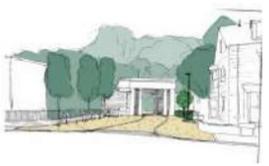


2020 SUCCESSES



GENERAL CEMETERY

Ward: Nether Edge and Sharrow

Capital works: appointment of consultant team and detailed design stage with lots of stakeholder engagement, all managed remotely - in particular structural investigations of the catacombs and TV coverage!



Activity Programme: Appointment of two new team members and delivery of package of distanced and digital activities promoting new ways of volunteering and engagement working closely with Sheffield General Cemetery Trust, Whole Site Management Group and local community.

PONDEROSA

Ward: Walkley

Early this year work began to improve the access to this well loved park just outside the city centre. Further path works were delivered to enable people to use the site in all weathers.



HILLSBOROUGH PARK

Ward: Hillsborough

Work is underway to begin a wide ranging stakeholder and community consultation exercise for a 5 year Forward Plan for Hillsborough Park with the ambition of achieving **Green Flag** Status for the park.



Playground

In partnership with the Friends of Hillsborough Park phase 1 of the playground improvements has now been completed.



PARSON CROSS

Ward: Firth Park



Back in January contractors began the much needed improvement works to the skate park at Parson Cross. This involved completely overhauling the existing tired facility and building a new concrete area for 'all wheels' which can be used by BMX, Skateboard, Scoot, Roller Blades and Wheelchair MX.

SHIREBROOK VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE

Ward: Woodhouse

2020 saw a new lease of life given to the visitor centre at Shirebrook Valley. This involved.....



- A new education room, which can be opened into one large space.
- A smaller meeting room
- Interior decor with welcoming colours that have been designed to be friendly for a wide variety of users.
- New accessible doors and secure shuttering

Next Stage

Delivering visitor access, experience and environmental improvements to enable people to enjoy and learn about local wildlife and heritage and to benefit their physical and mental health.



£40k has been secured as match funding from Veolia Environmental Trust to deliver this phase.

Many thanks to Woodhouse Community Forum, Shire Brook Valley Heritage Group, Shire Brook Valley Conservation Group and Friends of Birley Spa for your enthusiasm and involvement with the project.

PLAY IMPROVEMENTS



HILLSBOROUGH 'All Wheels'



We've now secured over **£250k** towards a new Bike Park facility due to be completed in Spring '21. Working with partners at Access Sport and British Cycling the facility will be supported by an activity programme to encourage cycling, develop skills, and build a community club linked to the facility.





CONSULTATION

During 2020 we were able to facilitate consultation [online] through the corporate Citizen Space platform. The COVID situation has really challenged the team to innovate and widen the methods of reaching the people of Sheffield to engage meaningfully in how people want to see their green spaces improved and managed.



'My Park, My Health' survey was created for the projects with Public Health Funding which asked people how the parks played a role in their Health & Wellbeing and how the spaces could be improved to support this.

Concord Park	72 Responses	
Ecclesfield Park	273 Responses	
Oxley Park	147 Responses	

Consultation was also progressed for:

- Hillsborough 'All Wheels' 833 Responses
- Sheffield Botanical Gardens – 218 Responses Education & Engagement
- Spider Park 79 Responses
- Shire Brook Valley Visitor Centre 136 Responses
- Sycamore Park Improvements 71 Responses
- Sheffield General Cemetery 140 Responses - safeguarding the next 100 years

Across all consultations the following common themes emerged



Carterknowle Park

Ward: Ecclesall

400metres of woodland paths were built in 2020 which has made the woodland usable in the winter months- for residents and for school cross country. A new entrance has been designed and will hopefully be built in 2021.

Surveys have also been carried out with the aim of resolving the drainage issues.

Site Maintenance

Ward: Across All

One of the biggest challenges this year was keeping on top of the dropped litter where people were not using the bins or if full not taking it home with them. Parks staff maintain and empty **648** bins across the city.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have assisted in keeping the parks and green spaces tidy.



With help from local residents the team regularly returned areas to their usual standard

OXLEY PARK

Ward: Stocksbridge & Upper Don

Working with the Friends of Oxley Park (FOOP) & For Stocksbridge Leisure Centre Trust (4SLC)

£500k has been secured from the Towns Fund accelerated funding pot.

This will enable the delivery of a new Playground, Path Improvements and expansion of the car park which will improve access for users of the park and leisure centre.

Before



Work has already taken place to transform the leisure centre

This piece of existing grass land will be transformed into a high quality play area



Now



Next step

Construction works on this is to start early January 2021. The next phase of this project is to work with the local community to progress the 'All Wheels' facility that will replace the existing skate ramps that are in poor condition and difficult for all ages/skill levels to utilise.

Green Flag Award

The hard work of staff, Friends Groups and volunteers was recognised in October by the environmental charity 'Keep Britain Tidy' who once again awarded us 13 Green Flags for sites in Sheffield.



The success was marked by lighting some of our sites green, Botanical Gardens Pavilion, Weston Park Bandstand, the Winter Gardens and Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre.



Sheffield Standard

Despite the challenges, Sheffield's green and open spaces quality levels maintain a high standard, with **68%** of sites meeting the Sheffield Standard. This is achieved through positive site management and ongoing development/improvement projects.

The support of our Friends Groups, stakeholders and volunteers has also been invaluable during these difficult times.

The target for next year is for **70%** of our sites to meet the Sheffield Standard.



Playground COVID cleaning regime

Ward: Across All



During 2020 once the Playgrounds were allowed to re-open the Playgrounds Team and Maintenance staff planned and delivered a robust cleaning regime to protect people from the potential transmission of coronavirus. They carried out a staggering **200** cleans per week!



Maintenance Stats

5,486 beds have been maintained. Park users have feedback in consultations that 'flower beds' add colour to the sites and have been a feature of parks since Victorian times.



512,959 m2

of hedge has been cut and maintained, these provide valuable habitat to wildlife and helps define boundaries of sites.



128,647,544 m2 of grass cut.



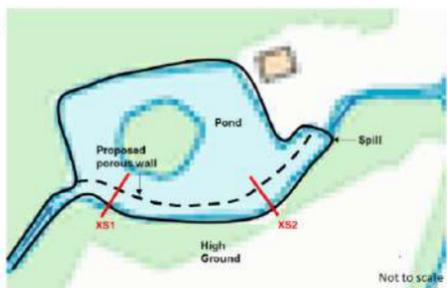
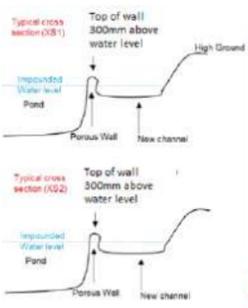
This is the equivalent to 18,017 football pitches!



FORGE DAM

Ward: Fulwood

Agreement on the way forward for a technically specialist project working closely with Friends of Porter Valley who have fundraised over **£261,000** for the project, so that this project can be delivered in 2021.



Relaxed Mowing & Wildflower

Ward: Across All



Blackstock Open Space



One of the measures introduced by the maintenance teams during the pandemic was the relaxation of existing mowing regimes. With staffing levels lower due to absence and shielding the team worked out which areas could be relaxed to allow for more wildflower to grow which has been a common request from the public throughout consultations.

105 acres have now been turned over to relaxed mowing.



Community Tree Planting

The community tree planting programme was impacted heavily by the restrictions however the team worked hard to plant where possible.



- The team lead some COVID safe community planting at Worrall in December with 15 people volunteering and planting **700** trees.
- The team worked with Dore Primary School to plant **400** new trees, with the children learning about soils, worms and unearthing old pieces of pottery.

The team with the help of contractors, rangers and parks staff are on course to plant **10,000** trees this year!

Many thanks to **Trees for Cities** who are funding much of the planting this year.



UP NEXT IN 2021

More Play Improvements planned, including:



- Chelsea Park Playground
- Upper Hanover Improvements
- Mortomley Park
- Worrall Rec
- Philadelphia Gardens
- Bolehills



A New Playground for Woodthorpe



New Spider Park at Wisewood



A New Playground for Westfield

Following delivery of a Sustainable Drainage scheme and landscaping works at Woodthorpe Ravine a new playground will be installed on the site as part of the development of Sheffield Housing Company's Princes' Garden Housing Estate on the Manor.

Woodthorpe Ravine

Ward: Richmond



Improvements planned for Mather Road

Ward: Darnall



Parkwood Springs Cycling Track & Masterplan

Ward: Burngreave



Parson Cross Pavilion Stage 2 bid

Ward: Firth Park



In conjunction with local Rugby & Football Clubs the bid to the Rugby League World Cup Capital Grants Programme is being prepared to refurbish the existing facility into a usable community space and high quality sports facility.



Bolehills Pavilion Rebuild

Ward: Walkley



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