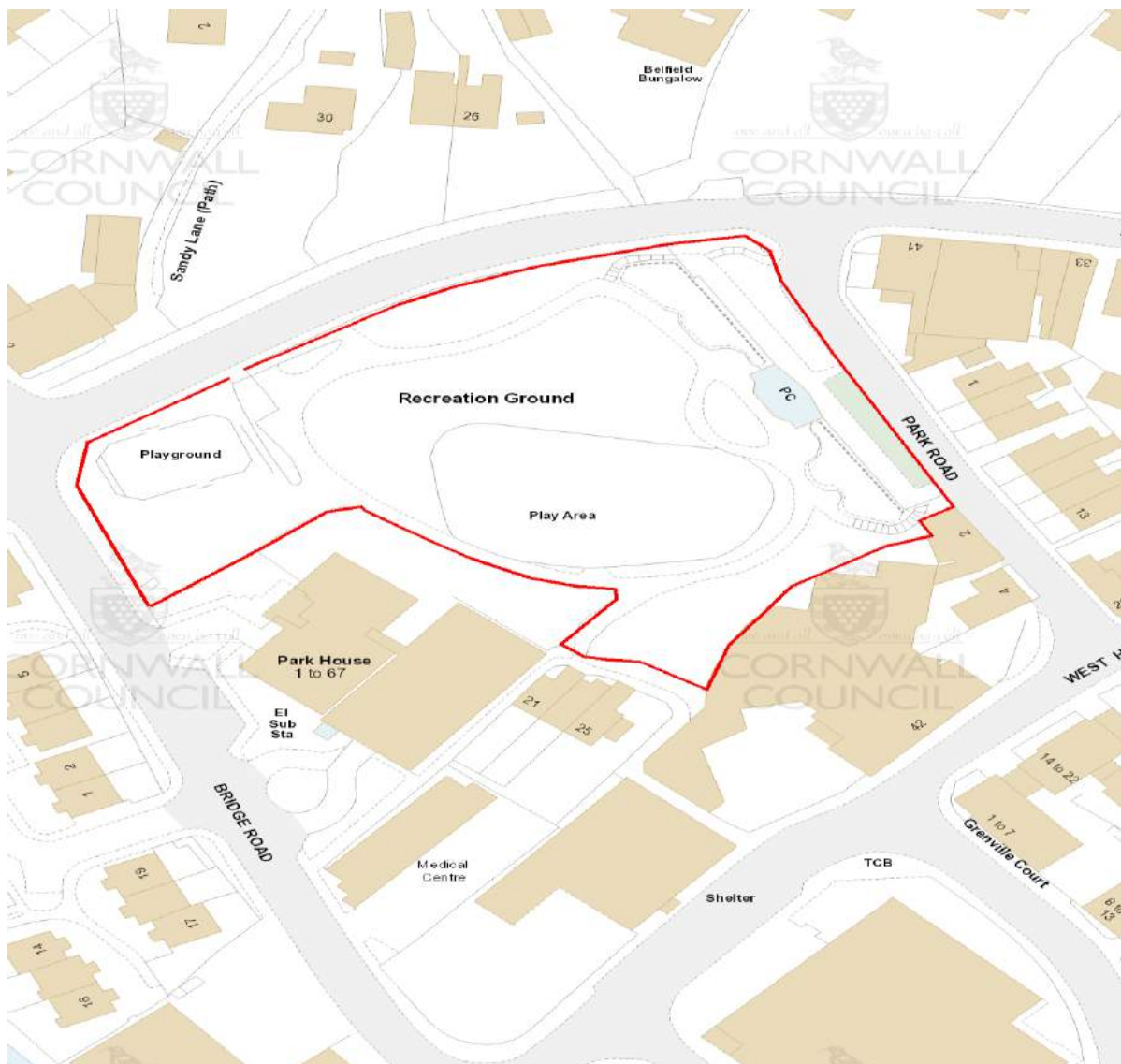
Site Name: Truro Road Park

Location: Truro Road Park is bordered to the north by Truro Road, to the east by Park Road and to the south by Bridge Road.

Council Ward: Gover

Site Area: 2.01Ha (4.97 acres)

Management: The site is owned by St Austell Town Council and managed by the Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.



Site Features

The site contains 1 mixed age-group play area, adult fitness equipment, a Multi-Use Games Area, a large open green space and a bandstand. This park is bordered on all sides by a number of large, mature trees of varying species, and is located within a Conservation Area.



Truro Road Park March 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Topography

From a sloped embankment to the east adjoining Park Road, the site slopes gently west towards Bridge Road.

Drainage and flooding

Due to the park being located below the surrounding ground level, the ground does not drain easily and can become saturated, although no severe flooding occurs.

Services

There are no services on the site.

Current management

Safe and secure

There is secure boundary fencing along the southern boundary with Parkhouse Flats, ornamental railing fencing with gated access at the eastern boundary with Park Road, a large retaining wall with gated access along the northern boundary with Truro Road, and gated access from Bridge Road. There are also self-closing gates at each of the entrances to the play area.

Currently, the park does not benefit from internal lighting, but there is CCTV on Truro Road which partially covers the park, and also a camera overlooking the park on the roof of the adjoining block of flats.

Welcome

The park currently has no general 'welcome' signage at the entrances, although there is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The volume of litter on site can be substantial. The grounds maintenance team litter pick and empty the bins on the site 3 times a week. Discarded sharps such as needles are routinely found here and disposed of in a safe and correct manner by the Council's grounds maintenance team, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There are currently 4 mixed-use bins on site.

The grass is mown 2-3 weekly to maintain a tidy appearance, and shrubberies are maintained as and when needed. There are no bedding flowers on site due to previous problems with vandalism.

The large embankment area around the bandstand was planted with flowering shrubs and bulbs during 2018.

The trees are safety-inspected on an annual basis to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a healthy tree stock.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded operational inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

The Multi-Use Games Area is used by local teenagers for informal ball games and The equipped play areas and green space provide exercise and play opportunities for younger children. The entire layout of the site provides space for leisure, recreation, and exercise for the whole community.

Community involvement

The recently-formed Friends of Truro Road Park' group has provided an opportunity for greater community involvement and partnership working in future. Community Days organised by the Cornwall Councillor for Gover are held on the park annually.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance is carried out by St Austell Town Council's Grounds Maintenance staff.

Structural, arboriculture and play equipment maintenance is carried out by approved contractors on behalf of the town council as and when required.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Truro Road Park currently include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, and shrub maintenance. Long-term, it would be beneficial for the grounds maintenance team to obtain arboricultural skills to inspect and maintain the trees 'in-house'. Training staff in play equipment inspection is also needed.

Trees

There are 28 trees of varying species on the park, ranging in age from very young to veteran.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by either the town council's grounds maintenance team or an approved contractor, depending on the nature of the works required. An annual Tree Safety Survey is conducted in order to help the council manage its tree stock safely and sustainably.

As the park is within a Conservation Area, any works to trees require St Austell Town Council to gain permission from Cornwall Council before being undertaken.

Sustainability

The site is managed with only sporadic use of pesticides (once or twice per year). The weeds are occasionally controlled with the use of Glyphosate on the hard surfaces. Mulch from trees works carried out by town council staff is reused on flower beds where possible.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites. An unregistered charity exists for the management of this site.

Horticultural management

All horticultural management adheres to the standards set in the council's Service Delivery Standards, and the council aim to improve these standards year on year.

Play equipment

The park is inspected weekly by the Operations Manager due to the large amount of play equipment on the site. There is also an ongoing issue with anti-

social behaviour at the park. All sites are subject to in-depth Operational Inspections by the Operations Manager every 3 months, and an independent RoSPA inspection annually. All inspections (routine, operational and annual) are recorded and kept on file.

Access gates

There is one locked access gate, which the town council hold keys to.

Future Management

Safe and secure

A large sycamore tree is regularly tested and monitored as it is deemed to be nearing the end of life.

Ongoing basic maintenance of play equipment, gates and furniture will keep the park to a good standard.

Welcome

Signage both to, and at, this site needs improvement. The signs on the play area gates are adequate, but vibrant and interesting entrance signs that clearly state what the park has to offer need to be added.

Clean and well-maintained

Continued enhancement of horticulture in the park is planned, with the addition of further flowering shrubs on the embankment and spring bulbs.

Sustainable approach

Maintain minimal use of pesticides on the site. Use of compostable materials such as mulch on flower beds. Addition of recycled-plastic seating when replacing old timber benches.

Health and well-being

The MUGA, green space, fitness equipment and play area provide an important opportunity for exercise, especially for young people. If the MUGA is not being used to its full potential, wider use could be encouraged through working with local youth groups and fitness organisations.

Community involvement

The Town Council have worked with the Probation Service, who carried out maintenance works on the park during 2017. However, there is capacity for increased community involvement. Better links could be established with local community groups and sports organisations and it is hoped the formation of the Friends of Truro Road Park group will contribute to this.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a skilled horticultural team and is in the process of recruiting two apprentices.

Issues that need to be addressed in future

- . Regular discarding of used needles within the park
- . Dog fouling
- . Vandalism
- . Increasing community use of the park

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Monitor large sycamore tree in the north corner of the site.	To maintain site safety for all users.	Operations Manager to liaise regularly with Cornwall Council's tree officers.	December 2020/ongoing
Restoration of embankment flower bed	To further enhance the overall appearance of the park and to add colour to the area.	Operations Manager to liaise with Probations Team and Community Groups to help maintain the embankment.	Ongoing
Reduce the ASB in the park	To make it feel more welcoming and better used	Undertake some work with Young People Cornwall and local community groups to generate activities in the park	Summer 2022/23

Green Space Audit

Woodland Road (Mount Charles) Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The addition of the new play area has transformed not only the appearance, but the feel of the park
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	The park is bordered by mature trees, shrubs and dry-stone walling, all in good condition
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	No
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Occasional litter and dog fouling incidents
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on this park
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is there any other community involvement on the site?	The site is jointly-used by Mount Charles School
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No

Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Occasional
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional incidents, such as discarded beers cans and bottles and setting fire of bamboo.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Access good. 1 x basket swing and a picnic table suitable for wheel chairs.
Does signage communicate effectively?	No
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

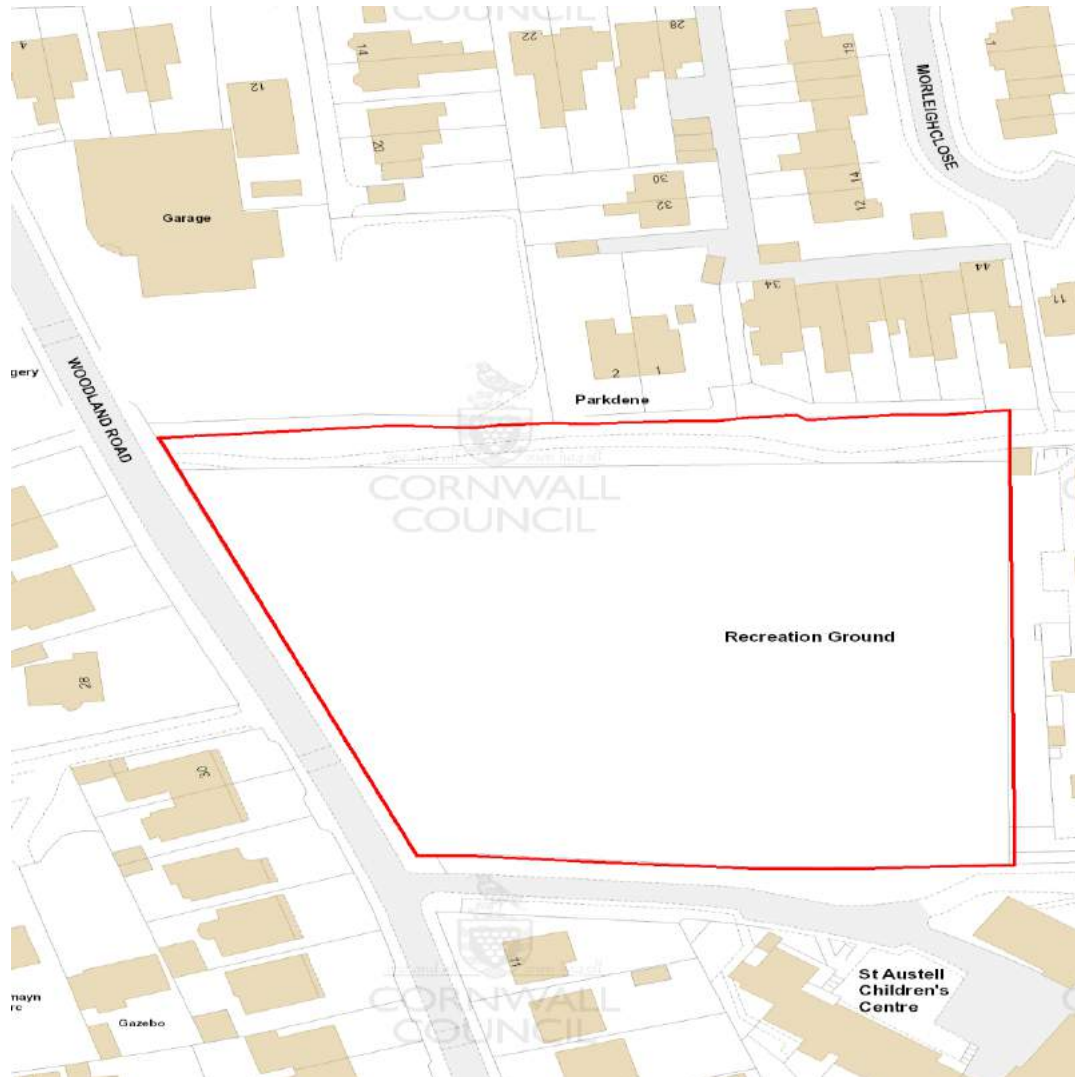
Site Name: Woodland Road Park

Location: Woodland Road, adjacent to Mount Charles School

Council Ward: Mount Charles

Site Area: 2.48 Acres (1 Hectare)

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of 1 equipped play area with mixed-age group equipment, a fully accessible tarmac path, 2 picnic tables, 1 bench. There is an informal joint use agreement with Mount Charles school for the use of the playing field.



Woodland Road Park August 2017
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging and metal fencing, with a Cornish stone hedge along the south boundary.

There is vehicle and gated-pedestrian access to the site from Woodland Road and 2 gated pedestrian entrances from the public footpath from the north.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020.

Dogs are banned from this park under the Cornwall Council Public Space Protection Order 2020 (control of dogs).

There are currently 2 mixed-use litter bins on site.

The grass is mown every 2 weeks in the main area during the spring/summer season to maintain a well-kept appearance and ensure that the school have a satisfactory surface to use for games/PE.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

The recently upgraded timber play area provides 'natural' exercise and play opportunities to children aged 4-11-years old. Generally, the site provides a good space for leisure, recreation, and exercise for the local community, and has proved to be very popular with all age groups since it was refurbished.

Wildlife and biodiversity

There is zero pesticide use in the maintenance of Woodland Road Park.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Woodland Road Park include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is one locked vehicle access gate.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

A new play area was installed during 2018. The park is subject to a routine weekly inspection by the Operations Manager. A quarterly Operational Inspection is also undertaken, along with an independent RoSPA annual inspection.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

All gates in the play area are self-closing to ensure safety and are regularly checked to ensure they are in the correct working condition. The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

Due to the low boundary walls providing excellent visibility and the recent refurbishment using attractive timber for the equipment, the park provides a welcoming feel to all who visit.

Clean and well-maintained

The Council will keep the current arrangements under review.

Health and well-being

Most of the play equipment is net and climbing-based. This encourages very active play amongst children that use it.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a recently-qualified horticulture apprentice to add to the skill set of the grounds maintenance team.

Future Action Points

There is a need to formalise the joint use agreement with Mount Charles School and explore further tree planting opportunities,

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/task	Target date
Formalise joint use agreement with Mount Charles School.	Safeguard the future of the park for public and school use.	Town Clerk to liaise with Mount Charles School.	Summer 2021
Explore opportunities for Tree Planting	To meet the Town Council's climate change commitments and improve drainage.	Operations Manager to procure suitable trees	Winter 2021

Green Space Audit

Poltair Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. Poltair is the most popular park in the town, with a large amount of play equipment for children of all ages
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundaries are mostly stone hedging and mature trees and shrubs
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	The large 'Helter Skelter' play area stands out and is very unique to Poltair Park. Poltair Park Café opened for the summer months of 2020.
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	The park is cleansed 3 times a week which includes litter picking and bin emptying. There are signs on the play area gates informing users that dogs are prohibited in the play area. Dog fouling is an occasional issue on the site
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes. However the old toilet block on the eastern boundary is in disrepair and needs to be demolished
Is the planting well-maintained?	Yes
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	Yes. The park is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	Yes. A small wildflower area has been seeded and will be managed as a meadow
Management	Comments
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Does the site have dedicated staff based on site?	No

Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	There are signs with contact information on each entrance gate to the play area
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	Yes
Is there community involvement on the park?	Community fun days are held once a year on the park
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Occasional
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Discarded sharps are frequently found on this site and occasional vandalism
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines?	Yes. All play areas are accessible with 2 items of accessible play equipment (basket swing and wheelchair roundabout). The main paths through the park are accessible by wheelchairs. Only one path has street lighting. There is an accessible toilet in the café which is available to the public when the cafe open.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	A small wildflower area has been created and will be sustainably managed as a wild meadow
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	Signage explaining this should be erected next to the wildflower area
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Pesticide use is kept to a minimum and mulch is reused on flower beds

Management Plan

Site description

Location: Poltair Park is bordered to the north by Trevarthian Road, and to the south by Carlyon Road.

Council Ward: Poltair

Site Area: 2.01Ha (4.97 acres)

Management: The site is owned by St Austell Town Council, and maintained by the Town Council's grounds maintenance staff

Site Features

The site comprises of 1 fully-equipped junior play area, 1 fully-equipped toddlers play area, 1 fenced skate park, 1 fenced Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), an open, grassed recreation area, a Bowling Club and adjoining car park for use by the bowling club only. There is a café with an accessible toilet operated during the spring/summer months.

The park is intersected by footpaths lined with mature trees and is a popular cut through for local residents and students at the nearby Poltair School and Cornwall Council.



Topography

The park slopes from Trevarthian Road to the north, gradually south down to Carlyon Road.

Drainage and flooding issues

Overall, drainage on Poltair Park is poor. From the north entrance by St Austell Bowling Club, rainwater runs down to the flat grassed 'roundabout' by the cafe and occasionally causes pooling. A bridge and drainage have been installed at the roundabout to allow pedestrians to cross and avoid any water logged areas.

Safe and secure

There is secure boundary fencing and Cornish hedging with mature trees and shrubs to all sides, with 1 entrance from Trevarthian Road to the north (includes vehicle access to Bowling Club car park), and 2 pedestrian access points (one with traffic barrier) from Carlyon Road to the south.

The installation of the new café included some internal lighting on the section of path alongside the skateboard park. A CCTV camera was also installed which covers the southside of the park. An internal CCTV camera is also located in the café.

Welcome

The park currently has no general 'welcome' signage at the entrances. Once the proposed kiosk/toilets project has been completed, signage with a site map at each of the entrances is planned.

There is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, the number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

As this park is the most popular and well-used in the town, the volume of litter can be substantial. The grounds maintenance team litter pick and empty the bins on the site 3 times per week, but also litter pick before mowing the grass on the site.

Any sharps/drugs paraphernalia discoveries are disposed of safely by council staff and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

The grass is mown fortnightly during the summer months to maintain an almost formal appearance, and the flower beds and shrubberies are maintained on the same cycle as the grass cutting.

The flower beds are planted with seasonal bedding flowers to add to the perennial planting already in place in the beds.

The trees are safety-inspected on an annual basis to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors. A report is then produced of the inspector's findings, and any repairs and maintenance are carried out in accordance with the recommendations in the report.

Health and Well-being

The Multi-Use Games Area and the Skate Park are well-used by local children and adults alike and the well-equipped play areas provide excellent exercise and play opportunities to younger children.

Community involvement

A local nursery organises a fun day on the park once a year, and the bowls club on site is very popular with the local community. The town council also work with the Rotary Club to plant bulbs in the park every November. Ad hoc fitness groups use the park throughout the year.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Poltair Park include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, and shrub maintenance. Long-term, it would be beneficial for the grounds maintenance team to obtain arboriculture skills to inspect and maintain the trees 'in-house'.

Sustainability

The site is generally managed with only sporadic use of pesticides (Glyphosate) to treat the weeds on the hard surfaces. The Town Council continually monitor the market for non-chemical alternatives to weed control and hope to eventually achieve zero-use of pesticides on its parks and open spaces.

Mulch from trees works carried out by Town Council staff is re-used on flower beds where possible.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Town Council's Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites. Part of the park is subject to a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission. There is no funding from this source.

Horticultural management

All horticultural management is carried out by the Town Council's grounds staff, who have many years' experience in amenity horticulture. This work adheres to the high standards set in the council's Service Delivery Standards, and the council aim to improve these year on year.



Play equipment

Poltair Park is routinely inspected weekly by the Operations Manager who is RPII-registered to carry out inspections of children's playgrounds. All sites are subject to in-depth Operational Inspections by the Operations Manager every 3 months, and an independent RoSPA inspection annually. All inspections (routine, operational and annual) are recorded and kept on file.

Trees and Arboriculture management

There are 33 trees within the boundary of the park, of varying size and species.

Arboriculture works are carried out by either the Town Council's grounds maintenance team or an approved contractor, depending on the nature of the works required. An annual Tree Safety Survey is conducted in order to help the council manage its tree stock safely and sustainably.

Access

There is only one vehicle access gate, which both the town council and bowls club hold keys to.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The addition of lighting within the park has improved safety for anybody passing through the park at night.

Demolition of the old toilet block should be a priority, as the area attracts litter and anti-social behaviour, as well as being a blot on the landscape.

Welcome

Signage needs improvement. The signs on the play area gates are adequate and compliant, but vibrant and interesting entrance signs that clearly state what the park has to offer should be added in due course.

Clean and well-maintained

Further enhancement of the horticulture within the park is required in order to maintain and improve upon the 4* Pride in Parks South West in Bloom award. Potential to install a recycled plastic picnic table in outside the skateboard park. Repairs to safety surfacing in the next 12 months is required, and a long-term play equipment replacement plan should be devised. The existing play equipment is in fairly good condition, but budgetary provisions should be made to replace it in the next 8-10 years.

Health and well-being

The MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), Skate Park, green open space and play areas provide an important opportunity for exercise, especially for young people. If the MUGA is not being used to its full potential, wider use could be encouraged through partnerships with local youth groups, café operators, social prescribing and health and fitness organisations.

Community involvement

The Town Council will hopefully continue to work with the Probation Service on future projects. There is also a very positive and proactive relationship with St Austell Bowls Club.

However, there is a need for increased community involvement at Poltair Park. Better links could be established with local community groups and sports organisations and the formation of a Friends of Poltair Park group should be explored, in order to assist with the continued improvement and management of the park.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council is recruiting horticultural apprentices. The apprentices will be given the opportunity to help shape the future of Poltair Park.



St Austell Town Council grounds staff in Poltair Park November 2017
Photo: Paul Williams

Sustainable approach

The council will continue to maintain minimal use of pesticides on site. Switching from knapsack use to Nomix TDC will enhance this, as less chemical will be dispersed on application. Use of composted materials on flower beds where possible and recycling of plants and shrubs from other sites has also been introduced.

Further tree planting in and around the large grass area will also be looked at in due course.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Replace safety surfacing	Maintain safety standards	Operations Manager to identify further areas	March 2021
Make safe or demolish old toilet block.	Eradicate anti-social behaviour and grog spot.	Town Clerk and Operations Manager to liaise with adjoining neighbours	Spring 2021
Explore sustainable operational arrangements for Poltair Cafe	To provide a much needed facility and enhance the enjoyment of the park at little cost to the Council.	Review operational arrangements with the current tenants in Spring 2021	Spring 2021

Improvement of horticulture displays within the park	To continue to achieve 4 stars or higher in the South West in Bloom awards	Operations Manager to review judges' comments to plan suggested improvements	Summer 2021
Improvement entrance signage	To make the park more welcoming	Operations Manager to design new signage	March 2022
Formation of a Friends of Poltair Park group	To actively involve the local community in the future management of the park	Operations Manager to liaise with Edible St Austell.	Summer 2024
Promotion of health and well-being and outdoor fitness	For the park to be used by local fitness groups and health organisations for outdoor fitness classes etc.	Operations Manager to liaise with Social Prescribing, Young People Cornwall and GLL.	Summer 2024
Improve lighting and pathways	To make the park feel safer and more accessible	Town Clerk to identify potential funding sources	Financial Year 2025/26

Green Space Audit

Thornpark Road Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The park is very well equipped and provides a good place to play within the housing estate
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	The site is bordered mainly by bow-top galvanised fencing
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	The park has received 'Pockets Parks' funding and a small garden with raised beds and seating, along with a copper beech hedge, has been installed
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	Yes
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	Yes
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	As a result of the funding received for this site, the Lions and Rotary Clubs have been involved in painting play equipment and fencing, and the planting of a small hedge
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes

Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Very good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	No
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines.	Partial. Good access but no accessible play equipment.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	A small area will be managed for wildflower in 2021.
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes. Chippings have been reused as mulch for the Beech hedging
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

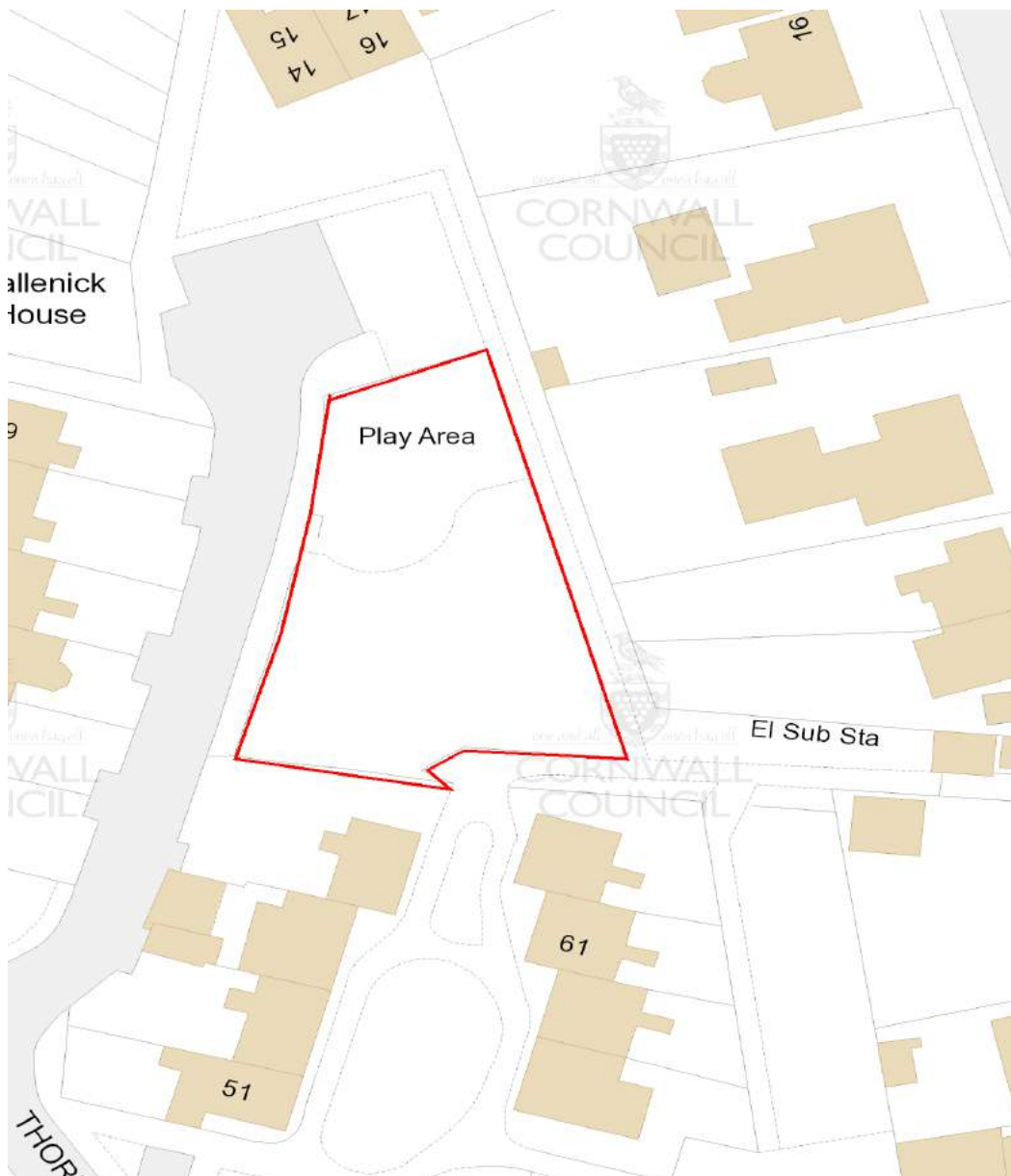
Site Name: Thornpark Road Play Area

Location: Thornpark Road, St Austell PL25 4DP

Council Ward: Poltair

Site Area: 0.2 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

Fully equipped play area, formal and wildflower planting, ornamental hedging, and seating.



Thompark Play Area April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by galvanised steel bow-top fencing on all sides.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

As part of a "green" project on the park in 2019, members of the Lions and Rotary Clubs helped to plant 190 Beech trees to create a hedge around the fence line. The Rotary Club also painted the play equipment in the park.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free, and a small area has been designated for the seeding of wildflowers.

Trees

The 190 Beech trees will be managed as a hedge at 1.2m high.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance is carried out by St Austell Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.

Play equipment maintenance is carried out by approved contractors on behalf of the Town Council.

All site management and litter clearance are carried out as specified in the Service Delivery Standards for Parks and Open Spaces outlined below:

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves hedge management and grass cutting, as well as the maintenance of the wildflower and raised flower beds planting.

Play equipment

The site comprises of a play area containing swings, seesaws, spring rockers and a junior multi-play unit with slide. There is no accessible equipment in this park.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

As well as the fencing, there are self-closing gates at the east and south entrances to the park.

Welcome

Completion of the greening project will provide park users with a far more colourful and welcoming experience.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council will keep the waste management arrangements under review.

Health and well-being

N/A

Community involvement

It is hoped that Lions and Rotary Clubs will continue to help out on future projects in the park. It is hoped that some sponsorship will be obtained to assist with the maintenance of the flower beds.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council is recruiting 2 apprentices who will assist with the maintenance of this park.

Future Action Points

Installation of picnic table to provide additional seating.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Install a picnic table to provide additional seating	To encourage the park to be better used	Secure funding	December 2020 (complete)
Repair the slide	To make the slide safer and give it longevity	Town Clerk to obtain approval from Community Committee.	February 2021

Green Space Audit

Woodland Close Open Space

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	The space offers greening opportunities.
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	Fruit trees and shrubs have been planted around the boundaries to improve the aesthetics of the site
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	There is one seat located at this site. The site would benefit from additional seating if greening improvements are carried out.
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	No. The area would benefit from the addition of sustainable planting areas.
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	No
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	The park is generally free of litter, however dog fouling and fly-tipping of shopping trollies is an ongoing issue
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on this site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	No
Is the site fit for purpose?	No
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	A community planting day was held by Edible St Austell and around 9 fruit trees and shrubs were planted
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes

Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	There are no community events held on the park
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Occasional
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	No
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines.	Poor access and pathways.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	In 2021, 4 small sections of the park will be seeded with wildflower, and 4 trees will be planted amongst each wildflower section to create an enhanced green space
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	An interpretation board will be installed in due course.
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

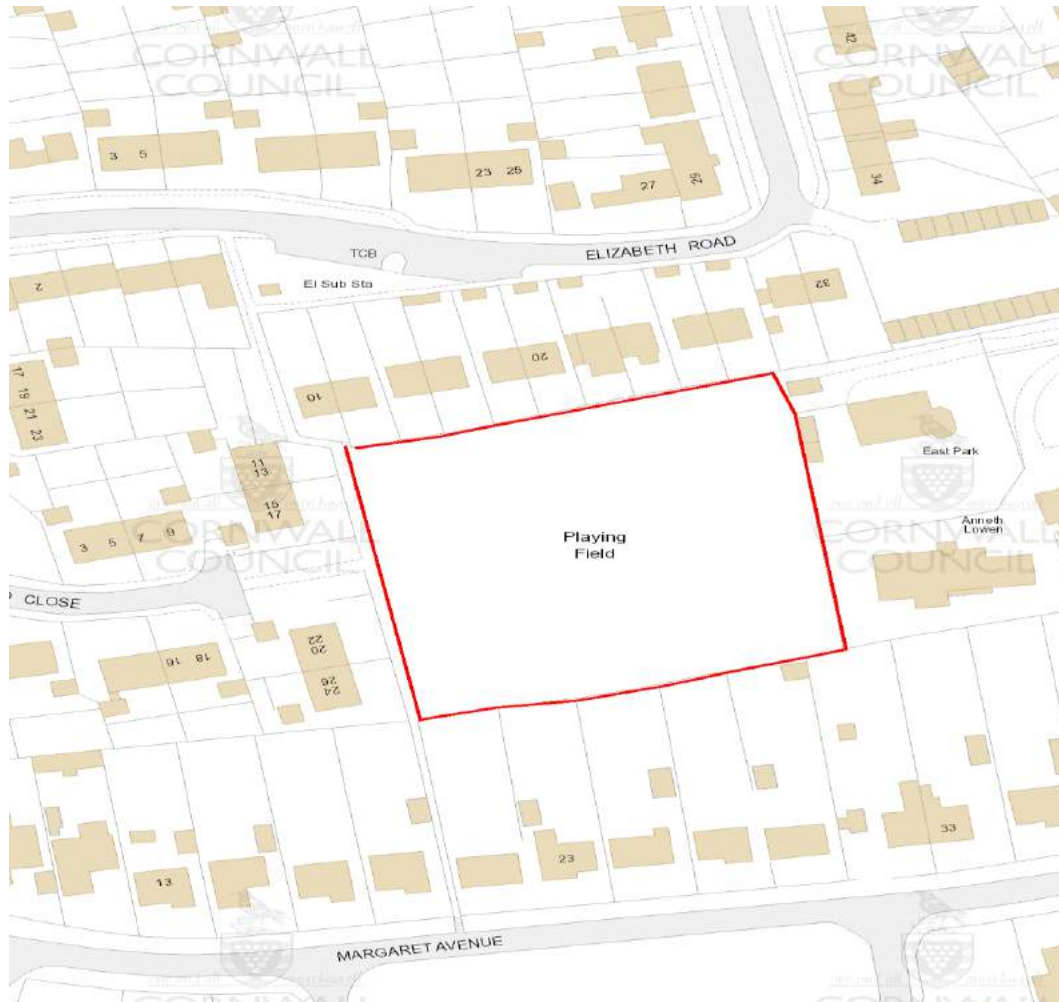
Site Name: Woodland Close Park

Location: Woodland Close, St Austell

Council Ward: Mount Charles

Site Area: 1.04 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of 1 set of swings, a pair of football goals, a bench and a litter bin.



Woodland Close Open Space April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging on the southern boundary, a Cornish hedge on the northern boundary and block walling to the east. Pedestrian and vehicle access is from the west, from Woodland Close.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership and a number to call to report damage or defects.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

None currently.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the southern boundary of the site.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance is carried out by St Austell Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.

Play equipment maintenance is carried out by approved contractors on behalf of the Town Council.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

The site contains one set of flat seat swings.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

There are plans to enhance the site during spring 2021 to provide a more welcoming experience for park users.

Clean and well-maintained

From 1st April 2020 St Austell Town Council assumed responsibility for all waste and cleansing of the site.

Health and well-being

There are plans to enhance the site with swathes of wildflowers and new trees, which will form a natural path for users to walk through and enjoy.

Community involvement

All residents of the properties bordering the park were sent letters informing them of the plans to rejuvenate the site through planting and were encouraged to contact the council with their thoughts and ideas. An information board with the planting plans was also installed in the park.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a recently-qualified horticulture apprentice to add to the skill set of the grounds maintenance team. Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Future Action Points

Further seating would be beneficial once the planting has been completed.

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Complete wildflower planting	Enhance the area and assist with the Town Council's climate change agenda.	Operations Manager to schedule in wildflower planting	Spring 2021
Install signage	To make the site more welcoming and advise people what wildlife there is in the area	Operations Manager to design suitable signage	Spring 2022
Consider providing further benches	To compliment greening initiatives	Operations Manager to source.	Winter 2022

Green Space Audit

Linear Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The woodland paths, wildflowers, fruit trees, river, and the historic leat create a unique and tranquil place in amongst urban surroundings
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	The western boundary is a mixture stone hedging and trees. Sandy River forms the eastern boundary
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	N/A
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	A large clay dry chimney stack forms a focal point to the open space section to the south, and Charlestown and Luxulyan Leats both run through the park
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Occasional evidence of dog fouling. The park is generally clean and free of litter.
Are the gates, paths, furniture and play equipment well-maintained?	The play equipment was removed due to irreparable corrosion. The gates, paths and seating are all maintained to a good standard
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on the site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	Yes
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes. The park is very popular with dog walkers and runners, and is a main route from the surrounding housing estates to both the schools to the north and west
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes

Is there a Friends Group for the site?	It is hoped that a Friends Group can be formed by holding more community events on the park
Is any other community involvement on the site?	Yes. Edible St Austell and BugLife both held community days at the park, planting fruit trees and sowing 2 wildflower meadows. Both days were well-attended by the local community
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	Yes
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional damage to seating, young people gathering and being noisy, littering and fly tipping
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines.	Yes. New path installed in 2020. Would benefit from more seating.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	The whole of Linear Park is managed as a natural habitat
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	No. Interpretation boards highlighting the objectives need to be added
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes. Trees are managed to ensure a safe and healthy tree stock, habitat piles are made from logs, wildflower seed has been sown, 'bee hotels' installed around periphery of woodland. Mulch from tree works is left on site to compost
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

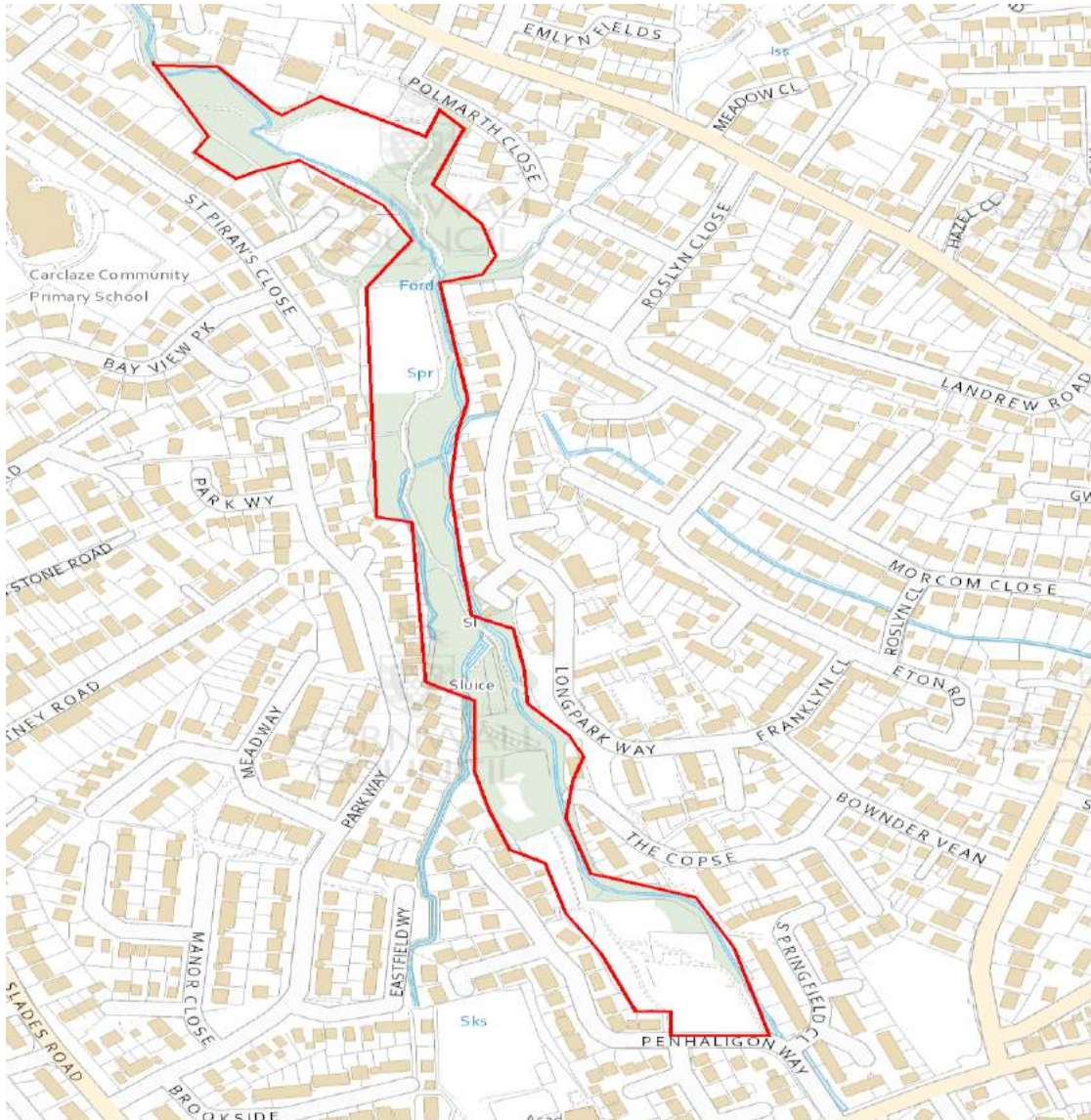
Site Name: Linear Park

Location: Penhaligon Way , St Austell

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 9 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site comprises of roughly 9 acres of woodland, Public Rights of Way, Charlestown Leat, Sandy River, open green space and an historic clay drying stack.



Linear Park April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The park has internal lighting along the Public Rights of Way. Clearance works have been carried to enhance sight lines.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 6 mixed-use litter bins on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain

a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Health and Well-being

The park is used for walking, dog walking, cycling and running, as well as being a main walking route to 2 schools.

Community involvement

A wildflower seed sowing day and several community litter picks have been held on the park, which have all been well-attended by the local community.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The woodland and watercourses provide a habitat for an abundance of wildlife, and the Parks and Open Spaces team have recently installed bug hotels along the periphery of the woodland.

Trees

There are a large number of trees of varying age and species across the entire site.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance and cleansing of the site is carried out by St Austell Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

N/A

Arboriculture management

High-level arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor, and smaller works are carried out by the Parks and Open Spaces team. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

Interpretation boards along the footpaths, explaining the history of the park and the Leat, is being considered.

Clean and well-maintained

St Austell Town Council assumed responsibility for the waste management on Linear Park in April 2020.

Health and well-being

A possible waymarked run/jog/walk route through the network of paths would be a good addition to the park.

Community involvement

It is hoped that the community will continue to be involved with the litter picks and tree planting on the site in future.

Staff skills and knowledge

Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Define a running/recreational trail through the park	To encourage healthy living	Operations Manager to liaise with Cornwall Sports Partnership	2022

Approved 22nd March 2021

Instal interpretation boards	To provide information on heritage, trees and wildlife in the area	Operations Manager to liaise with SABEF	2022
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Green Space Audit

Lostwood Community Garden

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner - Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The garden provides a tranquil place to sit and relax
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	Yes
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	A variety of interesting shrubs, small trees and garden features such as a log seating area, wooden bridge and a large, raised bird house. A mechanism for rainwater harvesting has been installed.
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	No
Are pathways, seating and bins well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	Yes
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	Yes
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Reasonably
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	Yes
Is any other community involvement on the site?	Yes
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	N/A
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good

What are the levels of vandalism?	Medium
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional minor damage to trees and furniture.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines.	Yes. Reasonable paths but heavy gates. Accessible picnic table being installed.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	A shelter has been built, which will harness rainwater for use on the site. Chippings from tree works on other sites are used as mulch on the flower beds

Management Plan

Site Name: Lostwood Community Garden

Location: Lostwood Road, St Austell PL25 4JX

Council Ward: Poltair

Site Area: 0.26 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site is a community garden with various ornamental planting and garden features such as a pergola with rainwater harnessing, a bumble bee seat, and a bridge.



Current Management

Safe and secure

The site has gated access and does not have any internal lighting. Fencing and gates have recently been added due to the community group receiving Pocket Parks funding.

Welcome

The garden has a very welcoming and tranquil appeal, and there is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

The park is mainly managed by volunteers from Poltair Residents Association

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance is carried out by St Austell Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There are 2 entrance gates from the south west boundary.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting and weeding/pruning.

Play equipment

N/A

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

N/A

Clean and well-maintained

This will be kept under review.

Health and well-being

N/A

Community involvement

The site will continue to be managed mainly by the residents association, with support from the Town Council.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a qualified grounds maintenance team.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Install picnic table	Encourage use of the garden	Operations Manager to schedule works	Winter 2020/21

Green Space Audit

Manfield Way

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner - Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Not currently, could be improved.
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundaries are mainly mature shrubs and safety fencing
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	N/A
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	N/A
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	N/A
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	N/A
Is the planting well-maintained?	N/A
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	N/A
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Used as a public right of way
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	N/A
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Occasional
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional arson and fly tipping.

Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Improved
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines.	Yes. Good paths with street lighting.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	The footpath is kept clear of vegetation, but the rest of the site is left to grow naturally.
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	No. Interpretation material required.
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes

Management Plan

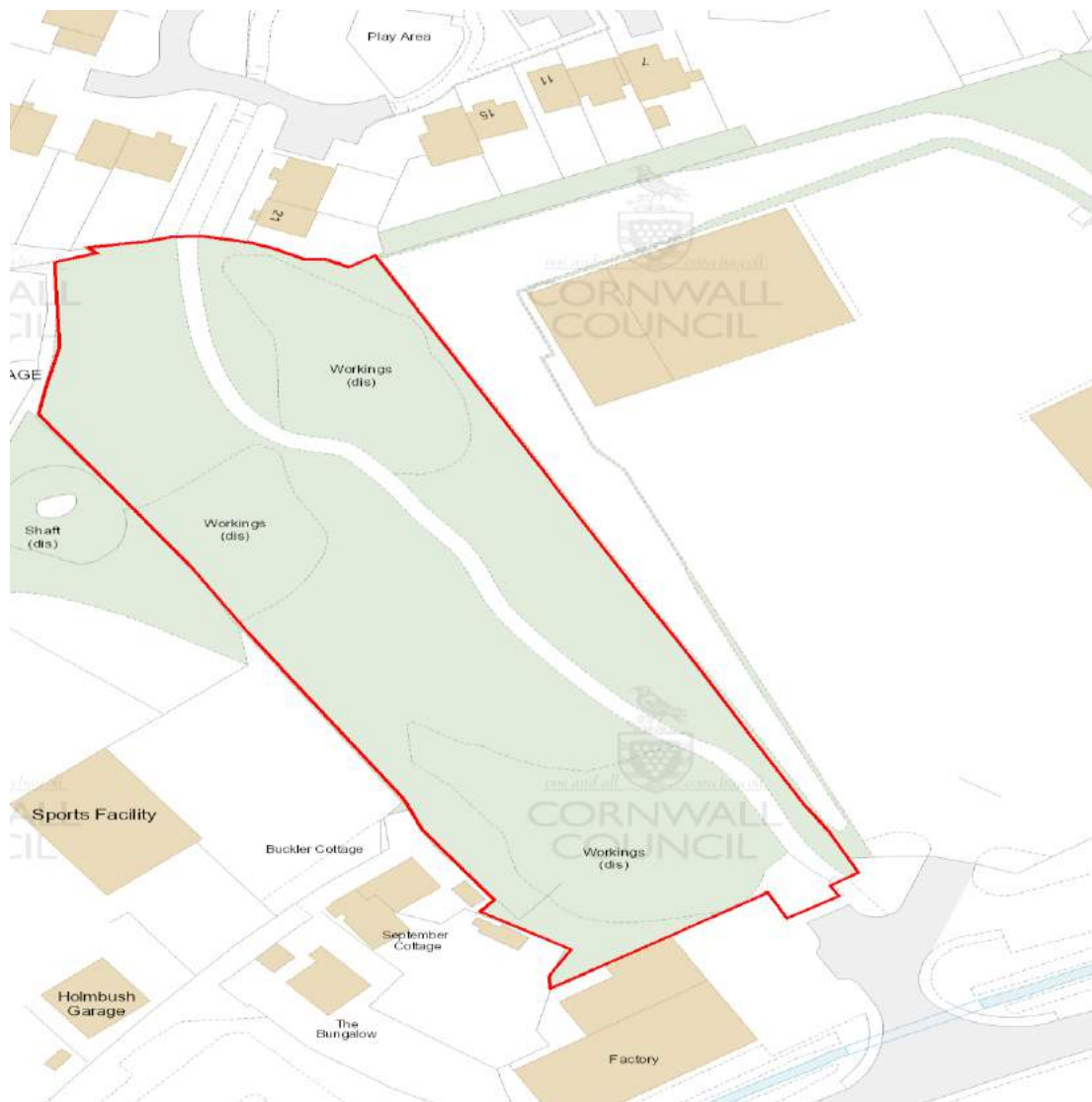
Site Name: Manfield Way

Location: Manfield Way St Austell PL25 3JH

Council Ward: St Austell Bay

Site Area: 2.08 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

Urban wooded area with public right of way running north to south through the centre of the site. Old mine workings known as "Remfreys shaft" which was part of West Wheal Eliza mine, owned by Charlestown United and Cuddra Mines. Copper and Tin was here in the nineteenth century.

Current Management

Safe and secure

The path has internal lighting and has been cleared back to its original 2m width. The overgrown shrubs have been pruned back which has created a much improved sense of safety, space and light as you walk through the site.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership and a number to call to report damage or defects.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020.

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There are currently no litter bins on site.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free and the woodland provides natural habitat to a wide range of fauna and flora.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site, some of which are superb mature specimens. Tree safety surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor and are maintained by the Town Council and approved contractors.

Service delivery

Landscape maintenance is carried out by St Austell Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent improvement works have enhanced the area and litter/flying tipping incidents have declined.

Welcome

Improved signage and interpretation material required.

Clean and well-maintained

This will be kept under review.

Health and Well-being

It is hoped that the improvements made to this area will increase its usage for activities such as walking, running or cycling.

Community involvement

None currently.

Staff skills and knowledge

Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of this area.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Improve lighting column faults and condition.	To make the site safer and remain usable during the winter months.	Operations Manager to liaise with SSE	Winter 2021

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Installation of bug hotels, bird and bat boxes	To enhance the wildlife in the area	Operations Manager to procure and schedule works	Summer 2022
Install interpretation boards	Make the public aware of the mining history of the site and the wildlife in the area	Operations Manager to procure.	Summer 2022

Green Space Audit

Penmere Road Open Space

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	The area is a 'hidden gem' in this area of the town. A medium-sized open space lined with some mature trees, with Sandy River running through the east of the site
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	Yes. The site is bordered with trees and hedging on 3 sides, and Sandy River on the eastern boundary
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	There is a need for further seating on this site, as currently there is only one bench
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	N/A
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	Sandy River
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	There appears to be an issue with dog fouling on the park, and a further 2 dog waste bins should be added
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	N/A
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Due to the lack of seating on site, the area is mainly used as a dog exercise area
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes

Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	N/A
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	No
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Yes. Reasonable path.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	River bank maintained as a natural habitat.
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	Yes. Pollinating flowers have been planted on the river bank, with signage informing the public of the work that has been done
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Mulch from tree works were used when planting new trees, and the river bank is to be left as a natural habitat and only cut once a year

Management Plan

Site Name: Penmere Open Space

Location: Gannet Drive , St Austell

Council Ward: Mount Charles

Site Area: 1.44 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site is an open green space with Sandy River running along the eastern boundary.



Penmere Road open space April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging and Sandy River. Public access points are from Penmere Road to the north, and Gannet Drive from the southwest.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

None currently.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free and wildflowers have been planted on the banks of Sandy River.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the boundary of the site, as well as a number of mature trees within the space itself. There is a Tree Preservation Order on an Oak tree on the east of the site.

The Town Council has planted around 10 trees since the site was devolved in 2016.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is one maintenance gate and 2 pedestrian gates to this site.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

N/A

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

N/A

Clean and well-maintained

To be kept under review. Further bins for dog waste required.

Health and well-being

N/A

Community involvement

When further tree planting is scheduled, a "Tree Planting Day" will be held, to allow the local community to get involved.

Staff skills and knowledge

The Town Council has a recently-qualified horticulture apprentice to add to the skill set of the grounds maintenance team. Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Future Action Points

Further seating would be beneficial.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Install a further seating area	To encourage more use of the area	Operations Manager to procure a seat	March 2021
Install 2 x multi use bins	To try and eradicate the dog fouling that is prevalent in this area.	Operations Manager to procure 2 x waste bins	March 2022

Green Space Audit

Polmarth Close Open Space

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	Yes. The area is attached to the northern end of Linear Park, and there is a medium-sized grassed area adjacent to the woodland with several public rights of way with bridges over Sandy River linking into Linear Park
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundaries are mainly groups of small trees and shrubs, which are managed on a yearly cycle
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	Sandy River and the 'urban' woodland
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	The area is cleansed 3 times a week, which includes litter picking and bin emptying. Dog fouling can at times be an issue here
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting on the site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	There are occasional community litter picks
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes

Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	N/A
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good. The area is well lit at night, but given that the site is mainly woodland, can be secluded at night
What are the levels of vandalism?	There is occasional damage to the wooden footbridges
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional youth congregation.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	Yes
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines.	No. Parking available but some of the pathways are steep.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	The site is generally managed as a natural habitat due to it being mainly woodland. Two wildflower meadows have been planted, along with the addition of two 'bee hotels' on the periphery of the woodland
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	No. Signage should be added highlighting the conservation work on the site
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	Yes. Felled trees are left on site as natural habitat, and wood chippings are spread to

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Action/Task	Target date
Introduce interpretation signage in conjunction with Linear Park	To encourage more use of the area.	Operations Manager to procure signage in conjunction with SABEF	March 2025

Green Space Audit

Bethel Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	No
Is there a variety of scales of space?	Yes
Are the boundaries attractive?	Yes (mature trees and attractive stone walling)
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	No
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	A very large, mature oak tree sits prominently in the park
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no formal planting other than young trees in this park
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	There are no habitat areas on this site
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	Yes
Is the site fit for purpose?	No. The play equipment is tired, outdated and in need of replacement
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes

Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	None currently
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Very good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Medium
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Yes. Drug paraphernalia and rough sleeping occasionally occurs in the park.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	No
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines?	No. This park has been identified as a priority for investment and improvement.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	No
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

Site Name: Bethel Park

Location: Bethel Park is bordered to the north by Trenowah Road, and to the west by Bucklers Lane.

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 1.19 acres (0.48 hectares)

Management: The site is owned by St Austell Town Council and managed by the Town Council's grounds maintenance staff.



Site Features

The site contains 1 small play area consisting of a set of swings, a seesaw and a slide. There is a picnic table, a bench and goalposts. The prominent feature of this parks is a very large veteran oak tree on the west boundary.



Bethel Park April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Topography

The site slopes gently from north to south, and there are dips and mounds as a result of the areas mining history.

Drainage and flooding

Drainage is good on Bethel Park, and there are no issues with flooding.

Services

There are no services on the site.

Current management

Safe and secure

The park is in a very visible location, bordered by low walls to the west and north, and a Cornish hedge along the eastern boundary with residential properties. There is no gate on the western entrance at the top of the park. Currently, the park does not benefit from internal lighting. The park is located next to a busy road.

Welcome

The park currently has no general 'welcome' signage at the entrances, although there is signage on each of the play area entrance gates, informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The cleansing and bin-emptying is carried out the Town Council.

There are currently 2 mixed-use bins on site.

The grass is mown fortnightly to maintain a tidy appearance, and shrubberies are maintained as and when needed. There are no bedding flowers on site due to previous problems with vandalism.

The trees are safety-inspected on an annual basis to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a healthy tree stock.

Health and Well-being

The park is in need of improvement which will in turn increase the overall usage, including for health and well-being purposes.

Community involvement

There is currently no community involvement on Bethel Park.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage Bethel Park currently include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, and shrub maintenance. Long-term, it would be beneficial for the grounds maintenance team to obtain arboriculture skills to inspect and maintain the trees 'in-house'.

Trees

There are 3 large oak trees on the park, all of which are mature.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor and an annual Tree Safety Survey is conducted in order to help the Council manage its tree stock safely and sustainably.

Sustainability

There is zero-pesticide use on this site.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Horticultural management

All horticultural management adheres to the standards set in the council's Service Delivery Standards, and the council aim to improve these standards year on year.

Play equipment

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out fortnightly by Town Council staff, with a comprehensive recorded operational inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Access gates

There is only one locked access gate, which the town council hold keys to.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The addition of self-closing gates at the entrances will provide a safer and more secure environment in the park due to its proximity to a busy road.

Welcome

Signage both to, and at, this site needs improvement. The signs on the play area gates are adequate, but vibrant and interesting entrance signs that clearly state what the park has to offer need to be added.

Clean and well-maintained

Further enhancement of the horticulture within the park is planned, along with spring bulbs. Repairs to safety surfacing and a long-term play equipment replacement plan needs to be put in place.

Sustainable approach

Maintain zero use of pesticides on the site. Use of compostable materials such as mulch on flower beds. Addition of recycled-plastic seating when replacing old timber benches. Planting of more trees would enhance this park.

Health and well-being

When planning the play area improvements, consideration will be given to adding internal paths, improved goalposts(5-a-side), and play equipment which offers a good level of physical challenge to users of all abilities. The addition of

exercise equipment may also help to encourage health and well-being in the area.

Community involvement

There is capacity for increased community involvement. The Town Council have carried out consultation with local school children on the park to gain their views and ideas on what could be done to improve the facilities. Better links could be established with local community groups and sports organisations and a Friends of Bethel Park group would be very beneficial.

Issues that need to be addressed in future

- . Upgrade of play equipment
- . Install of paths
- . Dog fouling

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Target date
Improve planting and landscaping in conjunction with SABEF.	To make the park more attractive and welcoming	Summer 2021
Upgrade of play equipment	To provide a high quality play area for a large prominent park in Bethel.	Spring 2025
Install paths.	To make the park accessible	Spring 2025
Separate play area with fencing.	To make eradicate dog fouling	Spring 2025

Green Space Audit

Chapel Field Park

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner-Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	No
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No. The park is narrow with a number of mature trees and enclosed on both sides by a housing estate
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundaries are made of mature hedging and stone walls
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	No
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	Some pruning and weeding required
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	This site is not well used.
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	Yes. The ABC Residents Association were actively involved in the improvements to the play equipment and surfacing in 2018
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes

Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	No
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	No. Topography precludes making this area accessible.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

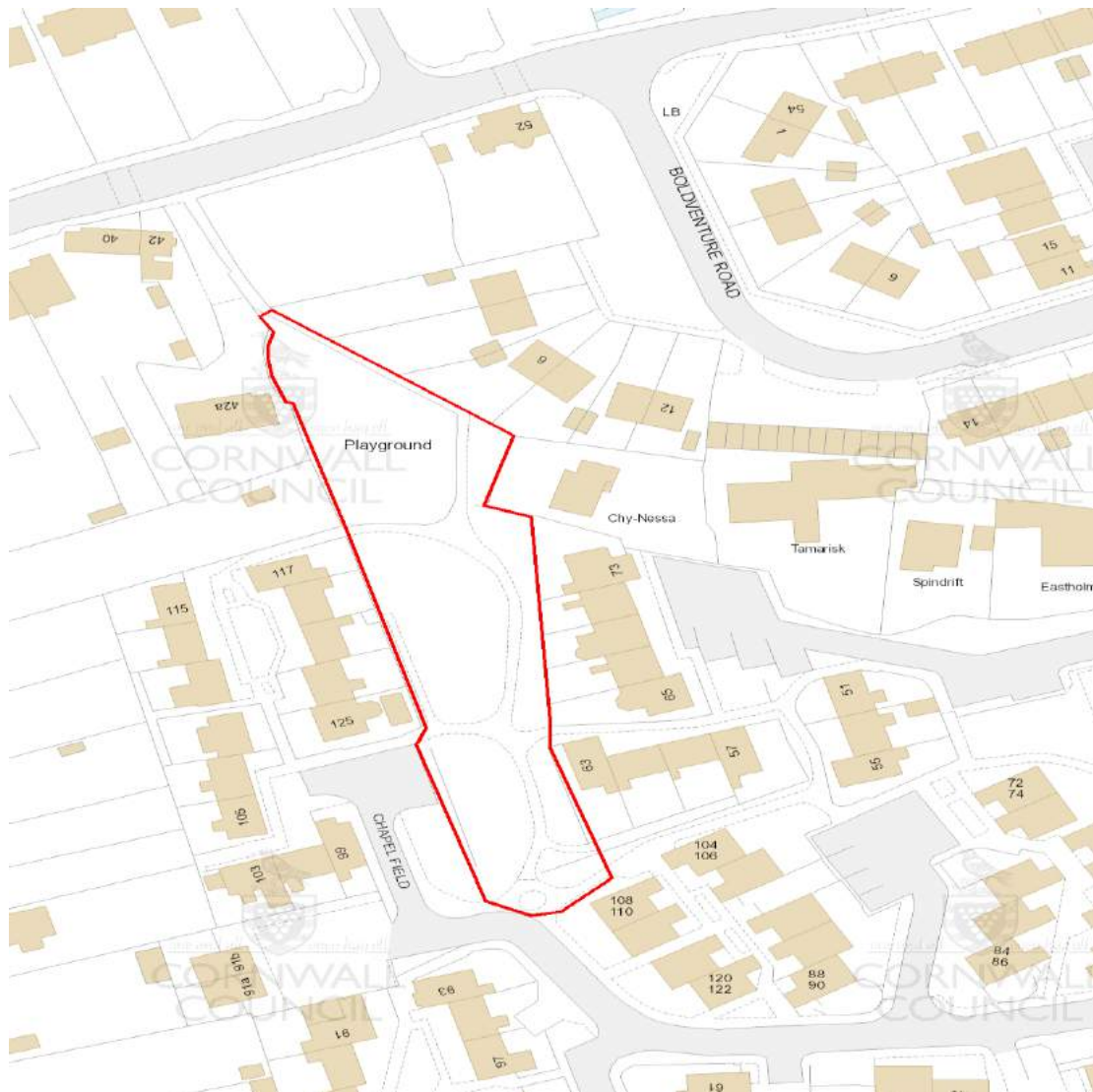
Site Name: Chapel Field Park

Location: Chapel Field Estate, St Austell PL25 3ES

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 0.53 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

Play area, MUGA, mature trees, seating and 2 bins.



Chapel Fields playground April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature Cornish hedging and block walls, and sits within a densely populated housing estate. The play area is fenced off from the rest of the site and offers good protection from nearby road etc.

The park does have internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain

a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

The local residents association were actively involved in the refurbishment of the park during 2018.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation, and playground inspection.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site from both the north and south.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is formal planting which is maintained by a local resident.

Play equipment

The site contains one set of cradle swings, a slide, a seesaw, a basket swing and a small MUGA.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

N/A

Clean and well-maintained

To be kept under review.

Health and well-being

N/A

Community involvement

It is hoped that the ABC Residents Association will continue to be actively involved with elements of managing the park, particularly the horticultural displays.

Staff skills and knowledge

Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Target date
Replace seesaw	To encourage more use of the area	Spring 2021

Green Space Audit

Chy Pons Garden

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner

Position: Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	No. The shrubberies in the garden need work to bring the site back to previous condition.
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	No
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	Yes
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	N/A
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Mainly
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes
Is the planting well-maintained?	No
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	No
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	No. More work needs to be allocated to the planting on the site
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	

What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	No
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	Partially. Topography precludes this area from being accessible.
Does signage communicate effectively?	Yes
Natural Heritage	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A

Management Plan

Site Name: Chy Pons Garden

Location: Chy Pons , St Austell

Council Ward: Gover

Site Area: 0.12 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site is made up of amenity grass bordered by mature shrubs.



Chy Pons open space April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site has gated access and does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

None currently.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There are 2 entrance gates on the western boundary.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting and weeding/pruning.

Play equipment

N/A

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

To keep the site boundaries secure.

Welcome

N/A

Clean and well-maintained

To be kept under review.

Health and well-being

There are no plans to enhance the site due to the space available, proximity to houses and its low usage.

Community involvement

N/A

Staff skills and knowledge

Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Action

Aim	Objective	Target date
To use the area as an Apprentice training site.	To provide a safe learning environment for training as well as maintaining the site to a good standard.	Ongoing

Green Space Audit Landrew Road Play Area

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner - Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	No. The park is a very small, grassed space with only 2 items of play equipment on site
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundaries are lined with mature hedging and a number of trees
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	There is 1 bench and a litter bin on site
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	Yes
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	No
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	Yes, but swings will need replacing within the next 2 years
Is the planting well-maintained?	Yes
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	The site is well-used by children from the adjoining estate
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes, however the current play equipment does need updating
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes
Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	No
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	No
Safety and Security	

What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Fly-tipping and broken glass occurs occasionally on this site.
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	No
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessible guidelines?	No. Access is poor and facilities limited.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	N/A
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	N/A
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

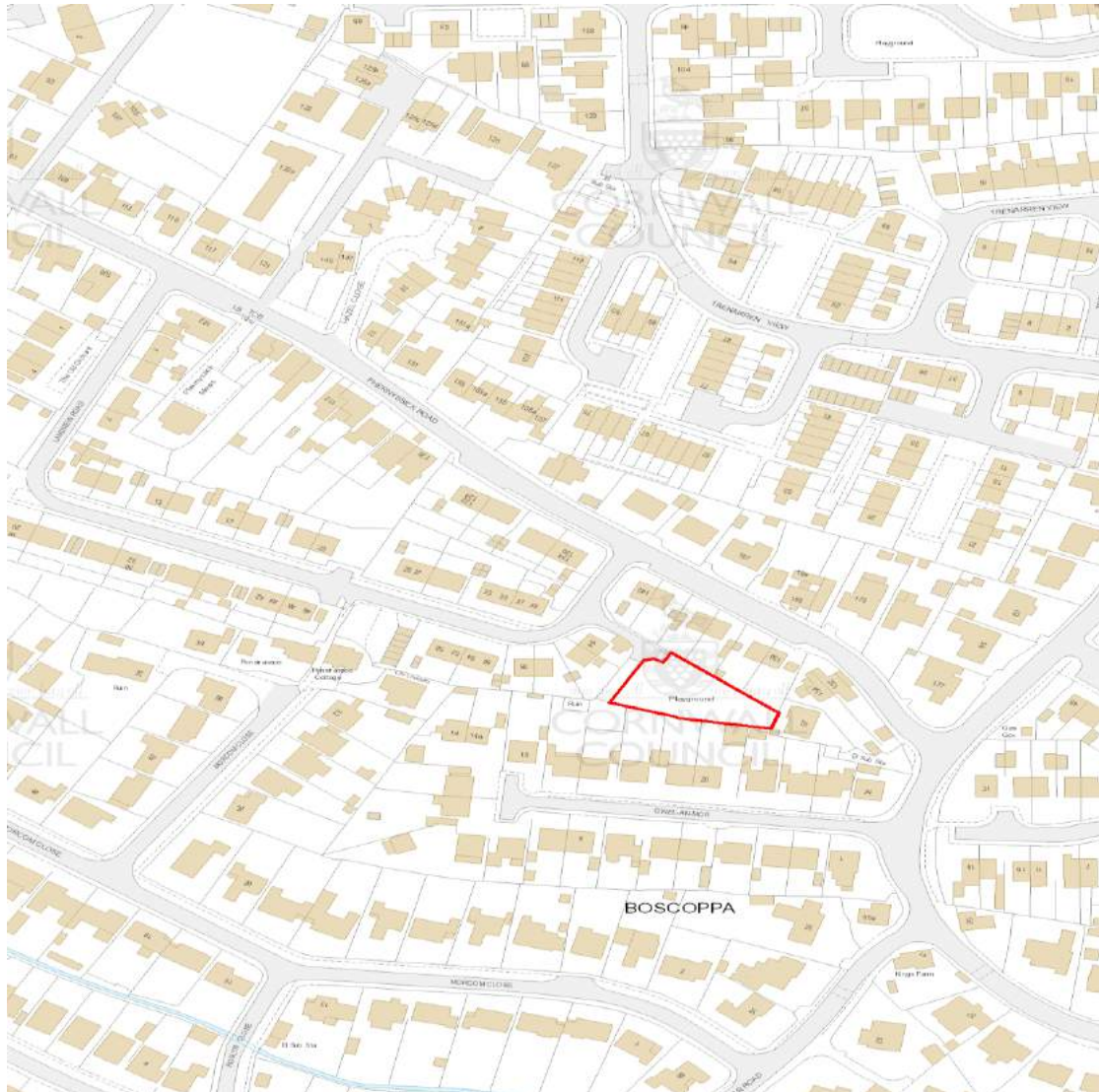
Site Name: Landrew Road Play Area

Location: Landrew Road, St Austell PL25 3UQ

Council Ward: Poltair

Site Area: 0.21 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

The site contains a small amount of play equipment.



Landrew Road play area April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by mature hedging and chain link fencing, and is accessed either through a locked vehicle gate, or a self-closing pedestrian gate.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects, and that no dogs are allowed inside these areas.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020.

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently 1 mixed-use litter bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Recorded routine visual inspections on the play equipment are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, with a comprehensive recorded 'operational' inspection done quarterly. This is backed up by an annual independent inspection carried out by RoSPA inspectors.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

None currently.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The park is pesticide free.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the southern boundary of the site.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There are 2 gates. One for maintenance vehicles, and one for public access.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

The site contains one set of flat seat swings and a small multi-play unit.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

Better access could be achieved through replacement of the existing gate.

Clean and well-maintained

To be kept under review.

Health and well-being

Upgrading of the play area would provide better exercising opportunities for local children.

Community involvement

Local residents should be consulted over future upgrade or refurbishment of the play equipment.

Staff skills and knowledge

Basic horticulture, chainsaw operation and playground inspection.

Future Action Points

Funding should be sought for replacement of existing facilities on site.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Target date
Replace swings	To provide new swings for a deprived area of St Austell	Spring March 2022
Community engagement	To obtain the views of local residents of what they would like to see in the park as well as the adjoining allotments	Spring 2023
Upgrade of play equipment	To provide a high quality play area for a deprived area of St Austell	Spring 2025
Replace the gate	To make the park more accessible	Spring 2025
Install accessible pathways	To make the path more accessible.	Spring 2025

Green Space Audit

Jubilee Meadow

Audit undertaken by: Steve Skinner - Operations Manager

Date audit undertaken: September 2020

Landscape Quality	Comments
Is the space a rich and stimulating environment?	The area is a pleasant open space which currently has no play equipment or seating. Predominantly used as a dog exercise area but is an ideal location for wildflowers and further tree planting
Is there a variety of scales of space?	No
Are the boundaries attractive?	The boundary is a good quality stone wall
Facilities	
Is the furniture well-designed and located?	N/A
Are the facilities appropriate to the parks size and location?	N/A
Are there any special features that give the park local distinctiveness?	N/A
Maintenance	
Is the space clean and free from litter and dog fouling?	Yes
Are the fabric, furniture and buildings well-maintained?	N/A
Is the planting well-maintained?	There is no planting on the site
Are grassed areas well-maintained?	The grass is cut on a 3-4 weekly cycle
Are areas managed for wildlife habitat value appropriately maintained?	N/A
Usage	
Is the site popular and well-used by the public?	No
Is the site fit for purpose?	Yes
Is there a Friends Group for the site?	No
Is any other community involvement on the site?	No
Management	
Is the level of management appropriate to the size and nature of the space?	Yes

Is there information displayed on how to contact management services?	Yes
Is there information on events and activities held in the park?	There are no activities or events held in the park
Safety and Security	
What is the sense of personal security on the site?	Good
What are the levels of vandalism?	Low
Is there evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour on the park?	Occasional discarded beer cans and bottles
Access	
Are entrances well-located and accessible?	Yes
Are entrances welcoming?	No
Does infrastructure meet accessibility guidelines?	No. Topography precludes this site being accessible.
Does signage communicate effectively?	N/A
Sustainability and Environment	
To what extent are areas managed as a natural habitat?	The fenced off mine working area has been left to natural habitat with mature trees and overgrowth
Are nature conservation objectives communicated effectively on the park?	Not currently. But the area would be ideal as an orchard or a wildflower meadow
Is there evidence of sustainable management practices on the park?	N/A
Are herbicides used on this site?	No

Management Plan

Site Name: Jubilee Meadow

Location: Jubilee Meadow, St Austell

Council Ward: Bethel

Site Area: 0.64 Acres

Management: The site is owned and managed by St Austell Town Council



Site Features:

Medium-sized green space, with fenced-off, disused mine shaft in south section of the site.



Jubilee Meadows Green Space April 2018
Photo: Paul Williams

Current Management

Safe and secure

The site is bordered by a Cornish hedge on the northern boundary and to the east. Pedestrian and maintenance vehicle access is from the west. There is also pedestrian access along the east boundary via a self-closing gate.

The park does not have any internal lighting.

Welcome

There is signage informing park users of ownership, number to call to report damage or defects.

Clean and well-maintained

The Town Council assumed responsibility for bin emptying and litter picking on the site from 1st April 2020

Sharps/drug paraphernalia discoveries are safely disposed of by council staff, and reported to the relevant authorities to be recorded.

There is currently no bin on site.

The grass is mown every 3-4 weeks in the main area during the spring and summer.

Tree Safety Surveys are carried out on an annual basis by an approved arboriculture contractor, to identify any works which may be needed to maintain a safe and healthy tree stock. Tree works are also carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor.

Health and Well-being

N/A

Community involvement

None currently.

Wildlife and biodiversity

The fenced-off mine shaft area is left to grow as a mature habitat, which also discourages people from entering this area.

Trees

There are groups of trees of varying age and species on the southern boundary of the site. The Trees are subject to a Tree Preservation area.

Staff skills and knowledge

Skills required to manage the site include basic horticultural maintenance such as mowing and strimming machinery, certified chainsaw operation.

Finance

Maintenance costs are met from the Parks and Open Spaces budget for all sites.

Access gates

There is open access to this site from Barkers Green to the west, and gated access from the east.

Horticultural management

Horticulture management on this site involves tree management and grass cutting. There is no formal planting.

Play equipment

There is no play equipment on this site.

Arboriculture management

Arboriculture works are carried out by an approved contractor. An annual Tree Safety inspection is undertaken by an approved contractor to help the council maintain a safe and healthy tree stock.

Future Management

Safe and secure

The recent implementation of an annual tree survey and associated works will enhance the tree stock whilst also ensuring the trees are as safe as possible.

Welcome

N/A

Clean and well-maintained

To be kept under review.

Health and well-being

There are plans to eventually enhance the site with swathes of wildflowers and new trees, which will form a natural path for users to walk through and enjoy.

Community involvement

None currently.

Staff skills and knowledge

Further staff training in woodland and meadow management would be beneficial to the ongoing management of the park.

Future Action Points

Further seating would be beneficial if further trees and wildflowers are planted. This site would best be managed as a natural habitat or wildflower meadow, similar to the southern section of The Meadows.

Action Plan

Aim	Objective	Target date
Install a seating area once additional works have been carried out.	To encourage people to enjoy the peaceful surroundings.	Spring 2024
Consult the public on the potential to create a wildflower area and orchard	To enhance biodiversity in the area.	Spring 2024
Create wildflower and orchard.	To enhance biodiversity in the area.	Spring 2024

Approved 22nd March 2021