

Dawstone Park Management Plan

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1. Introduction

This management plan is intended to provide a framework for the development and improvement of Dawstone Park. If you wish to find out further information about this document or submit any suggestions, please contact:

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<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-events/parks-and-open-spaces/dawstone-park>

Or the Friends of Dawstone parks website here:

<http://www.fodp.btck.co.uk/>

2. Wider Policy Context

Wirral Council's Parks and Countryside Service are based within the Regeneration and Environment Directorate of Wirral Council.

The content and structure of the Management Plan has been informed by the following guidelines:

- A Guide to Producing Park and Green Space Management Plans (CABE Space, 2004)
- Wirral Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, 2014 – 2024
- Wirral Plan 2020
- Raising the Standard: The Green Flag Awards Guidance Manual (Keep Britain Tidy, 2016)

2.1. Corporate Objectives

The Council's Vision is that Wirral will be a place where the vulnerable are safe and protected, where employers want to invest and local businesses thrive, and where good health and an excellent quality of life is within the reach of everyone who lives here.

The Wirral Plan sets out a series of 20 pledges which the council and partners will work to achieve by 2020, focusing on three key themes:

- protecting the most vulnerable
- driving economic growth
- improving the local environment

To find out more information about the 20/20 vision visit:

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/wirral-plan-2020-vision>

2.2. Parks and Countryside Service Objectives

The Parks and Countryside Service have produced a 10 year Parks and Open Spaces Strategy that will inform and direct the next 10 years for the service from 2014-2024. It is available online [here](#).

The Strategy sets out how Wirral Parks and Countryside Service will aim to attract and retain investment in the borough through provision of attractive and well managed parks and open spaces, whilst being accessible; and providing positive and healthy activities for all local people, communities and visitors to enjoy. The service also intends to contribute to the environmental sustainability and biodiversity of Wirral to achieve a good balance by protecting habitats while supporting economic growth.

3. Dawstone Park

3.1. Description and Location

Name: Dawstone Park

O.S Grid Reference: 268815

Address: Dawstone Park, Dawstone Road, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DL

Location Plan:



Dawstone Park Location

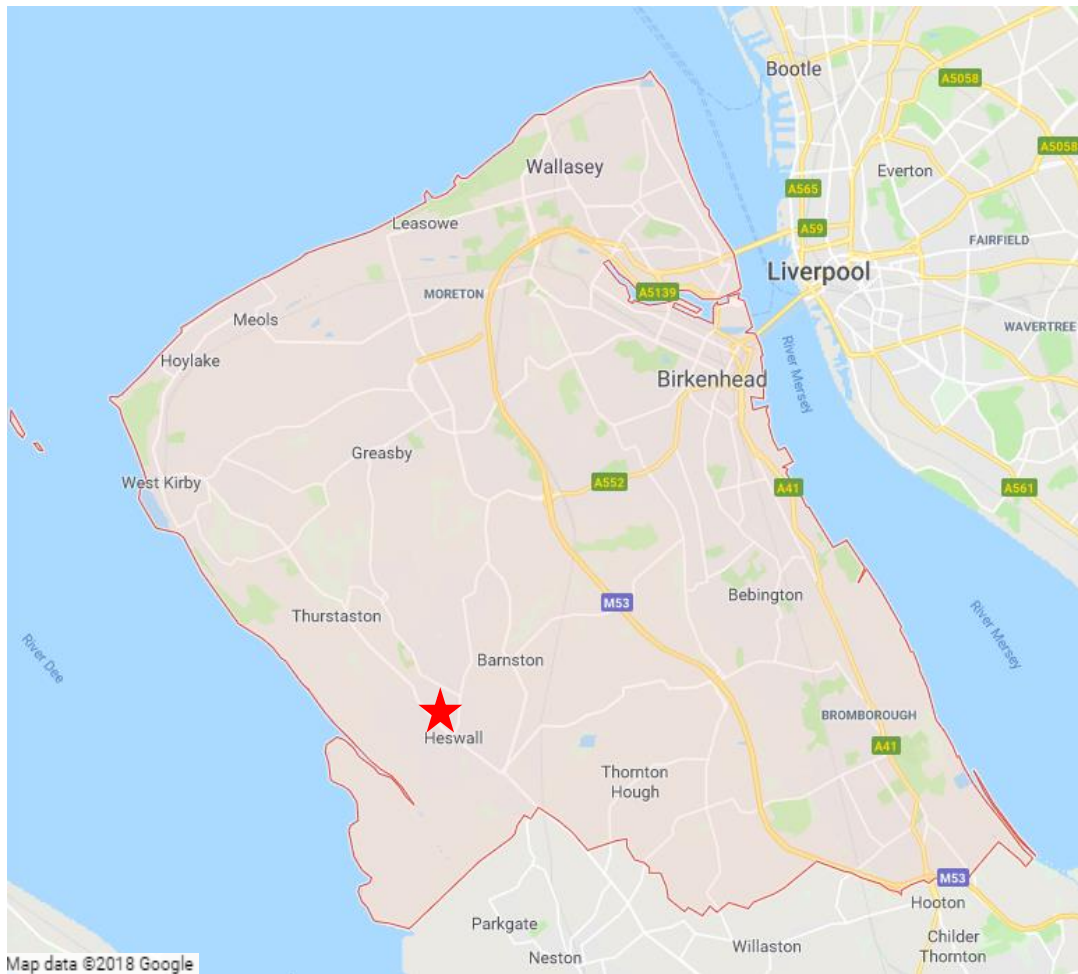
Primary Classification: Local Park

Ward: Heswall

Size: 0.68 Hectares

Primary purpose:

Intensively managed park used primarily by local people, providing accessible, high quality opportunities for formal and informal recreation and children's play including community events.



Dawstone Park (marked as red star) in the Wirral Peninsula.

Description:

Dawstone Park is situated on the westerly slopes of the Wirral Peninsular, overlooking the Dee Estuary. The Park. is maintained by two Wirral Council park staff and benefits from having a very proactive Friends' group hold regular work parties in the park and have spent a great deal of time and effort including re-instating and maintaining some of the original flower beds, re stocking the borders and adding a welcome splash of colour to the park.

The park is completely enclosed, by either railings, hedging or a sandstone wall and as such, is favoured by parents with small children.

Dawstone Park is very well used by the local community, either for peaceful recreation, events or as a pre-school/after-school stop off destination for parents with young children. The park is also used by the local infants and primary schools as an outdoor classroom. The Friends' of Dawstone Park with assistance from Dr Hilary Ash (Wirral Wildlife) and from the Local Team Leader are developing a variety of ecological projects: including creating wild flower areas, installing bird and bat boxes (with local cub pack) and in the future, aim to create a short woodland walk along the Brow Lane section of the park. The park also attracts elderly visitors, who find the well surfaced

paths and plentiful seating an added bonus. Local youths also use the park on a regular basis. It is also the ideal venue for holding community events. The Friends' Group also hold regular task days in the park that are always very well attended.

3.2. Facilities and features

Facilities and features:

- Picnic Tables
- Seats
- Log Walk
- Children's Play Area
- Flower Beds
- Well Surfaced Paths
- Litter Bins
- Information cabinet
- Notice Boards
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Sloping South facing topography
- Views of Dee Estuary and Welsh Hills
- War Memorial (*sits just outside the park and is managed by Wirral Council's Business Services / asset surveyor / war memorials*)

3.3. Tenure

Dawstone Park is owned and managed by Wirral Council's Parks and Countryside Service.

3.4. Users of the Park

Key Users:

- Elderly visitors
- Parents with young children
- Schools /cubs/ brownies etc.
- Local residents
- Bird watchers
- Local youths
- Friends' group
- Picnics

- Passive Recreation
- Opportunity for Voluntary Work (Friends' Group)
- Community Events

Partner Organisations

- Friends' of Dawstone Park
www.fodp.btck.co.uk
- Heswall Society
www.theheswallsociety.org.uk/Friends'-of-dawstone-park.html
- Grounds Maintenance Staff
- Merseyside Police
- Wirral Council Community Safety Team
- Wirral Wildlife



3.5. Access

This local park is easily accessible on foot or by bicycle from the town centre and surrounding residential properties. Vehicular access is also easy with on street parking surrounding the park.

Public Transport

Nearest Public Transport stop is: 38m from School Hill Access Point

Bus number 174 Heswall Circular

Bus number 22 West Kirby to Chester

For further information regarding public transport visit: www.merseytravel.gov.uk

DDA Access:

Due to the sloping nature and steep gradients of the park wheel chair access is challenging. However, the well surfaced paths and the plentiful seating do make the park ideal for elderly visitors or visitors with mobility issues.

3.6. Historical Significance

DAWSTONE PARK HISTORY

A sandstone plaque in Heswall Park on the boundary wall with Dawstone Road commemorates its opening on 1st July 1931, the realisation of a special project by the Heswall cum Oldfield Parish Council. The park today, situated centrally between the Lower and Top villages, is a major asset to Heswall much enjoyed by children; their parents appreciate its compact size and its sloping terrain which allows easy views over the whole area, and the secure boundaries separating it from surrounding roads. Dog walkers appreciate it for the same reasons, and older teenagers use it as a place to meet and let off steam. Residents and visitors alike never tire of the panoramic view over the Dee to the Welsh mountains, which makes it a popular picnic site. Ever since it opened it has been famous for its flower beds with their colourful displays of bedding plants. The commemorative plaque is inscribed with the phrase “ Floreat Sanctis Sactorum” which could be translated as “A very special place blossoms” , the religious allegory of the phrase may have been inspired by the view of St Peter’s Church visible from the park. When the snow comes the park becomes a toboggan run and enjoyed by young and old alike, with the added excitement of avoiding a holly bush at the bottom of the park for those who misjudge their speed or direction! The children’s playground is being renovated to a very high standard thanks to the efforts of our local councillors who have helped obtained grants from the South Wirral Constituency Committee to supplement the funding available from the Parks Department. The Cammell Laird apprentices have helped with this work. The railings along School Hill have been replaced and look very smart. However in spite of this really welcome investment in the park, its unique character is under threat, a problem shared with all parks and open spaces on Wirral, as Wirral Council struggles to maintain all its recreational spaces whilst facing huge reductions in available resources due to cuts in government funding. Future maintenance will be restricted to mowing the grass and emergency tree work, and the glorious flower beds can no longer be planted. Ivy and bindweed have taken over the borders, even threatening to engulf the commemorative plaque. The Heswall Society encouraged and supported the formation of the Friends’ Group, which was set up in spring 2015.

Barry Adams describes in his fascinating article in the Heswall & District Magazine dated June 2012

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A1x65g/HeswallMagazineJune2/resources/26.htm>

The Edge family settled on the then common land which covers both the existing area of the park, and also the land to the north east where the first houses in Dawstone Road are now built. The Tithe map of 1851 shows Samuel Edge occupying the Dawstone Park area and William Edge the north easterly land. The map shows a number of buildings on the site of Dawstone Park, consistent with its use as a small holding.

The tithe map was produced as part of the Enclosures Acts which consolidated the ownership of common and waste land and caused new roads to be built. One of these roads was Dawstone Road, which took its name from a hamlet called Dawstone, part of the Parish of Heswall cum Oldfield. The house called Dawstone at the top of Brow Lane was believed to be originally a small farm. Brow Lane was a route from the Lower Village across Heswall Heath to reach Pensby and Liverpool.

The name Dawstone could derive from the Old English words dal (a division) and stan (stone), possibly representing a boundary stone to mark the division of land. In 1924 the War Memorial was opened at the junction of Dawstone Road and the Mount. This gave a panoramic view across the small holding occupying the area which is now the park. At this time the land was occupied by Thomas Swift, the son of Joseph Swift who had married Alice Edge. The buildings on the site were becoming derelict, and the Parish Council decided to convert the land, which was now in their ownership into a park. In November 1930 they issued Joseph Swift an eviction order for him and his son to vacate the land within 3 months. There was correspondence between the Swift's and solicitors representing the Council, and Barry Adams states that ultimately the Swift's did not have the financial assets to contest ownership. It is a poignant reminder of events still to come that the Chairman of the Parish Council, Major H Kerr Wilson must have surveyed the land from the War memorial, not knowing that his son would be added to the Second World War list of names on the memorial, after he was killed in his Spitfire in France in 1940.

Work on the park commenced on 23rd February 1931. The old buildings were demolished and the good stone used to build the walls adjoining School Hill and Dawstone Road and the rockeries constructed where the land sloped the most steeply must have consumed the rest. A well was filled in, and the whole site landscaped. 12 seats were provided, and paths laid. A small strip of land along Dawstone Road was given to Cheshire County Council so they could construct the footpath which gives such magnificent views today, causing many passers-by to pause and contemplate the scenery. Seven labourers, 2 masons, and a joiner were employed over a period of 13 weeks, at a total cost of approximated £380 pounds including materials. G Chamberlain was appointed full time caretaker and keeper of the park (plus handyman for the Parish) on a wage of £2.50 per week. How things have changed.

In a report of the subcommittee dated 23rd May 1931, just before the park opened, the following comments were made *“The subcommittee have spent considerable time in the course of the development of this land, and no effort has been spared to retain the truly rural aspect of the situation, and have worked consistently with the attainment of this object in view, mainly to provide a rural sanctuary of seclusion for the elder people, in the midst of bricks and mortar, and also the provision of a small open space, free from danger, for the younger children to enjoy their pastimes.”*

Their achievement still speaks for itself today, even though over 80 years have passed since the above was written. A few changes have happened since then-the rockeries have disappeared and there are fewer flower beds.

Information taken from Friends' of Dawstone Park/Heswall Society web site

4. Green Flag Analysis and Assessment

The intention is for Dawstone Park to continue to achieve the standards as defined by the Green Flag Award Scheme; further details about the scheme are available at www.greenflagaward.org.uk

4.1. Assessment Criteria

- 1) A welcoming place
- 2) Healthy, safe and secure
- 3) Well maintained and clean
- 4) Environmental management
- 5) Biodiversity, landscape and heritage
- 6) Community involvement
- 7) Marketing and communication
- 8) Management

Dawstone Parks action plan can be found in Appendix 1.

4.2. Assessment

4.2.1. A Welcoming Place

Dawstone Park is a small local Park on the westerly slopes of Wirral with good clear entrance signage, well surfaced paths, children's play area, picnic tables, seating, flowerbeds and well laid out lawns.

There are three gated access points:

- Dawstone Road
- School Hill (suitable for assisted wheelchair access)
- Brow Lane (suitable for assisted wheelchair access)

The surface of the footpaths is tarmac and is in good condition, which is suitable for buggies or assisted wheelchairs (from School Hill or Brow Lane Access points).

Signage:

There are two pedestrian yardage signs pointing to the park from the town centre. There are also "Welcome to Dawstone Park" signs located at either end of the park.



Welcome to Dawstone Park signage



Noticeboard

There is a main noticeboard at the top of the park, where park and local information, as well as volunteering and event information is displayed. The Friend groups and council staff have keys and regularly update the display.

4.2.2. Healthy, Safe and Secure

This management plans details ways in which the council and its partners endeavour to keep the park and surrounding areas safe, secure and of good quality.

Anti-social behaviour

Wirral Council's Community Patrol is established to provide a 24-hour response to any concerns notified to them regarding anti-social behaviour occurring within Council owned land. The Patrol provides a reactive response to calls from the public and Council staff and generally they do not undertake routine patrolling. Problems of a persistent or on-going nature however can be raised with the team.

To report an issue please visit:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/anti-social-behaviour/report-anti-social-behaviour>

Or alternatively call 0151 606 2020 Mon-Fri 8:45am-5pm.

Or 0151 666 5265 (for out of hours).

Play area

Play areas shall be inspected, maintained and repaired to ensure that they are safe and all equipment is in working order in accordance with the relevant British Standard or other relevant standard.

Refer to British Standard EN1176 Part 1-7 and 1177of Accidents R.P.I.I (register of play inspectors international LTD) for guidance on all aspects of play area and play equipment maintenance; in particular, their information sheets for:

- inspection and maintenance of playgrounds
- regular inspection of playgrounds
- legal aspects of safety

This information is available from <http://www.playinspectors.com/>

Inspection shall be recorded either manually or electronically and logged with the Employer within the week following the inspection.

Only trained and competent staff, who have attended a recognised and appropriate course run by R.P.I.I (register of play inspectors international LTD) or similar training body, shall carry out maintenance operations which shall be undertaken in a safe and thorough manner.

Minor repairs and adjustments shall be carried out to play equipment, gates and safety surfacing to ensure that they are safe and usable at all times including weekends,

bank holidays and public holidays. Any play equipment, gates and safety surfacing that cannot be repaired immediately shall be made safe until an effective repair is undertaken.

Minor repairs shall include replacement of swing seats, chain, links, bearings, and loose-fill safety surfacing and rubber tiles.

Major repairs identified during the inspection shall be reported immediately to the Service Manager.

Painted and timber surfaces must be treated on a regular basis to ensure good condition and presentation. This includes all play equipment, gates and furniture.

Arrange for an independent annual recorded inspection of all play areas by R.P.I.I or similar accredited organisation. The inspection shall be a full mechanical and physical examination and include a risk assessment for each play area and indicate compliance with the Equality Act.

- Site safety.
- Suitability and condition of ancillary items.
- Standard compliance, suitability and condition of equipment.
- Dimensional compliance, suitability and condition of surfacing.

The park is covered by Byelaws, made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act.

Safety Inspections

Parks staff carry out regular inspections to identify defects within the park that present a safety problem for staff, users and adjacent residents. The local team leader carries out a annual site inspection with the following being appraised:

1. Paths, steps, ramps
2. Walls, fences, gates
3. Buildings
4. Furniture – signs, seats, litterbins
5. Soft landscape – grass, planted areas, water features
6. Trees

Members of the Friends' Group also report problems to the Local Team Leader or to park staff member, they provide an 'eyes and ears' service which supplements the work of paid staff, and represents a valuable contribution to the running of the park.

Based on site safety inspections and for amenity reasons four benches were replaced with brand new benches in 2019



New Benches installed in 2019

Arboricultural Maintenance

Tree safety inspections are conducted by the councils appointed professional arboricultural specialist. Work is then contracted out and conducted on a priority basis. Dawstone Park was surveyed and work completed in 2019.

A procedure has been written which describes the basic steps when a member of staff has concerns regarding a specific tree or trees. The staff member should report the tree to the Local Team Leader. The team leader then passes the information onto the

Tree and Woodland Officer or Area Manager, who will instruct a contractor to do the work if required.

Wirral Council's grounds maintenance team undertake a programme of seasonal tree work related to tree safety and amenity works when needed.

4.2.3. Well Maintained and Clean

Litter, cleanliness and vandalism

Litterbins are sited at the entrances and throughout the park with the design standardised over the last few years following initiatives in other green flag sites.

Litter inspections and bin emptying are undertaken on a daily basis by the on-site parks staff member. The bins are usually emptied twice a week but depends on season and usage. Litter is picked up at the same time.

The Friends group play a valuable role in helping to keeping the park well maintained and free from litter.

Ongoing Maintenance

Horticultural maintenance is carried out in accordance with the Dawstone Park Service Requirement'.

A mobile team of gardeners maintain the grounds to a high standard and undertake a range of grounds maintenance operations including grass cutting. The Friends Group also play a significant role in the maintenance of the park and hold regular Saturday work parties. The Friends' undertake such activities as: flower bed and shrub bed maintenance, hedge cutting and litter removal.

The children's play area is inspected each week by a dedicated play area safety inspection team. During the inspection visit the condition of the equipment is assessed and any repair considered necessary is undertaken or the equipment isolated until a permanent repair can be made.

Dog Issues

The park has signs at the entrances indicating that it is a 'clean it up' area. Dog walkers are advised to wrap the droppings and place in a litterbin. Dog fouling is classified in law as litter for street cleaning purposes and can be disposed of correctly wrapped in Council litterbins, consequently dedicated 'dog waste only' bins are not provided by the Council. Dog walkers do use the litterbins for the disposal of removed faeces and dog fouling is not a major problem within the site.



Clean It Up Area

4.2.4. Environmental Management

Wirral parks and countryside team put sustainability at the heart of decision making and service delivery. We seek to have a positive impact on the environment, both now and for the future. Our key commitments are:

- Improve our sustainable performance
- Comply with environmental legislation
- Purchase sustainably
- Use natural resources sustainably
- Travel sustainably
- Minimise waste
- Manage land sustainability
- Raise Awareness
- Work in partnership

These key commitments are adhered to in all of Wirral Council's parks, including Dawstone Park.

For full details of the sustainability aims see Appendix 5.

Peat Usage

Any plants or trees for the park are bought in and is produced, to the Council's specification, using compost that is 100% peat free.

Green Waste

The friends' group have created their own composting area, where leaves and other green waste is allowed to mulch down and then reused in the park as compost.

This is a very environmentally friendly way of reducing transport of green waste and means that far less compost has to be bought in.

Items unsuitable for composting such as logs or branches are brought back to the councils depot. Any waste timber or metals recovered are also separated for reuse/recycling.



Compost bins in Dawstone Park

Chemical use

Chemical usage has been severely restricted in 2019/2020 and is now only used in exceptional circumstances or to deal with invasive non-native species. Herbicide usage is restricted to non-residual herbicide.

Chemical storage and usage comply with requirements as defined in the current herbicide handling legislation. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) assessment records of all chemicals are retained at Warren Farm Depot.

Sustainable Materials

Sustainable materials are utilised in the park as much as possible with the main item being seating. Some of these are of a robust steel design and others of iron and wood design. A programme of wood replacement is under way as necessary on existing seats. All wooden furniture is purchased from suppliers that can certify that timber is from a sustainable source.

Climate Change Adaption

Wirral Borough Council in 2019 has declared a Climate Emergency. As part of this it is a developed climate change adaption strategy, which has two main goals:

- to substantially cut climate pollution associated with Wirral
- to adapt Wirral to unavoidable climate change

The strategy and yearly progress reports are available here:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/climate-change-and-sustainability/cool-climate-change-strategy>

The draft strategy for Cool 2 (Climate strategy from 2020 onwards) is found here.

4.2.5. Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage

The original design and layout of the park has changed little over the years. The recent re designing of the children's play area bringing it up to modern safety standards, being a notable exception. The newly restored wrought iron gates are a key feature along with the original sandstone plaque commemorating the opening of the park. The park is bordered on the Dawstone Road section by a sandstone wall. On the inner side of the wall (the park side) there is an historic plaque commemorating the opening of the park on 1st July 1931 (see section 3.6.)

Infrastructure

A recent addition to the park is a children's eco-friendly log walk close to the children's play area. In 2016 The Friends' of Dawstone Park planted a Midland Hawthorn Tree in the Park to mark the occasion of H.M the Queens 90th birthday. In 2020 another commemorative tree will be planted, this time to recognise the 100-year anniversary of the Women's Institute (Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes). In 2016, all existing litter bins were replaced with more aesthetically pleasing ones and two new period style picnic tables were installed. In 2019 four new benches were installed (details in section 4.2.2.).

Biodiversity and Landscape

The area to the southern boundary (Brow Lane) has been developed an area for biodiversity, by planting native British woodland flowers e.g. fox glove, wood anemone, lesser celandine and a serpentine woodland walk has been installed. To add to the woodland aspect, the friends' group have also added new bird and bat boxes.

The sweeping views across the park, down towards the Dee Estuary and across to Wales are one of the main features of the park.

In 2020 funding has been obtained to remove a series of shrubs adjacent to the walkway along the Dawstone Road edge. These areas would then be planted up with less dominant species that promote biodiversity and are more aesthetically pleasing. The scope of the work is below and set to start in February/March 2020.

DESCRIPTION

Dawstone Park

removal of 4 'blocks' of Viburnum adjacent to the walkway along the Dawstone Road edge. All arisings will be removed from site and the root balls dug out. All Waste material will be takewn to a licenced green waste facility.

1. Remove Viburnum and retain Berberis
2. Remove Viburnum and Holly
3. Revome Vibernum and retain Holly
4. Remove Vibernum and retain Holly



View across the walkway where 4 shrub beds will be removed and planted with a wider variety of small shrubs and bedding

4.2.6. Community Involvement

The Dawstone Park Friends' Group

The group has in excess of > 50 members and are actively involved in the park and with its decision making.

The group carry out regular task days within the park from litter clearance to planting up the flower beds. The group also hold a very successful August fayre in the park which is extremely well attended.



Dawstone Park “Fun in the Park” event for 2019

Members of the Friends' committee keep in regular contact with the Local Team Leader to discuss or highlight any issues that affect the park. There is at present no fixed format for site visits, but the Local Team Leader usually meets representatives of the Friends' group in the park about four times per year.

Dawstone Park falls within the parliamentary ward of Wirral South. The local Team Leader and committee members from the Friends' also work closely with the South Wirral Constituency Officer. Following detailed discussions and site meetings with all parties, in 2015 a plan of improvement work was agreed upon and with £15000 of funding from the constituency office the programme was implemented and completed by 2016. In 2020 further funding was obtained to remove large shrubs, with work due to start in February 2020. For full details of this proposal see section 4.2.5.

The Heswall Society also takes an active interest in the park and have worked with the Friends' group to produce an interesting and informative web site. (see section 3.4. for a link to web site)

4.2.7. Marketing and Communication

Marketing of the park

Dawstone Park is widely advertised, and site information is available across the following platforms:

- [Wirral Council website](#): Includes information on opening hours, facilities, access information, contact details and link to the Green Flag management plan for the site.
- [Friends of Dawstone Park Website](#) : Informative website with information on events, history of the park and how to join the group or volunteer.
- [Friends of Dawstone Park Facebook Page](#) : Regular and up to date info on the friends activities in the park and how the public can get involved.
- [Heswall Society Website](#): Info about the park and links to the Friends websites.
- [Green Flag Award website](#): Gives a great overview of the site, alongside park facilities and contact details. Allows people to see online that the park has achieved this prestigious award.
- Dawstone Park has been rated on google reviews as a 4.6 (according to 40 reviews).

Marketing support is also being given by Wirral South Constituency Committee.

Wirral's Parks Friends' groups are invited to attend a Park's Forum, which is held twice a year. This presents an opportunity for the various groups to meet and share their experiences. Collectively the Friends' of Wirral Parks produce a quarterly newsletter with contributions from all Friends' groups



Marketing locally, event websites and Facebook for events such as “Fun in the Park”

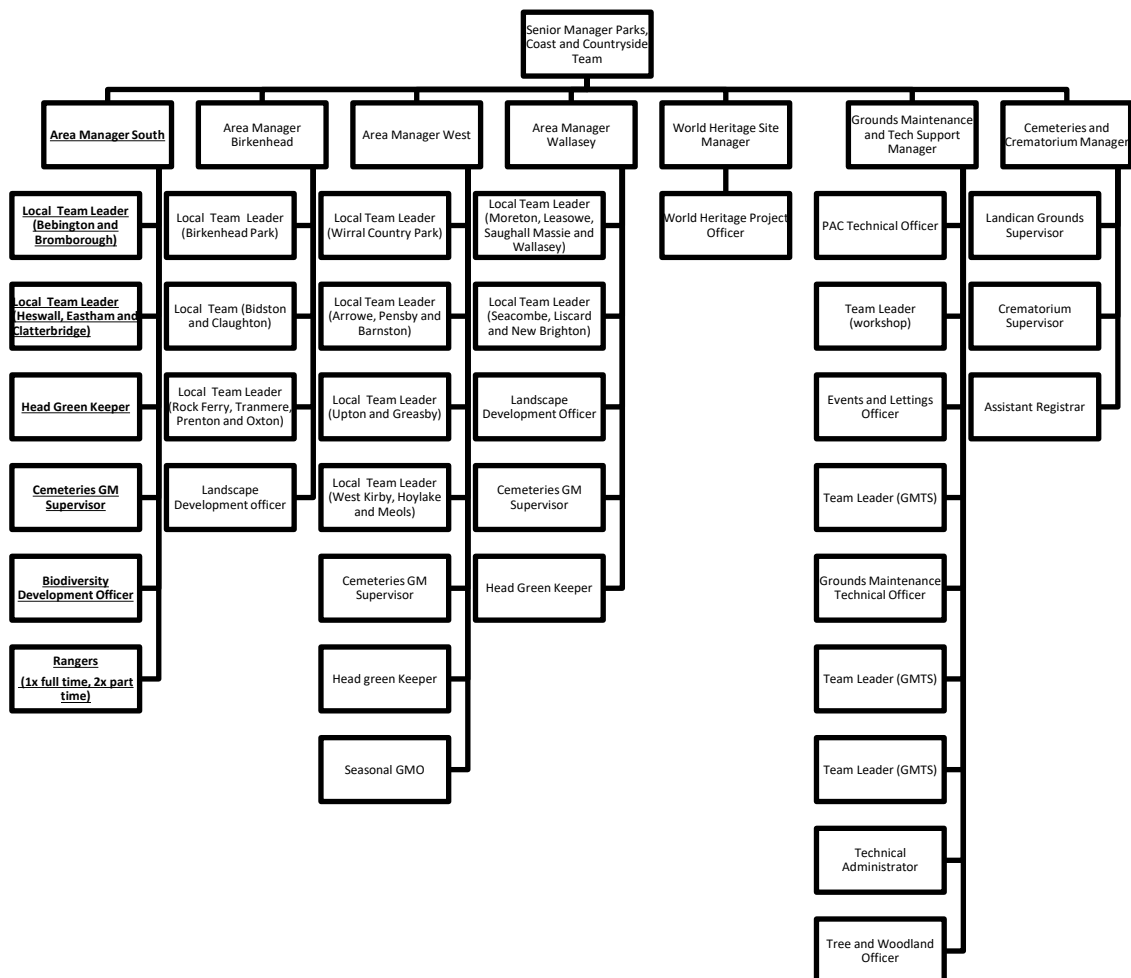
4.2.8. Management

The local team leader and onsite ranger (Parks Allotments and Countryside Department) is responsible for the management and maintenance of the site (see figure below for service organisational chart).

This management plan aims to inform staff and members and the public about the aspirations Wirral Council

The Parks and Countryside Service like other public services around the country is experiencing budgetary pressure and face challenging times to deliver service improvements.

Enquiries regarding the management and maintenance of the park can be made directly to the Local Team Leader: lukebithell@wirral.gov.uk



2019/2020 Wirral Parks and Countryside service organisational chart.
 Dawstone Park falls under South Wirral (underlined)

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: Action Plan

	Action	Lead Officer	Funding Source	Target Date	Objective Achieved
1	A Welcoming Place				
1.1	Remove Shrubbery from pathway adj. to Dawstone road to aid welcoming entrance	Area Parks Manager	Constituency Funding	2020	
1.2	Bulb planting across Park	Friends' Area Parks Manager	Requires Additional Funding	Ongoing	√
1.3	Provide standardised seating through donation scheme or authority funded.	Area Parks Manager	PPM/ Donations	2019	√
2	Healthy, Safe and Secure				
2.1	Carry out weekly inspections of play equipment	Swing Fitters	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
2.2	Enhance links between park staff/ community patrol / rangers and Friends'	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
2.3	Ensure all anti dog fouling signs are in place	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
2.4	Retain and develop links with youth organisations, schools, other user groups and police	All Parties	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
2.5	Continue rolling programme of footpath repair, to include widening of foot path in area of double gates at bottom of brow lane to allow large plant on to site of maintenance work to be carried out.	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
2.6	Tree Safety Inspections	Tree and Woodland Officer	Tree safety budget	Every 3 years	√ 2019
3	Well Maintained and Clean				
3.1	Network with other organisations to promote the park	All Parties	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
3.2	Ensure speedy reporting and removal of graffiti	Local Team Leader/GMOs/Friends'	From Existing Resources	ongoing	√
3.3	Maximise the use of external grants to facilitate improvement work	Local Team leader Friends'	Requires Additional Funding	Ongoing	√

3.4	Install new benches to improve safety and look of park	Local Team Leader/ Landscape Officer	PPM	2019	√
4	Environmental Management				
4.1	Separate green waste for composting within Park	Friends of Dawstone Park	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
4.2	Separate metal for recycling at the area depot	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
4.3	Monitor water consumption	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
4.4	Continue sourcing furniture from sustainable sources	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
4.5	Plant native British bulbs in woodland area to improve biodiversity	Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	2016-2019√
4.6	Trial usage of No Pesticide usage	Area Parks Manager	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√ 2020
5	Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage				
5.1	Encourage wildlife and diversity through the installation of bird/bat boxes	Friends' Rangers	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
5.2	Establish wildflower areas in Park Using native British species	Local Team Leader /Friends'	From Existing Resources	2016/17	2016 2017√
5.3	Install new log walk	Local Team Leader /Friends'	From Existing Resources	2017	2017 √
5.4	Introduce a woodland walk	Friends'	From Existing Resources	2016/18	√
5.5	Remove, restore and re hang three sets of wrought iron gates	Constituency officer	From Existing Resources	2016	2016 √
5.5	Plant a larger variety of plant species in beds closest to Dawstone rd. to aid species diversity	Local Team Leader	From Existing Resources	2020	
6	Community Involvement				
6.1	Continue working with Friends', user groups and the community groups	All Parties	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
6.2	Deliver annual programme of events	Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
6.3	Seek external funding for events and park improvements	Local TL &Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	

6.4	Encourage dedications and sponsorship of replanting and furniture improvements	Local Team Leader/ Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
6.5	Support the expansion of the role of the Parks Friends' Forums	Area Parks Manager/ Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	√
6.6	Develop links with schools and youth organisations in the park	Friends' Rangers	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	✓
7	Marketing and Communication				
7.1	Improve council's website offering and add pictures	Area Parks Manager	n/a	2020	
7.2	Promote Friends' website	Friends'	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	✓
7.3	Undertake market research with a visitor survey	Friends'	From Existing Resources	2016/18	
8	Management				
8.1	Achieve Green Flag status through continuous improvement	All Parties	From Existing Resources	ongoing	√ 2016-2020
8.2	Contribute to Production of Parks Modernisation Plan	All Parties	From Existing Resources	2016/21	✓ 2016-2020
8.3	Maintain a management plan to deliver short-term and longer-term improvement to the quality of the park.	All Parties	From Existing Resources	Ongoing	✓
8.4	Pursue funding for improvements	All Parties	Requires Additional Funding	2016/21	✓ 2016
8.5	Pursue funding for future events	Friends'	Requires Additional Funding	2016/21	✓ 2016

Appendix 2: Wirral Parks and Countryside Service – Sustainability


WIRRAL PARKS & COUNTRYSIDE TEAM
WIRRAL PARKS & COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE — SUSTAINABILITY

Aim: Wirral Parks & Countryside teams putting sustainability at the heart of decision making and service delivery.

Key Commitments:

In all our activities, We will :

- **Improve our sustainable performance** review, annually report, and continually improve our sustainability performance , including progressing on carbon reduction.
- **Comply with environmental legislation,** regulations and relevant codes of practise.
- **Purchase sustainability.** Select and promote goods and services , using purchasing criteria which balance economic, social and environmental factors, requiring our suppliers to address similar issues.
- **Use Natural resources sustainably.** Implement an efficiency programme to reduce energy and water demand and promote and install low carbon technologies in our buildings/ other constructions where possible, requiring contractors to address similar issues e.g. supplier miles, procurement, local labour etc.
- **Travel sustainably .** Encourage sustainable travel by staff, service users, contractors, residents and visitors.
- **Minimise waste.** Reduce, re-use and recycle resources, as far as is practicable, and ensure responsible disposal of all its residual waste.
- **Manage land sustainability.** Protect , conserve and enhance our natural and built environment, safeguarding heritage , enhancing habitats and biodiversity and the amenity value of the parks and countryside.
- **Raise awareness** of this policy and related sustainability issues amongst employees , contractors, service users, residents and visitors.
- **Work In partnership** with other organisations to promote wider responsibility towards sustainability, highlight best practice, share information and encourage joint working.

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