

Management Plan

Rosefield Park

2021 - 2026



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INTRODUCTION

Rosefield Park is managed by the City of Edinburgh Council's East Neighbourhood Environment Team. Previous management of this park has been guided by local Community Parks Officers' and Park Rangers' yearly work plan. The East Neighbourhood Environment Team manages 24 parks and is committed to developing the quality of its local parks and green spaces.

This Management Plan sets out the management, maintenance and improvement plan for Rosefield Park. It provides a long-term vision for the Park and details on both developmental and operational actions required to achieve that vision. The management plan covers the period 2017 to 2019 and has a detailed plan of works for that period.

Like any Management Plan, its purpose is to provide a framework within which all future management is carried out. It will enable anyone involved with the park to understand how the park is to be managed and improved to achieve the vision in line with our agreed policies.

This plan's target audience is the local community and businesses, park stakeholders, elected members and council officers. Its style and content should ensure continuity of purpose and consistency in service delivery. It is intended to be a flexible, working document that will be reviewed and updated annually.

The plan is set out in four distinct sections:

The first section, *“Where Are We Now?”* describes the current situation with Rosefield Park, which includes the policy and legal context within which it is managed and provides some basic information about the park.

The second section, *“Where Do We Want To Be?”* develops the vision for Rosefield Park and provides an assessment and analysis at the time of writing this Management Plan, and states the aims established for the park..

The third section, *“How Will We Get There?”* describes the aims and objectives for Rosefield Park.

The fourth and final section, *“How Will We Know When We Get There?”* explains how the improvement, maintenance and management of Rosefield will be monitored and reviewed.



Rosefield Park Footbridge

**Stakeholders
(Appendix 4
for contact
details)**

**Summary of
Main Uses**

It is a valuable recreational park with play facilities for a range of ages from the formal play area to the informal teenage area with a multi games area.

It is a fantastic natural space for residents and the wider community with a special mix of wildlife in an urban green space which has a wilder and a more natural setting than many urban parks.

The recent addition of the multi sport and petanque court has given the opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the park.



The park provides an essential green space in the heart of Portobello and is an important space for locals and visitors to the area. It provides an area for local people to observe wildlife and enjoy the outdoors.



The area of Portobello is a built up residential area. Rosefield Park is approximately 3.27 acres in size. The population of the Portobello / Craigmiller, ward 17, is approximately 25,000.

The design of the park provides seating concentrated in the East of the park facing the open sided end of the Park with views to Arthur's Seat.

The site is managed primarily as a facility for recreational use, but natural habitats and wildlife considerations are an important part of managing the site ensuring that we continue to preserve / create habitats for a range of species.

A brief assessment of the typical users of the Park includes a wide sector Edinburgh resident:

- Users for passive recreation – residents, people working in the area and school children taking lunch, walking or playing, older people taking gentle exercise through the park.
- Users for informal recreation – parents with young children use the park as it is a safe environment away from busy roads and like many areas of open space it is used for exercising dogs.
- People interested in ornithology and other wildlife
- The park provides an area for informal and formal play
- A safe place to ride a bike
- ball sports, walking and jogging

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| | <p>In 2008, the Parks and Green space Service used a web-based questionnaire to capture the views of residents and visitors to Edinburgh's parks and green spaces. The questionnaire is available at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parksurvey. The survey asks people to give their views about what they think about the service the Council provides and their experience of Edinburgh's parks. The management plan will include such comments to help to improve the service and the park for local residents and visitors. Please see Appendix 1 for full user survey feedback.</p> |
| <p>Assessment of cultural and aesthetic value</p> | <p>There is great value in the recreational use of the area for the user of Rosefield Park and particularly for those living in the adjacent Community areas of Portobello and Northfield. The area provides users with an area of green space for health and recreational use.</p> <p>The topography of the park provides fine views of Arthur's Seat.</p>  <p>The design of the park provides seating concentrated in the North of the park facing towards Arthur seat.</p> <p>There is a circular tarmac path around the park and access to three entrances and exits allow access for park users. Seats are strategically placed along main path routes.</p> |
| <p>Topography, Drainage and Soils</p> | <p>The site is a flat and level with a meandering flowing through the park, the same which flows through several of the parks in the city, claiming its source from the Pentlands and flowing to Portobello where it joins the sea. The Park plays a crucial role in local flood prevention recently having an over flow culvert constructed. There is no comprehensive soil information available for this park. The soils appear to be free draining.</p> |
| <p>Planting and Layout</p> | <p>Approx 35% of the park is made up of grass areas. Most of the grass in the park is cut for amenity use. There are some margin areas and areas within</p> |

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| | <p>wooded areas that are left as scrub. This benefits a variety of species using the park as a natural habitat.</p> <p>Approx 35% of the park is made up of a planted area including the river edge. The remaining area, about 30% is made up of play areas and hard standing areas.</p> |
| <p>Planted Areas</p> | <p>There are 3 main flower beds within Rosefield Park the largest of which runs along the South boundaries from West Brighton Place to Rosefield Place. Smaller beds run parallel with West Brighton Place.</p> <p>In 2011 the planting within the park was landscaped. All the original planting which was made up of mainly <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> was removed and the beds replanted with a mixture of perennials and shrubs. This mixture has allowed us to increase the flowering period which is more beneficial to the wildlife and gives interest and colour for the users.</p> <p>Along the burn margins beds were created to stabilize the banking. The beds were planted with Iris and Carex. To the rear of the burn there is a small grass meadow which was created using a mixture of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transate Perennial Ryegrass 20% Herald Strong Creeping Red Fescue 38% Bornito Sheeps Fescue 25% Ruebens Flattened Meadow Grass 10% Highland Browntop Bent 5% Rivendel Small White Clover 2% <p>In 2013 we have added to this mix several varieties of bulbs: Alliums, Eremurus and Muscaria. To the front of this grass land is a swath of Narcissus.</p> <p>Next to the wooden bridge is an annual wildflower area which leads on to the most striking feature of the park, the yew hedge. This provides the back drop to a perennial border that was created using a seed mixture containing: <i>Agrostemma githago</i>, <i>Ammi majus</i>, <i>Anthemis arvensis</i>, <i>Centaurea cyanus</i>, <i>Coriopsis tinctoria</i>, <i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>, <i>Glebionis segetum</i>, <i>Gypsophila elegans</i>, <i>Rosea linaria</i> Northern Lights Mix, <i>Papaver rhoeas</i> and <i>Viscaria oculata</i>. The bed was created by stripping 50mm of topsoil then replacing this with 50mm of horticultural sand, covering with a duet mesh and seeding over this.</p> |

**Woodlands
& Trees**

The more mature trees within the Park can be found on the West side and are mainly Acers, Ash and Poplars. The path around the Park has been planted with a mixture of Cherry and Mulberry trees. On the East side is a mature Yew hedge.

Trees are inspected by our in-house forestry section and records of the trees

health kept on ezytreev database.



Infrastructure

A database is used to manage all of the park's assets, these include:

- Listed wall
- Wooden bridge
- Interpretation panels x1 featuring history of park and historical buildings
- Surrounding fence being reinstalled 2012/ 2013 Sandstone walls to East and West
- Seating (5 benches) – two benches at North end of park in the play area and other along the existing footpath
- Bins (5 bins) - one each at entrances/exits and the play area (x1)
- Tarmac path within the park
- Notice boards x 1
- Decorative double iron gates
- Park Management rules x3
- Threshold signs x3
- Planted beds of horticultural interest
- Play area & wooden fencing around play area
- metal picnic benches
- Multi games area
- Petanque area
- Lighting

Significant Features

• **Play area**



• **Petanque**



• **Bridge**



Ball Court



Railings



Heritage and History

In 1763 Mr William Jameson (the son of a celebrated Edinburgh builder) bought around 40 acres of land from Baron Muir at a cost of around £3 per acre per year. He soon discovered that there was an underlying bed of clay in his land which was ideal for brick making.

William began to excavate this clay and first went to work on the site where Pipe Street and Bridge Street now stand. By 1764 he owned three brickworks, the main one being at Brickfield. By 1779 the works were producing in excess of three million bricks a year, making William a very wealthy man.

In 1767 he built a new dwelling house called Rosefield House. The building stood in an extensive and beautiful park, which today is known as Rosefield Park. Some remnants of the house remain within the grounds.

It was acquired for the council from the trustee of the estate in 1920 and is today a delightful park in miniature.



Rosefield Park



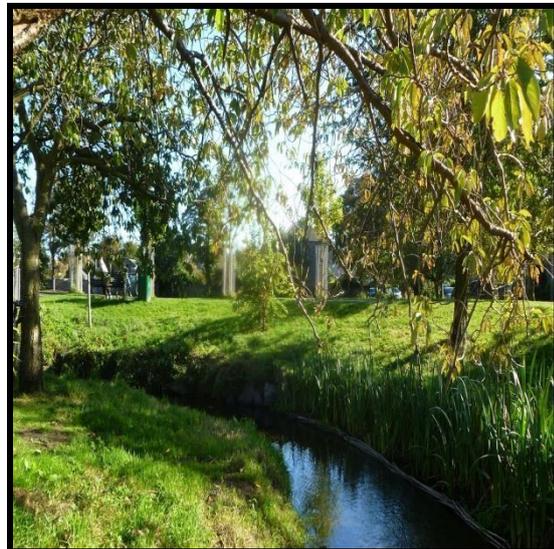
Councillor Bridgeman opens ball court and pentaque play area



Local company carves figures for placement around park



Wildflower Meadow



View to Rosefield House from bridge

1 WHERE ARE WE NOW?

1.1 Strategic Policy Framework

A number of Edinburgh's corporate strategies and policies apply to the parks and green spaces in the city, aiming to deliver safety and equality of provision, safeguard and enhance local environments and neighbourhoods, and ultimately improve the quality of life for Edinburgh's communities, enabling residents to participate fully in the City's park life.

These policies set the overall context within which parks are managed and developed, and although it is the green space policies, which have primary impact, the other more general policies also have a direct or indirect effect in varying degrees.

A list of these policies are given below. A brief précis of each is provided in the Appendix 7. Copies of these are available on request, many can also be accessed via the Council website (www.edinburgh.gov.uk).

Corporate Strategies and Policies

- The City of Edinburgh Council Business plan
- North east Locality plan 2017-2022
- Edinburgh core path plan
- Climate Change Framework
- Energy Policy
- Play Strategy

Park and Environmental Policies

- Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy
- Edinburgh sports pitch strategy Edinburgh Open Space Strategy
- Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan
- Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto

1.2 A Welcoming Place

Rosefield Park is a delightful park in miniature, on a bend of the Figgate Burn, surrounded by tall hedges and shrubberies with a pleasing wooden bridge across the burn. Rosfield is a popular sitting-out park beside the burn, a corner of tranquillity in contrast to the busy Sir Harry Lauder Road and the East coast main line beyond.

The whole park and the pleasant fenced off safe play area is a child's delight in a garden that was first created over 200 years ago. The park is used mainly by families and local businesses.

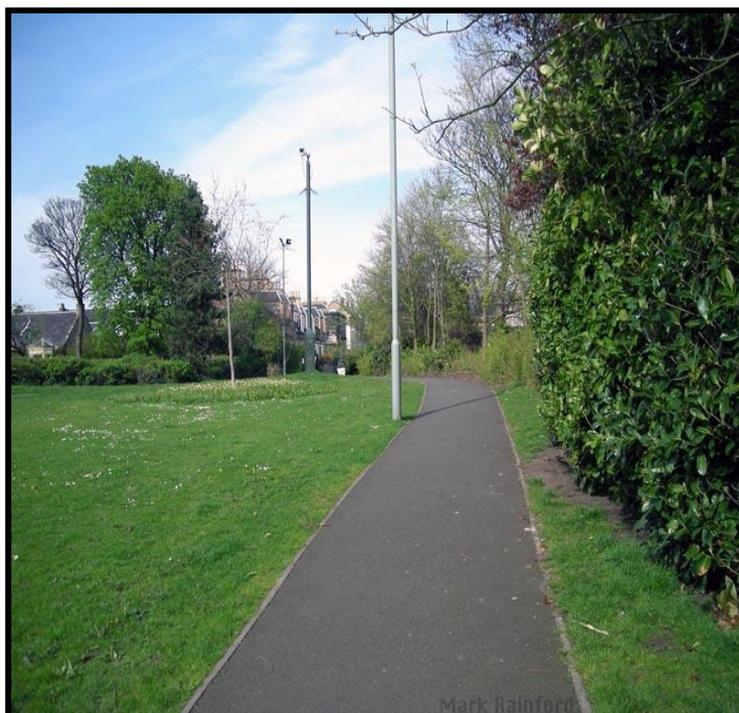
There is on street car-parking on Rosefield Place and West Brighton Crescent. Local Lothian buses, numbers 26, 42,40,45,15,69,21,49 pass by on Portobello high street. The wide flat paths allow easy access for all. The only vehicles allowed in the park are those carrying out routine maintenance.

The notice board located the entrance from Rosefield Place provides up to date information on the park.

1.3 Healthy, Safe & Secure

1.3.1 Site equipment Play area All City of Edinburgh Council play areas are designed in house to meet BS EN 1176

Parts 1 – 11. Prior to 1998 all play areas were designed to meet BS 5696. All play areas are held on a data base called 'Play safe' produced by Public Sector Software Ltd. This system holds information on all City of Edinburgh Council play



areas, including; type of equipment, installation date, and type of surface, fences walk way prior to re landscaping works and bins.

Informal inspections are carried once per month and are carried out by council employees who enter the play areas as part of their duties (Park Rangers, Playgrounds Maintenance Officer and Task Force staff). They report obvious hazards to the Councils workshop engineers. In-house ROSPA trained staff inspect the equipment on a 4-6-week basis. Any defects identified are either repaired immediately or isolated and made safe, for repair later. Written records of inspections and works undertaken are held with the Play section within the roads engineering section based at Bankhead . Annual inspections and risk assessments, conforming to the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII), are carried out in all the playgrounds by an independent Playground Inspector.

1.3.2 Personal Security

Park rangers regularly patrol the park and check the play area. Park rangers are effective in dealing with undesirable behaviours by providing a presence in the park and working with local community groups and schools. This involves raising awareness of any particular issues through the neighbourhood media, contact with the community, signage and providing events and activities designed to draw in the target groups, persuade them to stop and prevent the undesirable behaviours. They have no powers to apprehend, fine or prosecute offenders and are often working on their own. They must therefore rely on gentle, friendly persuasion. This, for most behaviour, can be very effective but requires a good deal of skill. Training for rangers on how to deal effectively and safely with the public.

When gentle persuasion fails Council officers and rangers can resort to regulation, using Management Rules, Environmental Wardens and the Police. Management Rules, made under section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1989, allow Council officers and rangers to expel and exclude people from parks for minor offences. If the offending person does not leave, they are committing a criminal

offence. The threat of the offence is often enough to persuade people to stop. If they persist then it is a matter for the police.

The current Management Rules for Public Parks have been updated and are shown at each of the entrances to the Park.

For people who will not be persuaded and for more serious behaviours in parks then Park officers and rangers and the public are encouraged to call the police. The police will respond in a time that resources and priorities allow.

All staff are tasked with reporting any potential problems and issues identified on site, including any concerns and issues raised by the general public.

Dog owners are always expected to keep their dog under control and expected to remove their dog waste from all areas. Environmental Wardens and police also patrol the park .



Caring for Edinburgh's parks

1.3.3 Event management

The draft Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto provides the framework for the planning and managing of events within the parks of Edinburgh and all major Event Organisers are expected to attend a series of meetings with the Parks and Greenspace Service, Edinburgh and Lothian Borders Police, Licensing Officers,

Roads, Waste Services, sponsors (if appropriate), known as the Emergency Planning Organisation Group (EPOG). An event plan has to be produced along with Risk Assessments and Public Liability Insurance, and all stakeholders notified, before an event is allowed to proceed.

At Rosefield Park most events are small scale community events, and liaison and agreement with the Community Parks Officer and / or Park ranger is all that is required. A refundable bond is also submitted to the Parks and Greenspace Service by the Event's Organiser to ensure the park is left in an appropriate manner after the event. Portobello Open Door hold an annual 'Family village show in the park, which involves home baking stall, raffle, duck race, BBQ and various stalls from local charities and organisations. Brighton and Rosefield residents group also hold an annual picnic well as an annual clean up event.

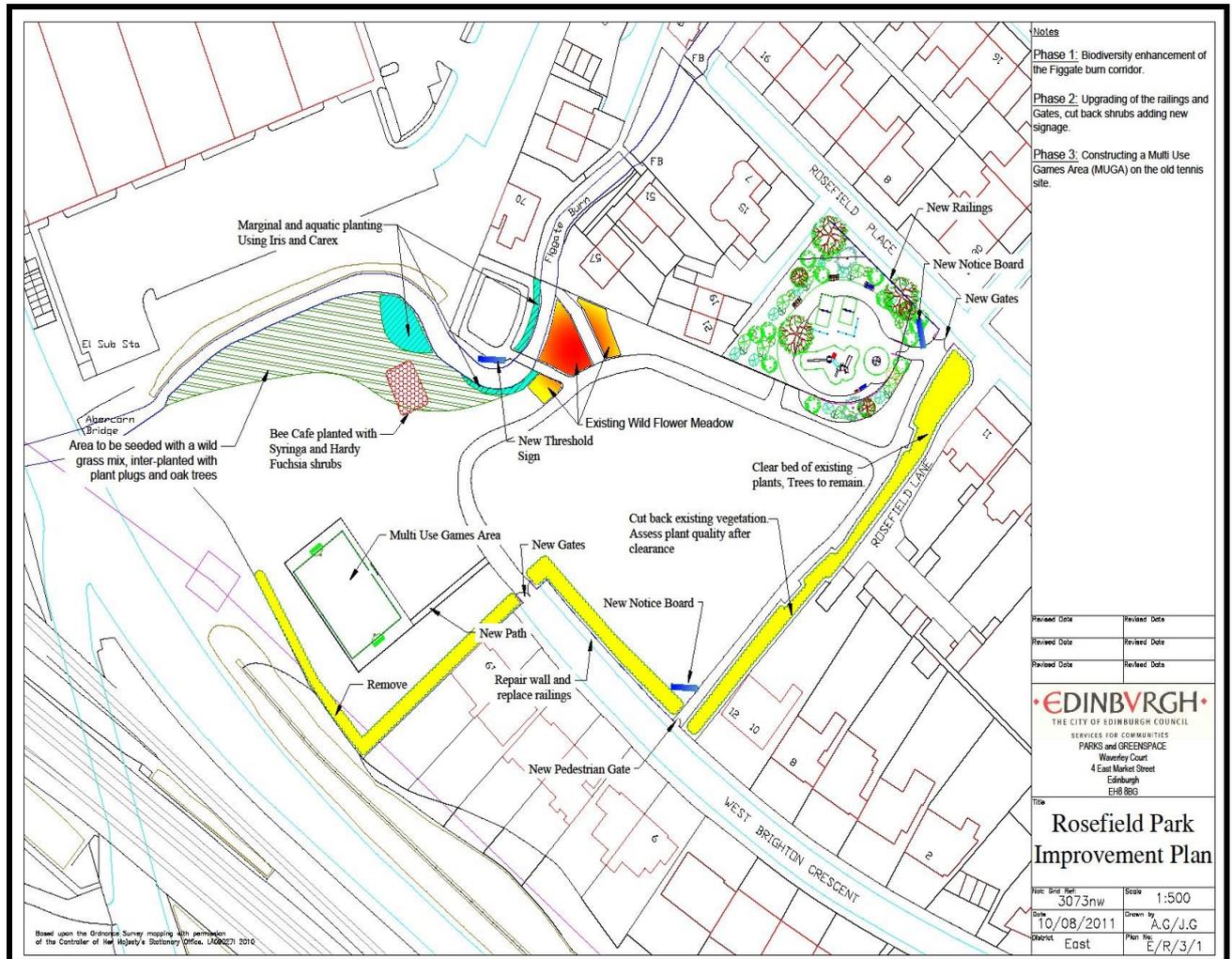


1.4 Well Maintained & Clean

The park is managed and maintained by the East Neighbourhood Team and Specialist Grounds Maintenance Team of the Services for Communities Department, City of Edinburgh Council.

1.4.1 Horticulture and litter

The Specialist Grounds Maintenance Team is responsible for the ground's maintenance. Landscape Quality Standards



There are four bins located in the park. These bins are serviced regularly every 4 days or more often if required by the Task Force Team.

1.4.2 Arboriculture and woodland management

All the trees in the Park have been surveyed. The records contain information on their species, age, size and condition are now listed on the Parks and Greenspace “Ezytreev” GIS-database. Only recently planted stock is not yet included on the

database. This enables a proactive approach to manage the trees and prioritising required works on defective specimens.

Elms are surveyed annually for signs of Dutch Elm disease and felled if appropriate.

Plants are sourced by the Council's Inch Nursery staff from reputable suppliers and if possible, from local suppliers. The choice of tree depends on location and its purpose.

Green waste is recycled. Limbs and wood are chipped and used as mulch and larger limbs and trunks are stored at Corstorphine for later sale.

1.4.3 Buildings and Fabric Maintenance

An audit of all facilities (e.g. signage, services) in Rosefield Park was carried out in 2008, and this information is recorded on the Parks and Greenspace purpose-built Asset Management Database. This includes a range of information including ownership, management provision and contact details. The asset database highlights facilities that require attention and in the case of Rosefield Park the railing and gates require upgrading. These have subsequently been upgraded to the style of railings used before the second world war.

Small scale graffiti is either removed or painted out by the Parks and Greenspace staff. The Specialist Services Task Force removes the more extensive graffiti on request.

Flood prevention works were carried out along the burn in 2011, to reduce the risk of flooding downstream. This involved creating a new culvert, stabilising existing riverbanks, creating access route to the burn and building a new bridge. These facilities are managed and maintained by the Buildings and Structures Service in the City Development Department within the Council.

1.5 Sustainability

1.5.1 Peat use

The only use of peat by the Parks and Greenspace Service is in the production of bedding plants at the Council's Inch Nursery. Since 2004 the nursery has reduced its consumption of peat by 50% and aims to meet national targets of 90%.

Several alternatives to peat have been incorporated into the growing mixes for plant production at the nursery, including; compost derived from the Council green waste collections, the nursery own compost, worm cast, fine bark, vermiculite and sand.

1.5.2 Pesticides

A recent change in the pesticide policy has been introduced by the City of Edinburgh Council. It states that, that no glyphosate-based chemical will be used within any park. The only change to this is treatment of invasive weeds and in the preparation of flower beds.

Alternative methods of weed control area being introduced Mulching of beds use of weed barriers and the use of green herbicides .

The council is aware that the total withdrawal of chemical for each park is impossible so When non-chemical alternatives are not suitable and chemical applications will be required, the council will ensure;

- Chemical amounts are reduced by using alternative products.
- Application methods will be used to reduce the amount of chemicals applied.
- Application methods will be used to reduce chemical drift and any risk to the operator and the public.
- Chemical types and application methods will ensure that any risk to the environment is reduced or eliminated.
- Use well trained and certificated staff.
- Use well maintained and correctly calibrated application equipment.
- Continually monitor and review all chemical usage.

1.5.3 Waste minimisation

To reduce land filled waste, the City of Edinburgh Council is working to develop and extend initiatives to prevent, minimise, reuse and recycle not only the cities but also its own waste. The Council is actively collaborating with other local councils in progressing the Lothian & Borders Area Waste Plant. Currently a minimum of 33% of waste from bins is recycled.

Tree limbs are chipped and used as mulch on site. Larger limbs and trunks are sold. Litter is disposed of appropriately to a licensed tip.

1.5.4 Environmental sustainability

The Council has a duty to protect the environment wherever possible. The Council aims to improve its environmental performance (in purchasing) by encouraging manufacturers, suppliers and contractors through contracts and other means to improve or develop environmentally preferable goods and services at competitive prices.

The lighting in the park is provided by low energy bulbs. Council vehicles are diesel. Machinery used in park use unleaded fuel and any products for fabric maintenance are CFC free.

1.6 Conservation & Heritage

1.6.1 Biodiversity

The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 placed a duty upon all public bodies and officeholders to:

“further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.”

Additionally, in complying with this duty a public body or officeholder must have regard to the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to the LBAP process and the creation of this new phase of the Edinburgh LBAP is a key action in the Edinburgh Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2009-12.

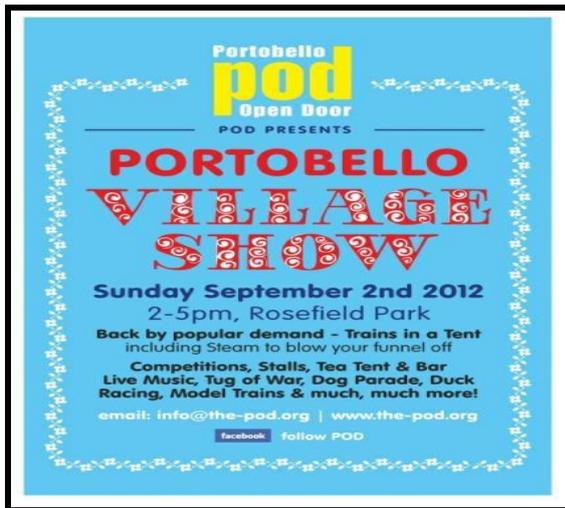
1.7 Community Involvement

The Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership - Local Community Plan is about organisations and communities working together to improve public services and quality of life. At the heart of Community Planning is listening to and communicating with communities. It is also about involving them in decisions about how services can better meet local circumstances. The local Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership have developed a Local Community Plan which sets out the local community's priorities. A well-managed environment is an essential basis for better health, quality of life and economic success and improving our management of areas, such as Portobello Community Garden and is a key component in achieving the quality of life within the local community.

The Environment Forum is a group of local partners and community representatives who meet regularly to review and monitor local environment services including Parks and Greenspace. This is a key local consultative group through which issues relating to parks and green spaces management and maintenance can be discussed. The groups' priorities are outlined in the 'Sustainable Environment' action plan.

As well as Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership and The Environmental Forum two other major local groups who have a high interest in Rosefield Park exist: Portobello Friends of Parks group and Brighton and Rosefield residents' groups. These groups can collect views and comments of residents and submit them to the Neighbourhood Partnership, the Environmental Forum groups for consideration or directly to the project officer. This involvement was

Used to find out opinion and view at the start the re development of the park



Recent Portobello village show held
In Rosefield Park

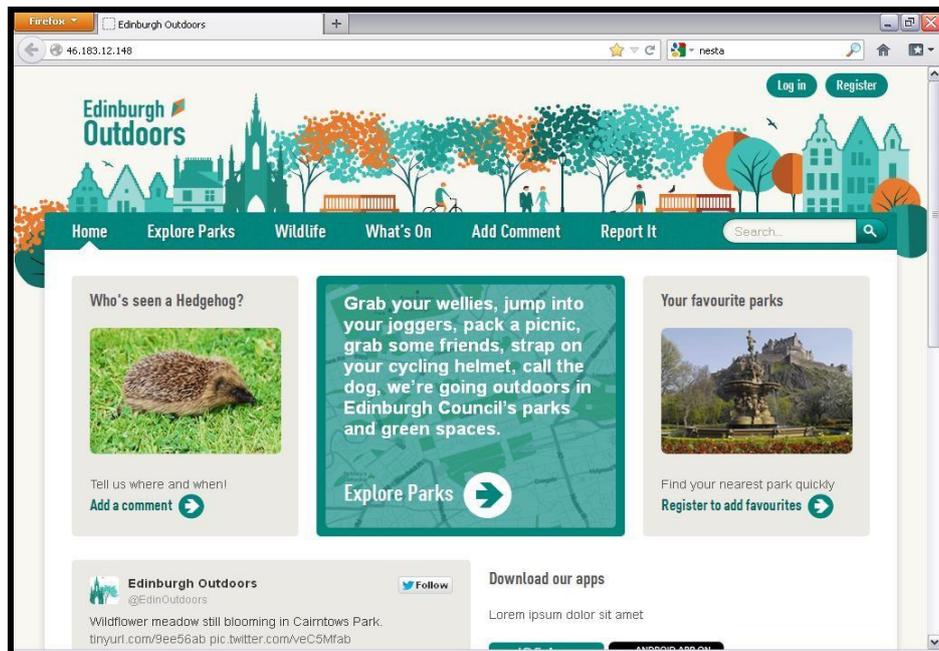


Local residents participating in river
cleaning in Rosefield Park

1.8 Marketing

Edinburgh Outdoors website (www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk) and free I phone and Android app offers information on all the Council owned parks, including Rosefield Park. Users can find out the location of their nearest play area, information about trees and monuments, what events are taking place and even what wildlife to watch out for every month.

The app is an easy way to explore Edinburgh's parks on the move. People are also encouraged to take photos and upload them via the app or on the Edinburgh Outdoors website to share their experiences. We promote Edinburgh Outdoors within the park notice boards using posters with QR codes which lead directly to the website, and a number of people have uploaded their photos and comments onto the site.



We use Twitter to provide real time information on what's going on in Rosefield Park, highlighting any upcoming parks issues we are dealing with or wildlife we have spotted in the park.

Within the park we use the notice boards to highlight activities taking place and other topics of interest. There are also interpretation panels which provide information on the history of the park.

Edinburgh People Survey

Citizen survey

The Edinburgh People Survey (EPS) is the Council's biannual citizen survey which

- measures satisfaction with the Council and its services
- identifies areas for improvement
- gathers information about residents which is not available through other sources or at ward level.

Around 5,000 residents take part in the survey each year. The survey is done through

- face-to-face interviews
- in the street • door to door.

To see what the people of Edinburgh think of our city, please download the 2018 EPS results below. These are available for the whole city as well as for each of the four regional localities. You can also view the raw data by locality or by electoral ward

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/say/edinburgh-people-survey/1>

2 WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET TO?

2.1 Vision Statement

The Council adopted its Edinburgh Parks and Gardens Strategy in March 2006. The strategy sets out a vision for its parks that states:

“A quality parks system worthy of international comparison; accessible, diverse and environmentally rich; which fulfils the cultural, social and recreational needs of the people”.

In developing this management plan for Rosefield Park, its vision is:

“To maintain Rosefield Park as a distinctive, attractive and well cared for place for the enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike”.

2.2 Assessment

The assessment and evaluation of Rosefield Park is an on-going and continuous process. The basic evidence, which provides material for management discussion are described below.

2.2.1 Park Quality Assessments

The quality of all parks and gardens in Edinburgh are assessed annually, using 19 of the 27 Green Flag Criteria. This is referred to as the Park Quality Assessment. The majority of the criteria are assessed during site visits, whilst the remaining (e.g. community involvement) are allocated scores by the Council's Green Flag Forum.

Bandwidth Scoring & Edinburgh Minimum Standard

The system used in 2009 saw the introduction of bandwidths to accommodate the natural variance of assessors both in terms of reliability and repeatability with a 10% variance between different assessors deemed acceptable.

Up until 2018, bandwidth scores were set for different park classifications due to the expected levels of quality on such with each displaying a textual description of the park quality, ranging from Excellent to Poor. The Edinburgh Minimum Standard (EMS) was set as Good/Good+ for all parks but the EMS score was different for each park type. Initially, this approach was useful in describing a parks quality without the need to explain the scoring but the mechanics were considered difficult to understand.

As improvements in parks have been made, especially in more strategic elements like Waste Minimisation and Marketing & Promotion, scores have also increased over the years to the point that in some parks, the more visual elements of park quality i.e. Litter Management and Grounds Maintenance do not match the resulting terminology used to describe the park. Coupled with the fact that only four parks didn't meet the Edinburgh Minimum Standard in 2017, it was felt that the bandwidth system needed reviewed.

In 2018, a simplified version (see table below) was agreed, making it both easier to understand and explain and the Edinburgh Minimum Standard is now set at Grade C (PQS of 60%) for all park types. All previous data has been retrospectively amended to show the data in the new format to enable year on year analysis.

| | Grade A | Grade B | Grade C | Edin Min Std | Grade D | Grade E |
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| All Parks & Cemeteries | 100%80% | 79% - 70% | 69% - 60% | 60% | 59% - 50% | 49% - 0% |

Park Quality Scores (bandwidths) for Rosefield Park

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 GRADE B | 2019 GRADE B | 2021 GRADE B |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PQA | Excellent | Excellent | yes | yes | Yes |

The Park Quality Assessments highlight what is good about the Park and gives areas requiring improvement. See Appendix 6.

2.2.2 Tree survey

All the trees in the gardens, except those recently planted, have been surveyed and their species, age, size and condition are now recorded on the Councils “Ezytreev” GIS-database. Any trees that were considered dangerous have been removed. The key concern for the Park is the number of over mature trees along the burn. Planning is required to ensure a sustainable planting programme is put into place.

2.2.3 Community Involvement and Engagement

In the development of this management plan a user survey was carried out during the summer of 2011. Users were encouraged to complete the Park and Greenspace on-line survey.

Park Rangers also attended events in park.

The survey data was collated and analysed in August (see Appendix 6 for results). In summary most people were satisfied (75% fairly satisfied or above) with the park and its general upkeep. People enjoy the peace of this small tranquil park, the naturalness of the burn area and the range of facilities in the park. The key changes / improvements people would like to see are the development of the old tennis court area into a sports area and more seating.

In 2014 there was a study to measure the Social Return on Investment (SROI) in the Rosefield Park and Green Spaces. At its simplest this is a recognised method for

estimating the economic value of outcomes delivered by parks and works by identifying stakeholders, outcomes and attaching monetary values to these outcomes. The work will be carried out by Karen Carrick, formerly of Greenspace Scotland.

3. 2. 4 SWOT analysis

During the autumn of 2019 strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats



(SWOT) analysis was carried out to identify the key objectives and aims for the park management plan. The results of this analysis are summarised in appendix 5. The actions are reviewed annually to reflect new work carried out as well as that years Parks Quality Assessment.

4 HOW WILL WE GET THERE

4.1 Rosefield Park: Park Improvement Plan

| Aim 1 : To develop the park further into a well-managed haven for wildlife | | | | |
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| Objective | Action | Year | Who | Target Date |
| To maintain good quality planting | Increase planting landscaping plan, increase wildlife friendly shrub margins, seeding margins with wildflower | 2020 - onwards | Local CPO and Friends Group | 2022 |
| To explore areas | relaxing cutting under | 2019 - | CPO, Task | On- |

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| for reduced grounds maintenance activity | trees and around park periphery | onwards | Force Managers, Grounds Maintenance Team and PR | going |
| River margin increase appropriate planting & manage invasive sensitively | Planting to be monitored and improved as necessary. | 20 19 onwards | PR, CPO and Friends group | On going |

Aim 1 (continued)

| Objective | Action | Year | Who | Target Date |
|---|--|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| To maintain, replace damaged and dead trees and increase tree stock | Carry out tree planting | 2020 - onwards | CPO and Forestry | Annual inspections |
| To maintain Wild Flower meadow | Use wildflower seed to create areas of different bio diversity | 2012 - onward | CPO and PR, Friends group | Annually |
| Winter works scheduling of maintenance and improvements | Grounds maintenance winter works schedule created for improvements | 2017 – ongoing | CPO | Complete for 2017/2025 |
| To increase colour and all year interest via planting | Increase use of perennials and Bulbs | 2018 - onwards | CPO and PR | ONGOING |

Aim 2 : To keep the park as an attractive greenspace: clean, safe and in a good state of maintenance

| Objective | Action | Year | Who | Target Date |
|---|---|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Continue to monitor and Address dog fouling | Develop action plan with Environmental Wardens to tackle fouling issues. Introduce at irregular intervals signage | 2017 onwards | CPO, PR | 2017 onwards completed |
| Replace planting at east side gate | Shell Mulch was not locally liked | 2020 | Cpo and rangers | 2022 |
| Missing plants from planted beds | Replace plants in Winter | 2019 | CPO, PR, grounds maintenance | 2022 onwards |

Aim 3 : To develop the park further into a well-established open spaced site, which engages all age groups while maintaining a haven for wildlife

| Objective | Action | Year | Who | Target Date |
|--|---|----------------|---|----------------------|
| Develop further programmes and activities in the park with community and schools | Provide interesting and challenging play and learning opportunities | 2017 - onwards | CPO and PR to work with schools and communities | 2021 Yearly |
| To improve signage | Ensure good quality park signs at all entrance points – investigate signage provided in alternative languages. Replace notice board damaged screen. | 2017 | CPO, PR | 2021 Monthly updates |
| To make entrances more welcoming | Replace or repair railings and create new plantings where appropriate | 2018 | CPO | completed |
| To engage with local schools | Run series of activities in park love parks week event run with park rangers and libraries staff | 2017 - | PR | On-going |
| To support interested partners | Attend Friends of Rosefield park meetings Meet with locals where possible | 2017 - onwards | PR & CPO | On-going |
| To engage with park users and local community | Carry out park user surveys | 2021 - | PR | 2022 |

Aim 4 : To deliver standards to the criteria set for Green Flag and increase the annual Parks Quality Assessment score using the internal Edinburgh Park Quality Standard

| Objective | Where and/or How | Year | Who | Target Date |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| To achieve an annual Parks Assessment score of 75% or above | By implementing the Parks Improvement Plan (aims 1-3 as detailed above) | 2017 – onwards | East Environment Team | Annual |
| Improve park using PQA | Carry out annual PQA recommendations and feed back | 2017 | CPO and PR | Annual |

| <i>Reference Key</i> | |
|----------------------------|---|
| <i>CPO</i> | <i>Community Parks Officer</i> |
| <i>PR</i> | <i>Park Rangers</i> |
| <i>Grounds Maintenance</i> | <i>Gardeners & Grounds Maintenance / Taskforce</i> |
| <i>Forestry</i> | <i>Forestry Division</i> |

4.2 Finance

Two main sources of finance that are available to the Local Environment Team for the management of the park:

4.2.1 Revenue funding

The provision of revenue funding for the Park consists of work undertaken at present by the local Grounds Maintenance Task Force. The current maintenance is based on the former Grounds Maintenance Contract that now serves as a guide to what works should be undertaken.

In addition the Local Environment Manager and Community Parks Officer have a budget for small scale repairs and maintenance improvements.

It is recognised that the Friends of Lochend Park and the local community have and continue to devote their own time and resources including grants to improve the park.

The East Neighbourhood Team will continue to support the local community and work with them to attract funding from internal and external sources towards maintaining and improving the park.

4.2.2 Capital funding

The capital budget is administrated by the Parks and Greenspace Service. The budget is generally allocated in advance and the role of developing management plans contributes toward the better planning of financial resources required so that they can be included in future bids.

Wherever possible capital bids should be match funded and the input from the local community can assist with this.

In 2009/10 a small capital budget allocation of £25,000 and additional funding by a WREN grant enabled the development of the viewing platform and marginal planting.

4.2.3 External grants

The localities and Parks and Greenspace Unit will where ever possible try to obtain external funding to provide the best they can for the users of the park

5 HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN WE HAVE ARRIVED?

5.1 Management Plan

This Management Plan provides a working document for all those involved in the management and maintenance of the park to ensure that we achieve our vision of maintaining Rosefeild Park as a unique, attractive and well cared for space and to continually improve the quality of the park for the enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike. The Management Plan and the Park Improvement Plan will be reviewed annually.

5.2 Performance Measures/Monitoring

5.2.1 Park Quality Assessment

The quality of Rosefield Park is monitored annually via the Park Quality Assessments. These scores will be used to help assess the success of the management plan and help with the review of the action plan.

5.2.2 Green Flag Scheme

Measuring the park against the Green Flag criteria will help shape further improvements, both to the Management Plan and to our management processes.

5.2.3 Landscape Quality Standards

The quality of the ground's maintenance in the East Neighbourhood area is assessed monthly against the Landscape Quality Standards. This can be used to highlight an area of improvement required within the park.

5.3 Survey & Feedback

Regular meetings are held with the Friends of Rosefield Park, Community Parks Officer and Local Task Force Manager. This has facilitated issues to be addressed and auctioned within a reasonable timescale and has also improved the coordination of various projects within the park. The Parks and Greenspace satisfaction survey is available on-line for people to comment on the park, highlighting what they do in the park, what they enjoy but also what concerns they may have.

It is also an opportunity for them to indicate how satisfied they are with the park and its general upkeep. The information from the survey is collated and analysed annually in June. The link to the survey is: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parksurvey>.

APPENDIX 3: Stakeholders and Contact List

Stakeholders

- Friends of Portobello Parks and Beach • Portobello Community Council • Rosefield and Brighton Residents Association • City of Edinburgh Council

Contact List

- Friends of Portobello Park's and Beach

FACEBOOK Page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/friendsofportyparks/?fref=ts>

- Portobello Community Council

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- City of Edinburgh Council

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Appendix 4: North East locality Team Structure Chart

Under review

APPENDIX 5: SWOT Analysis

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| <p>A Welcoming Place:</p> <p>Rosefield Park is an accessible green space for the local community. In the assessment the following aspects have been considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcing the park • Physical access • Social access • Design | |
| <p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main entrance • Several entrances surrounding park • Notice board with information close to main entrance • Interpretation & signage improved • Dropped kerb, wide paths and fence around the pond all providing secure and safe access • Good paths • Striking views – play area, bin, benches at pond edge – busy at the North end of the park • Security light along one path | <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrances from housing estate very steep • Some dog fouling • Moderate litter • Need to replace litter bin in play area |
| <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor incidents of dog fouling with Env.Wardens • | <p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism to notice boards • Flooding |

Healthy, Safe and Secure:

The following factors were taken into account:

- Health and well-being – is the park being used to promote healthy life-styles?
- Equipment and facilities
- Security

Strengths

- Used on a regular basis for informal play
- Overlooked by houses
- Open area gives sense of security during daylight hours
- Residents regularly use the park for walking dogs
- Play area for toddlers and separate area for teenagers
- Picnic benches for families
- Local fair held in park annually
- Benches provided for passive enjoyment of park & views
- Flat paths with exits on to footways

Weaknesses

- Dog fouling problem
- Some dark areas
- New house building to the North West of the site will increase the use of the park

Opportunities

- Replace existing gates and fences
- Carry out repairs to boundary wall

Threats

- River has inherent safety risks –
- Antisocial behaviour and vandalism

Well Maintained and Clean:

The garden is maintained and cleaned according to a tight maintenance schedule. The following aspects were analysed:

- Litter and waste management
- Ground maintenance
- Infrastructure

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| <p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main entrance reasonably inviting • New Signage • Benches and bins all fairly new condition • Amenity grass cut regularly • Planted beds fairly well maintained and add horticultural interest • Bio diversity areas to increase wildlife | <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling can be a problem • Litter is a problem – School kids use park at lunch times • Area near multi sport area grass in poor condition • new housing could increase the litter and usage of the park |
| <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control invasive weeds along burn • Community– actively manage and increase the use of the park • Install new and bigger capacity bins within the park • Community clean ups | <p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-occurrence of vandalism • Antisocial behaviour and behavioural misuse of opened woodland areas • Bins missed |

Sustainability:

In design and maintenance of the park , sustainability issues have played and continue to play an important part:

- Environment management
- Pesticides, herbicides and materials
- Horticulture and arboriculture

Strengths

- Design elements such as use of perennial planting to increase colour and lengthen flowering periods
- Use of unusual species of plants
- Peat use is restricted to replacement plant material
- Trees have been surveyed and information is held electronically on the EzyTreev database
- Increased biodiversity areas
- The use of chemicals within the parks has been reduce
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Weaknesses

- Grass cutting frequency
- Replacement planting in shrub beds
- Area where fence has not been reinstated need to be replanted
- Weed control until shrubs become more mature and cover the soil area
- Due to withdrawal of chemicals problems keeping on top of weeds

Opportunities

- Planting additional flowering plants for the benefit of wildlife & biodiversity
- Increase horticultural planting features in other areas of park
- Use of mulch to retain moisture
- Planting along burn edge
- Introduce more wildflower areas
- Introduce get nectar quick mix through the existing flower beds

Threats

- Controlling balsam along water edge
- Clearing this then allows access to open water
- Woodland longer grass could encourage antisocial behaviour

Conservation and Heritage:

The following aspects were considered:

- Habitats
- Cultural landscapes

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| <p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter seed heads left on plants are used by birds such as House Sparrows • Large amount of native plants • Proximity to private gardens enables exchange of wildlife, especially birds and insects, contributing to a larger habitat • Varied habitats for wildlife – large site with variety of planting supports lots of species. E.g. woodlands, scrub and grasses, pond, single trees. • River / burn is a great wildlife corridor • | <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over mature trees • Lack of evergreens • Vandalised boundary walls • More planting to support wildlife species would be beneficial • Weed in flower beds |
| <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and replace planting when necessary. • Plant more of horticultural interest to support wildlife species • Provide pond roosting sites on water for waterfowl • create more natural habitat areas • ways to reduce the amount of maintenance by changing the planting | <p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism of habitat improvements / structures |

Community Involvement:

The following aspects were considered:

- Patterns of use
- Community involvement
- Play and educational value
- School groups

Strengths

- Friends group setup & established 2008 active in park
- Regular meetings and motivated group with focus on improving site for biodiversity and wildlife
- Local school groups engaged & interested in using the park as educational resource
- Informal play and young families use the park widely during the week and weekends

Weaknesses

- Ensure park improvements benefit all users where possible

Opportunities

- Educational opportunities for the park should be developed
- Increase community events taking place at park
- Encourage friends' group to arrange activity days in park for general park users to get involved
- Work with schools in park as educational resource
- Raise awareness of friends group to wider community
- Local clubs, charities or organisations could be contacted to get involved in health walk / park activities
- Upgrade elements of formal play

Threats

- Ensure as wide a catchment of community as possible get opportunity to input into park development & community needs

Marketing:

The following aspects were considered:

- Information provision
- Events
- Promotion
- Local press

Strengths

- Information and interpretation boards in Park
- Main gates to display park name
- Friends face book page talk party.
- Council website Edin outdoors
- East twitter account
- Recently articles run in local newspaper
- Parks Officers contact details are displayed within the park
- 'Caring for Edinburgh's Parks' signs are displayed

Weaknesses

- Continued vandalism and damage to notice board results in negative impression of notice board provision
- Increased use of notice board to communicate Parks work to community required

Opportunities

- Improve use of notice board
- Ensure vandalism to notice board fixed quickly
- Widely advertise any events organised in park through notice board and wider community
- Events should be positively reported to local news and community papers & newsletters
- Newsletter could be produced & posted in park

Threats

- Continued vandalism and damage to notice board results in negative impression of notice board provision
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Management: The park is managed by the City of Edinburgh Council and local volunteers.

Strengths

- Local community involved Portobello community council
- Friends group friends of Portobello
- Management plan in production for 2021-2025
- Friends group actively engaged on future projects for site
- Green flag assessments will provide feedback on areas that require focus or investment

Weaknesses

- Frequency of grounds maintenance tasks
- Limited funding
- Low number of overall staffing for parks department reduces the amount of dedicated time available from staff for each site

Opportunities

- Working with local groups
- Working with the friend's group to develop improvements projects
- More active management of sections of the site, such as community woodlands a positive contribution to the site and it's usage
- Working with community pay back teams

Threats

- Lack of overall funding for parks & green spaces can make it difficult to have an impact on single sites
- site management cannot be achieved without adequate staffing and grounds maintenance support



Green Flag Award Mystery Shop Assessment

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|--|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Name of Site | Rosefield Park | | | Managing organisation | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Weather Conditions | Dry, Sunny | | | | |
| Date of assessment | Friday 4 June | Time (from – to) | 12.30pm - 2.30pm | re visited : Wed. 6 October | 2pm - 3pm |
| Result: (✓) | Is the site of Green Flag Award Standard? Green ■ Amber ■ Red ■ | | | | |
| Grading | | | Comments and Recommendations | | |
| Please mark each section as Green, Amber or Red If there is no evidence or the section is not applicable mark as NG (not graded) and provide an explanation | | | Comments should be provided to support each grading *Please include photographs to support your grading where applicable **Please refer to Raising the Standard manual if necessary | | |
| A Welcoming Place | | | | | |
| 1. Is the site welcoming? | N G | G | A | R | There are three points of entry with a fourth off Fishwives Causeway no longer accessible. The access point from Rosefield Place is the only one with main signage, and on entry the visitor is greeted with one bed of weedy material in which gooseberries can be seen while on the other is a mixture of sea shells amid overgrown vegetation. It gives an initial feeling of neglect. The visitor is also greeted with a large CCTV camera mask. Some effort or explanation is sought over the present maintenance regime & design at this entrance. The two entrances off West Brighton Crescent are more attractive with vistas into this local park. Although an effort has been made in the past four months to improve the appearance of the entrance of Rosefield Place, the bed with sea shells, although improved, does have old litter visible which, in my eyes, should have been uplifted. Some cursory efforts in tidying the area on the left have been made and one looks forward to CEC revisiting this area in the next month to bring it up to acceptable GFA standards. |
| | | | X | | |

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| 2. Is the site easy to find? | N G | G | A | R | <p>There is no directional signage from Brighton Place; however a redundant church still has a directional sign and it is suggested that signage at this location incorporates Rosefield Park.</p> <p>With St James, Portobello now being converted into housing the signage to the church is redundant. The community council together with CEC need to address the issue of signage, even if it is the use of QR codes . However there may be more important greenspace issues within the Portobello CC area than signage to this park.</p> |
| | | | X | | |
| 3. Is signage in good condition? | N G | G | A | R | <p>The generic 'black' notice board is in good condition and the two signs at West Brighton Crescent are informative.</p> <p>It was interesting the leaflets about hedgehogs within the board !</p> |
| | | X | | | |
| 4. Is the site accessible to all users? | N G | G | A | R | <p>As points of entry are on the level they are suitable for wheelchairs and less able.</p> <p>as above and the paths as a whole are in an acceptable condition.</p> |
| | | X | | | |
| Healthy, Safe and Secure | | | | | |
| 5. Are facilities on site in good and safe condition? | N G | G | A | R | <p>Concern was raised in a supplementary comment over the state of the play equipment with a recommendation of immediate closure of the playpark. In this supplementary comment which was highlighted immediately to CEC it was stated "<i>concern was raised about the poor state of the mini rope ladder on the climbing frame. There is a broken fitting which results in it being a hazard for a child's foot in fact the hole was big enough for a child to slip through. On the rope fitting, wire is partially visible. The temporary measures of covering damaged rope with tape is not desired, with new ropes being fitted. . If an accident was to occur there is a question of public liability and compensation to anyone injured. The rope ladder should be removed and the gap above filled in, if possible, to stop any children that are used to using it not realising that it has gone and trying to climb down, until it is repaired or replaced. This climbing frame requires to be roped off until these issues are resolved</i>"</p> |
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| | | | X | | <p>It can also be highlighted that there is an excellent playing facility on the west side of the park</p> <p>Although some remedial work was carried in patching the rope ladder it is recommended that it is replaced within the next financial year</p> |
| 6. Did you feel safe during the visit? | N G | G | A | R | <p>There was lots of activity in the park with children playing, dog walkers, & groups of secondary school students (including some playing in the children's playpark ?!)</p> <p>As a whole one felt safe. On that basis one questions the need for the CCTV mask within such a local community used park but assessment of this need could not be measured.</p> <p>At the time of this visit the park was quiet with only three other visitors. Although the mature state of the park does produce numerous blind spots I felt safe in the autumn sunshine</p> |
| | | X | | | |
| 7. Are dogs being controlled and the site free of dog fouling? | N G | G | A | R | <p>As a whole there was no major dog fouling, although three 'full' examples were noted. All dogs were either on lead or off lead but were under control.</p> <p>The dogs were off lead but under their owners' control . On this occasion no dog fouling was noted. The community must be buying into dog fouling initiatives</p> |
| | | X | | | |
| Well Maintained and Clean | | | | | |
| 8. Is litter, waste and recycling managed? | N G | G | A | R | <p>The name of the park on the waste bins is an excellent idea. These bins had been serviced and were empty or partially empty. Elsewhere odd items of litter were noted, and perhaps a need for a park ranger or similar to visit the park after school lunch hours.</p> <p>The naming of the park on the bins is an excellent initiative. But it was disappointing to see litter items within walking distances of the bins as well as where</p> |
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| | | | | basic maintenance in the beds had been carried out, old items of rubbish visible. Is this what one expects from a parks & greenspace maintenance team? One may require convincing that leaving piles of decaying pruning in full public view is acceptable |
| 9. Is there a good standard of horticulture maintenance? | N | G | A | R |
| | G | | X | |
| | | | X | |
| | | | | <p>There was some confusion over the grass cutting regime as the length was longer than in other CEC greenspaces - longer grass inhibits lifting of dog excreta. From a biodiversity perspective the team may be congratulated on the amount of nettles (see section 13) The care and maintenance of the perennials bed was a puzzle especially as there were remains of an old fence visible. Before Green Flag is reinstated there may be a need for face to face clarification of the maintenance strategy being adopted.</p> <p>Grass cutting regime is one of the good points. The rather basic, perhaps cursory bed maintenance carried since the previous visit may be acceptable in some circles but one questions if this is the expected standard when adopting the GFA criteria. There are odd specimens of Himalayan Balsam in the vicinity of the Figgate Burn - of course this does not threaten this park as Figgate Park, a possible source is upstream. However Parks & Greenspace may require to walk the full length watercourse from Fairmilehead.</p> |

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| 10. Is there a good standard of arboriculture maintenance? | N G | G | A | R | <p>On the west side of the park there is a growing fallen tree (of which someone had tried to saw the trunk. This should be removed or hoisted upright and restaked - this is clearly not a recent matter. Elsewhere the trees were being maintained as per CEC recommendations.</p> <p>Even after four months no effort has been made to hoist up the tree.! Maybe it is as desired ? There are several examples of bark vandalism damage.</p> |
| | | | X | | |
| 11. Are buildings and infrastructure such as walls, paths, steps and structures in good condition? | N G | G | A | | <p>The overall maintenance of walls, seats, and paths is a credit to CEC</p> <p>The overall care & maintenance is confusing to the mystery shopper. There is the historic wall from Rosefield House (?) which is slowly being hidden by vegetation. It is recommended that this is subtly pruned back plus ensuring the black gates associated with the house are maintained</p> |
| | | X | | X | |
| 12. Is equipment used by the public and staff in good condition? | N G | G | A | R | <p>As highlighted at section 5, there are major issues in the playpark which require immediate attention. The other play equipment seems fit for purpose</p> <p>In my eyes the wording 'good condition' is debatable, with a preference for 'acceptable' for the present financial year.</p> |
| | | | | X | |
| Environmental Management | | | | | |
| 13. Is there evidence that the site is managed to have a positive impact on the environment? | N G | G | A | R | <p>A clear effort has been made to have plantings that increase the range of biodiversity on site with examples being on the banks of the Figgate Burn and the introduction numerous years ago of the sustainable perennials beds. From an ecological stance, it is excellent to see the volume of nettles which are so beneficial, although perhaps one may question if it is all intentional.</p> <p>More generic care is required to ensure the park's ecological footprint is maintained. Although mention is</p> |
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| | | | | | made within the information board of hedgehogs and other environmental issues, the supposition is that there is no real environmental management and little community involvement in this regard exists - in other words the team are 'missing yet another trick' |
| Landscape and Heritage | | | | | |
| 14. Are heritage and/or landscape features in good condition? | N | G | A | R | The park has a rich heritage within Portobello and this is highlighted in the information/heritage board. The old wall with the metal gates, which may be part of the original house and estate could highlighted in more depth A plea is that the rich local heritage is highlighted, especially the old brick wall. In other words this lack is sad and perhaps input from experts from Museums & Galleries would help, even though it is not their remit. |
| | G | X | | | |
| | | X | | | |
| Community Involvement | | | | | |
| 15. Is there evidence of community involvement and engagement? | N | G | A | R | It is clear from social media that the funding bid for Rosefield Park Multi Games Arena was successful and along with boules/petanque area. However from the notice board no evidence of generic or specific community involvement was noted. Is the listed Friends of Rosefield & Brighton Parks active and/or do they require the ability to network with others locally or via Edinburgh Green Spaces Forum ? In the past four months there has been no further evidence of any community involvement, As stated above is the listed Friends of Rosefield & Brighton Parks active? Is there a matter of barriers to engagement ? Can either Parks & Greenspace or Edinburgh Green Spaces Forum be of help ? Is there any engagement with nearby schools ? The engagement noted above is historic and one questions therefore how much active engagement is taking place. |
| | G | X | | | |
| | | X | | | |
| 16. Is user feedback positive? | N | G | A | R | Spoke to various users who were happy with the local facilities and were aware of the need to support local parks initiatives. |
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| | | X | | | During the October visit I had a long conversation with someone who has lived locally since birth (let's say sixty years) who lamented the present state of the park but realised the present restrictions & budgetary constraints. Although this could be noted as an opt out , there is certainly a local interest to be targeted with the onus on a proactive approach from Parks & Greenspace and Community Council. |
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Marketing and Communication

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| 17. Is there evidence of marketing and promotion, including events? e.g. notice boards, in buildings, website & social media. | N | G | A | R | The notice board provided relevant contact details plus evidence of generic activity. as above |
| | G | | | | |
| | | X | | | |
| | | X | | | |

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| 18. Is the correct year flag flying and certificate on display? | N | G | A | R | Current certificate visible in notice board. as above |
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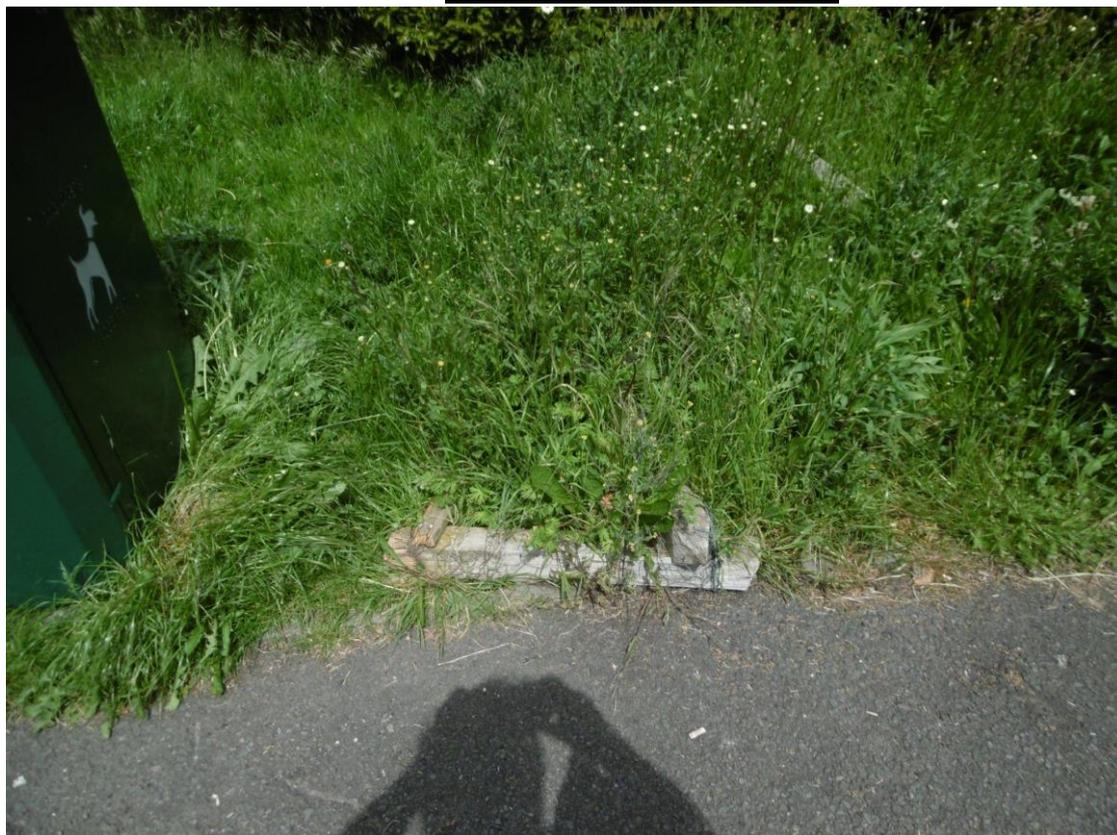
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| Overall Result (✓) | Is the site of Green Flag Award Standard? | | | |
| | Green  | Amber  | Red  | |
| | Assessment : 4 June RED | | | |
| | Assessment : 6 october Amber | | | |

Additional comments:

As can be noted after the visit on 4 June there was dialogue with some remedial work taking place. It is difficult even after the actions taken to state that Rosefield Park adheres to the perceived Green Flag Award criteria ; however it must not be forgotten that 2020 & 2021 has resulted in severe issues for City of Edinburgh Parks & Greenspaces , and these require to be borne in mind with the proviso that a closer adoption of Green Flag Award standards are accepted by all those involved, especially as one is led to believe that extra funds are available from Scottish Government.

photographs below are from visit on 4 June

Insert photographic evidence



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and on subsequent pages

Perennial bed with fence remains



- a) Nettles & grass care
- b) bed by entrance off Rosefield Place



Requiring an explanation for the horticultural design & content



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Park Quality Assessment Result 2021

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A Welcoming Place

2019 2021 Comments

Welcoming

6 Strengths: Good access, wide entrances with fairly open views
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Entrances untidy, lots of weeds

Good Safe Access

7 Strengths: Good access at 3 points, on street parking, dropped kerbs.
Weaknesses / Recommendations: some overhanging foliage at untidy entrances.

Signage

6 Strengths: Lots of signage, some smart signs
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Most of the signage was damaged or graffitied, didn't notice any threshold signs?

Equal Access

7 Strengths: Circuitous path good width and good condition, dropped kerbs at entrances
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Foliage needs to be cut back and paths cleared/swept, shell bed debris at Rosefield Place entrance

Healthy, Safe & Secure

Appropriate Provision of Facilities **8** Strengths: Play area, ball court, blaes area, good paths to access
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Safe Equipment & Facilities

7 Strengths: Equipment in a good safe condition
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Play area requires clean up, weeding, some damage to rubber surfacing

Personal Security in Park

7 Strengths: Good, cctv, partially overlooked
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Wasn't busy at time of visit, lots of hidden/overgrown areas

Dog Fouling

6 Strengths: Bins available on site
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Evidence of fouling/bags left

Clean & Well Maintained

Litter & Waste Management **7** Strengths: Bins provided, looked to have been serviced
Weaknesses / Recommendations: Some litter, particularly in play area.

Grounds Maintenance

3 Strengths: Meadows and relaxed mowing areas
Weaknesses / Recommendations: GM in general is not good, beds require attention, weeds everywhere, meadows require attention, shell bed needs help!

Tree Maintenance

6 Strengths: OK

Weaknesses / Recommendations: Small Poplar tree down, SW corner

Building & Infrastructure Maint.

7 Strengths: Gates and railings in good condition

Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Equipment Maintenance

6 Strengths: Some new bin housings, picnic tables/benches in good condition

Weaknesses / Recommendations: Play area bins look tired next to new housings, graffiti and damage to signage

Sustainability

Managing Impact on Environment

8 Strengths: residents group acting as friends group increase in planting events taking

place Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Waste Minimisation

6 Strengths: councils litter recycling policy is adhered to Where green waste is generated some is reused on site litter is sent for recycling n

Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Chemical Use

9 Strengths: decision taken not to use herbicides within the parks by central team

Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.



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Peat Use

10 Strengths: No peat based bedding on site

Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Climate Change Adaptation

8 Strengths: mature trees , planting along river bank ,Annual wild flower area , uncut

grass land area Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Conservation & Heritage

Natural features, flora & fauna

8 Strengths: Meadows and relaxed grass

Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Conservation Landscape Strengths: In the past this park had a lot of bedding plants and a lot of colour . we have recently increase the colour in summer with annual wild flower beds the prairie mix and the shrub bed which is a mixture of shrubs and herbaceous plants .
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Conservation Buildings Strengths: Gates/ railings in good condition no obvious defects to walls.
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Community Involvement

Community Involvement Strengths: there is a local group and residents committee that take an active roll within the park . The Village increases in size every year .
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Community Provision Strengths: active residents group / friends group
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Marketing & Promotion

Marketing & Promotion Strengths: notice board council wed site
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Information Provision Strengths: Friends group
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Educ. & Interpretative Provision Strengths: Interpretation and notice boards
Weaknesses / Recommendations: None recorded.

Management

Management Plan Implementation Not currently assessed

Overall Comments: Just needs a bit of TLC. Nice park.

- Recommendations**
- 1 Grounds Maintenance, get on top of weeds and manage beds/wild flower areas
 - 2 Graffiti removal
 - 3 Tidy/weed play area, look at shrinkage in rubber matting
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APPENDIX 7: Corporate Strategies & Policies

Business plan <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/council-planning-framework/council-business-plan-2017-2022> The council's business plan is built around 52 commitments that the council administration has pledged to deliver over the next five years. The plan sets out what we aim to do and how we intend to do it. This plan will inform our decision – making on how we use our resources. The principles and actions set out here will drive the way we reshape and redesign the way we deliver services and the way we work with communities and partners

The North East locality plan 2017 - 2022
<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localityimprovementplans>

The NE locality plan sets out the priorities for improving the area over the next 5 years with actions that will be carried out in the short, medium and long term, making use of our commitments to target our shared resources in the most effective way to tackle inequality.

Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan 2018 – 2028

Our new Community Plan shows the commitment of the Edinburgh Partnership to work together to focus on reducing poverty and inequality within the city and improve the quality of life for all. The plan identifies those issues that require sustained joint working to make a

difference <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/23664/community-plan-2018-28>

Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 Edinburgh

www.edinburgh.gov.uk > [directory-record](#) > [sustainable-edinburgh-2020](#)

Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 is the Council's Framework for the **sustainable** development of the city until **2020**. Our vision is that “**Edinburgh in 2020** will be a low carbon, resource efficient city, delivering a resilient local economy and vibrant flourishing communities in a rich natural setting”.

Resilient Edinburgh Climate Change Adaptation Framework

The Resilient Edinburgh Climate Adaptation Framework sets out Edinburgh’s strategic approach to increasing resilience to the impact of climate change. Climate change adaptation provides a unique opportunity for the Council and its citywide partners to work together to ensure that Edinburgh continues to be a climate – resilient city.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146210/resilient-edinburgh-climate-changeadaptation-framework>

Edinburgh Open Space Strategy 2020/21

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/22616/open-space-2021>

The 2010 **Open Space Strategy** set out three standards to make sure that all communities in and around **Edinburgh** have access to quality **open space** in the following ways: Large Greenspaces – greater than 2 hectares; Local Greenspaces – greater than 500 square metres; and • Equipped children's play areas.

Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan 2019 – 2021 [edinburgh.gov.uk/biodiversity](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/biodiversity)

The Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan is an initiative to conserve and enhance the Capital's natural heritage. The term "biodiversity " encapsulates all that we mean by the health of our natural environment and ultimately the quality of our lives. To this end, the Action Plan puts forward an ambitious programme of carefully targeted actions to enrich the living habitats of Edinburgh and address the welfare of key plant and animal species. There are Habitat Actions Plans for coastal & marine, rock faces, uplands, wetland and watercourses, farmland, semi-natural grassland, urban habitats and woodland. There are Species Action Plans for water vole, badger, otter, daubenton’s bat & pipistrelle bats, seed eating birds, roseate tern & common tern, swift, great crested newt, small pearl-bordered fritillary, juniper, maiden pink, rock white beam, sticky catchfly, adders tongue and waxcap fungi.

Edinburgh Parks Events manifesto <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/park-activitiesevents/edinburgh-parks-events-manifesto-1?documentId=12056&categoryId=20179>

The Manifesto is intended to allow a strategic and proactive approach to the planning and managing of events within Edinburgh's parks and green spaces. It aims to establish a set of guidelines tailored to each individual park, which provide a framework on which a balanced and sustainable events programme can be achieved, whilst ensuring that the quality of the land is maintained to the highest standard possible.