

Starbank Park Management Plan 2015-2025

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Our vision...

“... to maintain Starbank Park as a sustainable, safe and enjoyable green space whilst retaining the feel and tranquillity of a Victorian garden park. Enhancing the enjoyment for all visitors to this historic park”

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Green Flag Award Scheme

The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the United Kingdom. It was first launched in England and Wales in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country.

The first awards were given in 1997 and, many years later, it continues to provide the high level of quality against which our parks and green spaces are measured. It is also seen as a way of encouraging others to achieve high environmental standards, setting a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas. The Green Flag Award Scheme began in Scotland in 2008.

Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag status.

Introduction

Edinburgh values its reputation as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, renowned for its setting, history and built heritage. Parks and greenspaces are integral to this. They serve as a stage for our public lives and are settings where celebrations are held, where social exchanges take place, where friends mix, where cultures run into each other, where nature thrives, and where people revive themselves from the stresses of urban living.

The Parks and Greenspace Service are committed to providing quality parks for residents and visitors alike. There are five qualities that make a park great, and that drive the work of the Parks and Greenspace Service: They must be full of activity and invite affection. They must also be visible and accessible as well as being comfortable and safe. They also need to be places you can count on, no matter if you visit the park every day or once a year.

Using the Green Flag judging criteria all of Edinburgh's parks are assessed on an annual basis and a Parks Quality Score is produced for each site. These scores are compared to the Edinburgh Minimum Standard which has been developed to benchmark our parks and record how they are improving.

In Edinburgh the involvement of local residents through a network of Friends groups is well established. Depending on their capacity, sites host both major and local events and activities, offering a wide range of attractions to families and individuals from a diverse community.

The Parks and Greenspace Service ensures that Edinburgh's parks and greenspaces are clean, safe, colourful and diverse; they will be the setting for activities and celebrations; be well-known for their features, history and "happenings"; and be locally valued and used.

To this end our vision is:

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

Scope of the Management Plan

This Management Plan is intended to cover the period from 2015 – 2025. The plan is a site specific document produced by The City of Edinburgh Council, North Parks Team and Friends of Starbank Park. It is intended to offer guidance to all aspects of the management, maintenance and development of Starbank Park (hereafter referred to as the park), providing a framework within which all future management is carried out. Many organisations and individuals are involved directly and indirectly in the management of the park and the council recognises it's increasingly important role to encourage and support these wider interests. The plan enables an understanding on how and why decisions are taken, in relation to the reasoning behind the policies and proposals for action and is designed to reflect the criteria needed for a Green Flag Award submission

Despite the range and number of suggested actions that could be undertaken within the park, this plan is meant to be implemented under the reality of financial restrictions and limited staff availability, therefore the actions are focused and those included are specific, realistic and achievable. It is intended to be a flexible, working document.

A yearly report on the actions of the development plan should be undertaken and recorded to ensure knowledge of actions and objectives is kept up to date. The management plan should be reviewed annually to take into account any major changes that may affect operations, changes to policies, legal requirements and feedback from the public, Friends Group and Green Flag judges.

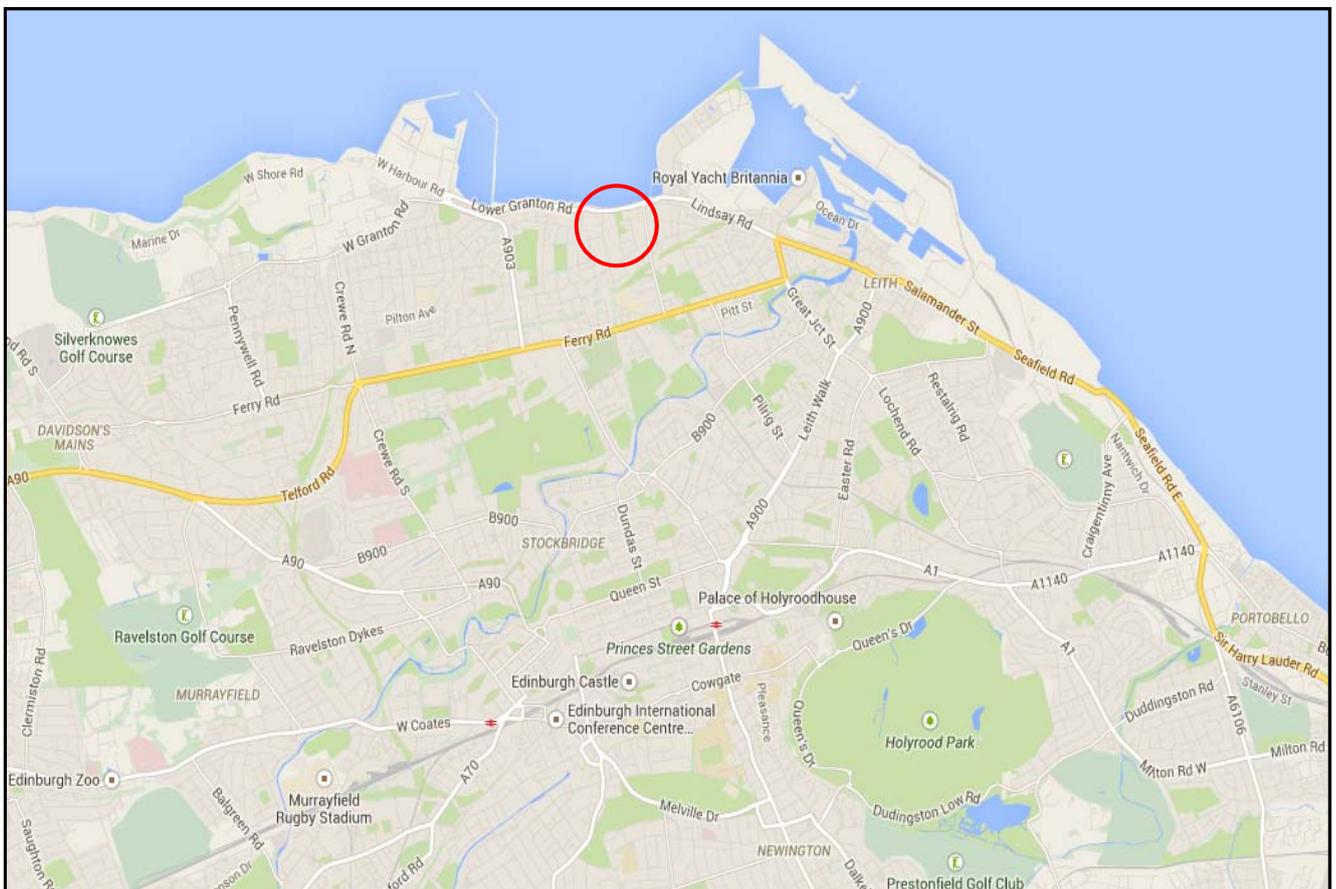
Where are we now?

Site name

Starbank Park: Starbank Road
 Edinburgh
 EH5 3BX

Site Location

National Grid Reference NT 25147 76899



Google Maps, Map data, 2015

Site Boundary

Starbank Park is located on Starbank Road to the west of Newhaven Harbour. Private housing borders the park to the east and south. Laverockbank Road is located along the entire western boundary.

There is three access points into the park. Two pedestrian gates off Starbank Road and one vehicular and pedestrian access gate to the park and house on Laverockbank Road.



Site Description

Starbank Park is owned by the City of Edinburgh Council and covers an area of 1.09 hectares. It is located approximately 2 miles north of Edinburgh City Centre and commands spectacular views over the Firth of Forth to Fife. The park occupies the former grounds of Starbank House. It is long and rectangular in shape, set over two levels. An eight pointed star, with the two crescent moons, cut into the bank facing across the firth, depicts the Star of the Sea and are believed to be symbolic of a ship's compass. A low wall and railings on Starbank Road make the park visually accessible from the coastline. High sandstone walls fully enclose the remainder of the park, giving a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.

The park attracts all sections of the community. Some come for a stroll, to walk the dog, to picnic, read their newspaper or to catch the sun and take in the spectacular views across the Firth of Forth. It provides the ideal destination for passive recreation. Visitor numbers to the park have dramatically increased since the formation of the Friends of Starbank and recent improvements. The park is now well used and highly regarded locally. It is freely accessible at all times.

There are a number of stakeholders who can be associated with the park. These are as follows:

- Friends of Starbank Park
- Local community
- Trinity Community Council
- Newhaven Heritage
- Residents of Starbank Park

Facilities

Panoramic sea views over the Firth of Forth

Viewing terrace

Tree lined perimeter

Herbaceous beds

Annual floral displays

Path network

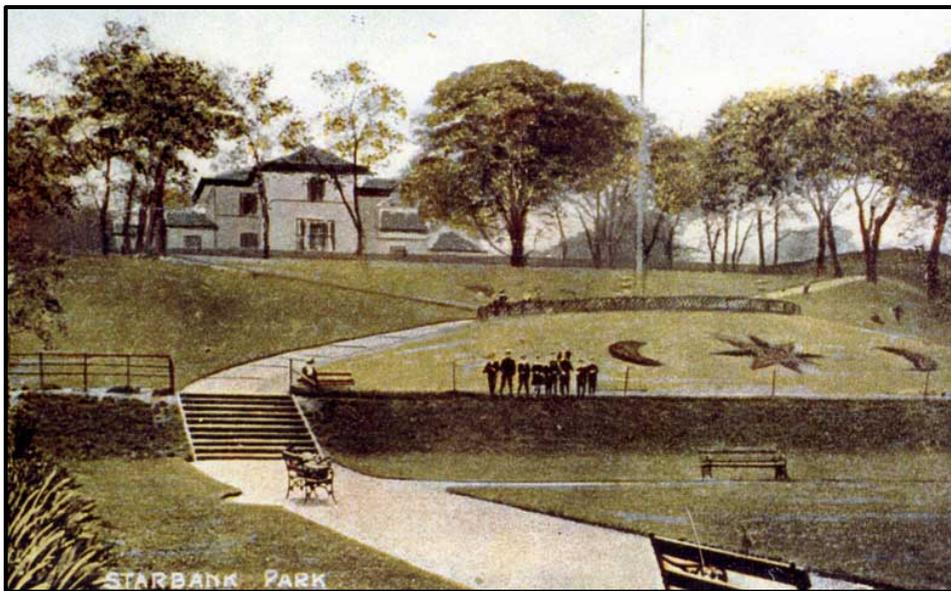
Abundant

Seating

The Historical Environment

Leith Town Council purchased the land for Starbank Park in late 1889. Starbank House and the grounds had belonged to the Reverend Walter Goalen who had been rector and founder of Christ Church in Trinity Road (now a private residence). Cottages at the northwest corner of the park were demolished and railings added for the entrance to the new park.

Starbank opened in 1891 and contemporary maps and photographs indicate that the layout and footprint of the park were very much as they are today. Historical maps of the site are shown in Appendix 1.



Starbank Park, 1891



Starbank House, Scotsman Newspaper, 1958



Starbank Park, Photo courtesy of the Starbank Inn, around 1910

An ornamental circular terracotta fountain, the Devlin Fountain, was donated by Thomas L Devlin in 1910. Devlin was one of the best known trawler owners operating from Granton Harbour and his company became Britain's largest fleet of privately owned trawlers. The opening ceremony was a major event. After Mrs Devlin turned on the water and the crowd retired to Starbank Park for wine and cakes. Sadly the Devlin fountain was vandalised in the 1980s and 1990s.

It was dismantled, except for the base, in 2004 and, after some years of further slow decay, the Council converted the base into an ornamental garden.



The opening of the Devlin Fountain, 1910



The Devlin Fountain, Malcolm Robb (1981)

On the amalgamation of Leith and Edinburgh Councils in 1920, exhibits from the Leith Council Chamber were taken to Starbank House which was the museum of Leith from 1920 to 1932. The contents were transferred in 1932 to the Huntly House Museum which had been established that year. The house became the park keeper's house. It was divided into two flats in the 1970s and remains in use a residential property.

Starbank Park has long had a place in social history of Leith and North Edinburgh. Generations of children from Newhaven, Trinity and, indeed the whole of Edinburgh, have rolled their Easter eggs on the Starbank. It is a tradition that remains very much alive today!



Rolling Easter eggs, Friends of Starbank (2014)

The views from the park over to Fife and beyond are superb. It has always been a fine place to promenade and take in the views. Many couples used these views as backdrops to their wedding photographs. Also, thriving local Pensioners' club used to meet in one of the outhouses and enjoy the surroundings for many years until the 1980s.

The park had a well-deserved reputation for excellence in the days when it had full time gardeners, with on-site workshops and potting sheds.



Starbank Park, looking west to Laverockbank Road, The Scotsman Newspaper. 1952

These days have now past and the park went into a long and slow decline in the 1990s and 2000s. But Starbank Park is on the way back, since autumn 2013, it has been markedly improved by the Council and the Friends of Starbank Park.

Park Classification

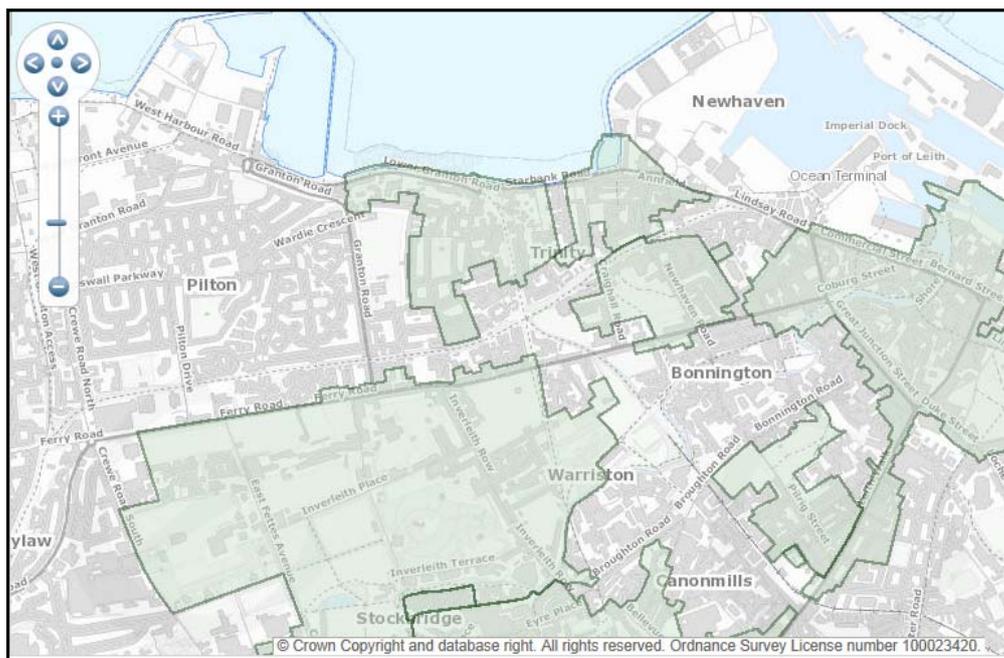
The Park is classified within the Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy as a “Community Park”.

Community Parks are defined as parks serving chiefly the people of a defined local area. These are generally smaller in area and the facilities provided are likely to be relatively simple. Functions are determined as far a possible by consultation with users and potential users. Access to these parks will be mainly on foot or by cycle.

Conservation Status

The park lies within Trinity Conservation Area. Starbank House (which was built around 1815, with later additions), boundary walls, gate piers, railings, gates and gate posts are all category B listed. (<http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-29224-17-laverockbank-road-starbank-house-with->)

The Trinity Conservation Area was originally designated in 1975 and is situated approximately 2 miles north of Edinburgh City Centre on a steep south-facing gradient with outlooks over the Firth of Forth. The Northern boundary of the Conservation Area is formed by the Firth of Forth; to the South, the boundary follows East Trinity Road cutting in at enclaves of residential development; to the East, a clear line is drawn following Laverockbank Road and to the West, Netherby Road and Boswall Road form the main boundary. The East boundary of Starbank Park forms part of the East boundary of the conservation area. More information can be found at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/753/trinity_conservation_area_character_appraisal



Ordnance Survey, Trinity Conservation Area, 2015

Area Committee and Ward

Forth Ward Councillors: - Cammy Day (Scottish Labour Party)
Steve Cardownie (Scottish National Party)
Allan Jackson (Conservative)
Vicki Redpath (Scottish Labour Party)

MSP – Malcolm Chisholm (Edinburgh North and Leith, Labour)

MP – Mark Lazarowicz (Edinburgh North and Leith, Labour)

Links with Local Strategies and Policy

There are many Council policies and plans (available on request) which are relevant to the Park, these include the following:

- Single Outcome Agreement 2012-2015
- City of Edinburgh Council Strategic Governance Plan 2012-2017
- Services for Communities Service Plan 2011-2014
- The Community Plan for Edinburgh 2008 - 2014
- Local Community Plans
- Edinburgh Local Plan (2007)
- Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy (2006)
- Edinburgh Open Space Strategy (2010)
- Core Path Plan
- Play Area Action Plan (2011-2016)
- Edinburgh Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2010 - 2015
- Sustainability
- Edinburgh Living Landscapes
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20064/parks_and_green_spaces/1160/edinburgh_living_landscape

Detailed information on each of the policies above can be viewed in the Strategic Parks Management Information for North Edinburgh.

Legislative Responsibilities

As land owner and manager of the park, the City of Edinburgh Council has many legal responsibilities. The relevant Act's are listed below;

Dog Fouling (Scotland Act) 2003

Aim: This Act has two principal aims. The first; to amend the offence of dog fouling so that the offence consists of failing to clear up after a dog rather than of allowing a dog to foul. The second; to establish new enforcement provisions in connection with the offence by enabling local authorities and police constables to issue fixed penalty notices to persons suspected of committing the offence.

Relevance: One of the many user groups who use this area does so for the purpose of walking their dog.

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Aim: Part 1 of the Act establishes a right of access to most of Scotland's Countryside and Open Water, for recreational, educational and certain other purposes and a right to cross such land. These rights exist only if they are exercised responsibly. Some of the provisions for that purpose are also extended in relation to rights of way and other rights. Part 1 of the Act also imposes certain duties on local authorities in relation to access on and over land and, in particular, requires them to draw up and adopt core paths plan for their area.

Relevance: Promotes responsible use of accessible land.

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995

Aim: The DDA aims to end the discrimination that many disabled people have faced in the past and in some cases still do. This Act has been significantly extended; this includes the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 which gives disabled people rights in the areas of: employment, education, access to goods, facilities and services. The Act now requires public bodies to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people.

Relevance: All of the paths around the park are bitmac. The upper entrance on Laverockbank Road is wide and flat, giving easy access for people with mobility difficulties, wheelchairs or pushchairs. The lower section of the park is accessed by a very steep banking. A handrail has been installed for assistance but this path is unsuitable for wheelchairs users. The two entrances into the park from Starbank Road are via a set of steps, not suited to people with mobility difficulties. Unfortunately these restrictions are due to terrain that cannot be modified enough to make access open to all.

Site Surveys and Assessments

Tree Surveys

All trees within the park are managed by the City of Edinburgh Council Forestry Section of Parks and Greenspace. Hazardous defects in trees are reported to the Forestry Department for inspection and action as required. A tree survey has been undertaken on all the trees within the park and is shown in Appendix 3.

Biodiversity survey

To date a biodiversity survey has not been conducted. The Friends have expressed interest in undertaking one with assistance from local schools. At present we are following the Council wide Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Friends of Starbank Park

The Friends of Starbank Park is a community volunteer action group working with the City of Edinburgh Council to restore Starbank Park to its former glory. It was formed in October 2013 and fully constituted the next month. They have over 60 members, of whom, more than 30 are volunteers. The Friends have deliberately built a high profile within the community by actively marketing themselves in local businesses, on the web, by Facebook and by participation in the Friends of Parks Forum and related events.

The Friends hold twice weekly volunteer gardening sessions in the park. In its first year, the Friends have provided over 1000 hours of volunteer gardening and cleared literally tons of weeds and debris from the park. They have restored flower borders and created a new one, planted trees shrubs, herbaceous plants and bedding plants and built their own composting facilities with the aid of a City of Edinburgh Council Waste Action Grant.

The Friends of Starbank Park constitution states the following aims:

1. To improve Starbank Park and return it to a condition that will encourage its use by all members of the local community.
2. To work with the City of Edinburgh Council to achieve Green Flag status for Starbank Park.

The Friends group provide an excellent link with other interested groups and the Council. More information about the Friends can be found at <http://friendsofstarbankpark.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofstarbankpark>

A Green Flag award has been a key objective since the group started. The first year has been spent on urgent remedial work but the group is keen to aim for excellence in appearance and planting in the longer term. In addition, it hopes to widen its range of activities, for example, exploiting the park's educational potential and participating in community projects.

Public Safety and Security

All users of the park are responsible for their own health and safety, however, informal inspections are carried out by Council employees who enter the park as part of their daily duties (Park Ranger, Community Parks Officer, Cleansing and Task Force staff). They ensure obvious hazards are reported to the relevant department. Signs located throughout the park contain contact details should members of the public wish to report any damaged or broken fencing, walls, bins or benches.

Vehicles

Vehicular access to the park is not permitted with the exception of authorised maintenance vehicles and where permission has been given to facilitate organised events or for residential access. Vehicular movement is kept to a minimum at all times. There are no roads within the park, however, access can be gained from the double gate on Laverockbank Road.

Lighting

There is no street lighting in Starbank Park but there are security lights at Starbank House and these are switched on from dusk to dawn. There is also street lighting along Starbank Road and Laverockbank Road creating some ambient light across the park. Any lighting issues can be reported to Clarence on 0800 23 23 23.

Park Management Rules

The site is governed by the City of Edinburgh Council's Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace, which are available to view in the Strategic Parks Management Information for North Edinburgh. The Management Rules encourage responsible use in line with the ethos of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

Paths

The site is patrolled regularly by the City of Edinburgh Council and all the main paths are monitored and maintenance is planned accordingly. The responsibility for mechanically sweeping all tarmac paths lies with Taskforce. The paths in the top section of the park and upper banking were resurfaced in 2014.

Recent Improvements to the park

Improvements undertaken since 2011
New bins throughout
New ornate gate installed at Laverockbank Road entrance
Friends Group set up
History panel installed
2 notice boards
Tidied up and replanted the Devlin Fountain.
6 new fruit trees planted
2 boat planters installed and planted up with Poppies by youth groups from Newhaven and Wardie churches to commemorate WW1
Brownies and Rainbows held organised snowdrop planting and replanting of the boat
Flower borders constructed to east of Starbank House
Twice weekly volunteer gardening sessions organised by Friends Group
Green Action days with 6 Martin Currie volunteers and 3 Quintiles volunteers
New compost bins constructed following a successful Friends bid for a Waste Action Grant
4 half barrel planters and one large oak planter planted up in top section of park
Re-surfaced bitmac paths in upper section of park and banking
4 new herb beds
New perennial bed at north wall
Hedge on banking lowered to open up sea views
Damaged benches repaired
Starbank House painted
Tree survey for entire park complete
Perimeter walls surveyed and repaired
Circular bed replanted with Lavender and Rosemary

Where we want to be?

Analysis and Evaluation

A Welcoming Place

Objective

The overall impressions for any member of the community approaching and entering the Park should be positive and inviting, regardless of the purpose for which they are visiting.

Welcoming Entering from Starbank Road the visitors are greeted by either the history board or, at the other Starbank Road gate, a park notice board. Looking up the hill to the south, the visitor will see the centre piece of the park, the star and crescent shaped flower beds. These are planted with either summer or winter bedding to maximise colour throughout the year. At the top of the hill there are fine mature trees and Starbank House is clearly visible. There are glorious views of the Firth of Forth and across to Fife and the Ochils to the north and northwest. The prospect is quite different from the Laverockbank Road entrance. At this access point the visitor is greeted by formal flowerbeds, fine trees and a clear view of Starbank House, a fine 19th residence with unusually large overhanging eaves. There is a second notice board by the Laverockbank Road entrance.

Good Safe Access The park can be accessed by foot, road or public transport. Free on street parking is available on all streets surrounding the park. Every 10 minutes public buses pass on Starbank Road directly from the city centre, however the park generally serves the immediate community who walk to the park. Vehicular access to the park is not permitted with the exception of authorised maintenance vehicles, access for residents to Starbank House or where permission has been given to facilitate organised events. Vehicular movement is kept to a minimum at all times.

Signage Although there is no signage directing visitors to the park, threshold signs at the entrances provide a welcome for visitors. A 'Welcome to' threshold sign is located at all three entrances to the park. The signs are of consistent design in all of Edinburgh's Parks. Ornate gates, one history panel and two notice boards also welcome visitors. (See Site Location Map on page 6 for locations). The notice boards are updated regularly, providing information on improvements within the Park, local events, surveys and litter picks, in addition to events and meetings the Friends organise. Contact details for the Community Parks Officer are also advertised. Signage at Laverockbank Road should be improved. It is not particularly clear for members of the public that Starbank Park is in fact a public park. The Friends have expressed concern that in the past people have mistaken the park as a private residence due to the presence of Starbank House and the private properties that are located in close vicinity of the park. New signs have been ordered and will be in place imminently.

Equal Access The network of paths is well used by pedestrians who traverse across the park. Paths can be used by cyclists and pedestrians following the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act, which promotes responsible use of accessible land. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code also encourages responsible use. Paths within the park are surfaced in bitmac, suitable for wheelchair users. A dropped kerb at the Laverockbank Road entrance is suitable for wheelchair users. Entry to the park from Starbank Road is by means of a set of steps, unsuitable for wheelchairs. These steps are however DDA compliant but, the nature of this entrance makes it difficult to improve further, however more consideration will be given to improving wheelchair access to the lower level.

Healthy, Safe and Secure

Objective

The park must be a healthy, safe and secure place for all members of the community to use. Relevant issues must be addressed in the management plan and implemented on the ground. New issues that arise must be addressed promptly and appropriately.

Safe Equipment and Facilities The neighbourhood team work to co-ordinate activities and develop closer links between the Grounds Maintenance team, Community Parks Officer, Park Ranger and the Friends Group. This, along with working with the local community, park users, interest groups and volunteers will help to give a greater sense of ownership and assist us in maintaining the park to the highest standards that can be achieved with the collective resource available. Day to day, park users and the Friends Group also highlight issues as soon as they arise. Informal inspections are carried out by Council employees who enter the park as part of their daily duties (Park Ranger and Task Force staff). They report obvious hazards to the relevant Council department. Contact details for the Community Parks Officer are located in the park notice boards for visitors to report problems, in addition to contact details on threshold signs.

Personal Security in the Park Council staff enter the park on a daily basis to empty bins or carry out patrols. The Friends of Starbank Park meet every Wednesday and Saturday morning for volunteer sessions. The park is busy throughout the day with dog walkers and, in the summer, with young families and with people reading or simply enjoying the views. It is also used by the local community as a cut through. The park is largely overlooked by housing with Starbank House being located in the centre of the park. These factors all help to provide a sense of security. There is also a security light at Starbank House, these are switched on from dusk until dawn.

Dog Fouling The park is well used by local residents for walking their dogs. Dogs are allowed off the lead in the lower section of the park but notices ask that dogs are kept on a lead in the upper section to reduce damage to the herbaceous beds. The Council's Environmental Wardens monitor evidence of dog fouling and promote responsible dog ownership. If necessary the Environmental Wardens can enforce the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. The City of Edinburgh Council does not have separate bins for dog waste, bins located throughout the park are for disposal of litter and dog fouling.

Appropriate Provision of Facilities The park is an important amenity for the local community, providing an accessible green space for recreation and relaxation. Both wooden and black metal seats are located throughout the park, some are memorial presentation benches. At present there are litter bins located throughout. These bins have all been replaced in recent years in order to rationalise a standard style from the Broxap “Derby” range. Children’s play equipment was considered as an addition to the park but due to the nature of the site and for health and safety reasons, a suitable location could not be found. The Friends are currently in discussion with the Council to consider the addition of a fernery with stepping stones and small children’s nature trail.

Quality of Facilities Overall, the quality and condition of the bins and benches in the park is good. Regular visits from parks staff identify any areas that need attention.

Well Maintained and Clean

Objective

For aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons, issues of cleanliness and maintenance must be adequately addressed.

Litter and Waste Management There is a good provision of bins which are emptied daily. The park is also litter picked by the neighbourhood cleansing teams when the bins are emptied, ensuring that the park remains litter free. The Friends group also collects litter on an ad hoc basis during volunteer gardening sessions.

Grounds Maintenance The City of Edinburgh Council undertakes internal Parks Quality Assessments. These are carried out annually and highlight areas where the standards may have dropped. Grass cutting, hedge cutting, bedding, and other planting and some tree maintenance is carried out by the Taskforce team.

The Friends Group undertakes twice weekly grounds maintenance sessions. Their activities include weeding, trimming grass edges, some planting, soil improvement and general tidying.

Building and Infrastructure Maintenance Graffiti and damage resulting from anti-social behaviour are dealt with promptly. Edinburgh Council has a zero tolerance policy to offensive graffiti and aim to have it removed within 24 hours. The Park Ranger will remove graffiti where possible otherwise details are passed to the specialist graffiti treatment unit. The park walls are regularly inspected and the external woodwork and eaves on Starbank Park have recently been repainted.

Equipment Maintenance Dangerous or damaged benches are removed immediately for repair. All other benches in the park are on a scheduled maintenance programme, carried out by the Workshops team at Inverleith Park.

Sustainability

Objective

To ensure that the methods used in maintaining the park and its facilities are environmentally sound and are based upon best practice. To increase biodiversity of the park.

Environmental Sustainability Through the Edinburgh Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), the City of Edinburgh Council aim to conserve and enhance Edinburgh's natural heritage. The council continues to work on a number of initiatives towards more sustainable practices, such as peat reduction, waste recycling and increasing biodiversity. Within the park, major vegetation clearance is scheduled to avoid nesting birds. Hebeaceous and herb beds have been planted to increase biodiversity and further planting plans are designed to be insect-friendly and increase biodiversity. No parking is available in the park therefore the majority of visitors to the park are local residents who walk or cycle to the site.

Pesticides The use of pesticides is kept to a minimum. A draft pesticide policy has been produced by the City of Edinburgh Council. It states, where appropriate, all non chemical alternative methods of weed control will be investigated and implemented depending on the requirements of the site, local environment and its users. This will also take into consideration, all available resources and any cost implications, which could impact on the local service delivery. In Starbank Park the majority of weed control is undertaken without pesticides by the Friends Group who use hand tools only.

Peat use The use of peat by the Parks and Greenspace Unit is in the production of bedding plants at the Council's Inch Nursery. In all other potting, the nursery use a 25% reduced peat compost. The City of Edinburgh Council use over 500,000 litres of green waste compost in planters and flower beds and is currently working to reduce peat use by a further 25%.

Waste Minimisation The Council is keen to reduce, re-use and recycle wherever possible. The Friends quickly identified that this was an area that needed much improvement within the park and felt passionately that something should be done. In November 2014 The Friends of Starbank Park successfully received a grant to install composted bins. Five bins were purchased and assembled in the south east corner of the park. Any green waste collected from the park is composted, recycled and re-used. Tree chippings are spread directly back onto areas as a weed control measure and when the grass is cut the clipping are left on site. There are currently no recycling facilities for general waste however this is something that should be explored further.

Woodland Management The park contains a variety of tree stock and the Council has undertaken a tree hazard management assessment by the Forestry Service who manage the trees. Please see attached survey in Appendix 3. Careful consideration will need to be given on how the tree stock is managed within the park as trees mature and how others are replaced as a result of disease, decay or damage. Trees are replaced on an ad hoc basis. There is currently insufficient space for new tree planting. If a tree needs to be removed, it is replace immediately like for like.

Conservation and Heritage

Objective

Particular attention should be paid to the conservation and appropriate management of natural, landscape and structural features.

Conservation Fauna and Flora In the upper section of the park, the beautiful avenue of salmon pink blossom produced from the cherry trees in spring, is a much loved historic asset of the park that should remain. The formal annual beds are features that have remained unchanged since their inception in this original Victorian setting.

Conservation Landscape Every effort has been, and is being made, to maintain and conserve the unique layout of this historical park. Grounds maintenance and planting plans are focused on retaining the ethos of this fine Victorian park. Preserving the feel of a formal Victorian Garden and its historic features are essential, however changes should respond to and meet the needs of today's modern park user. This is imperative to all future park developments.

Retaining the parks symmetrical layout will help to retain the historic integrity of the park. In addition park furniture should remain consistent in design, open views to the sea should be maintained and any new structures should not detract from the vista.

Unfortunately, like many other parks, a lack of investment lead to the deterioration or disappearance of some of the garden features. A stone sundial once stood proudly in the centre of the upper section of the park as did the Devlin fountain in the lower park. Sadly today neither remains. The fountain fell into a state of disrepair and become too costly to restore whilst the sundial simply vanished. In 2013 the base of the fountain was created into a low maintenance shell gravel bed with modest planting and standing stones, sadly the sundial was never recovered.

Conservation Buildings Starbank House has had many uses until the 1970's when it was divided into two flats. Since becoming a residential property once again, a maintenance schedule has been put in place. A full and comprehensive survey was carried out in 2013 and subsequent issues are being addressed. (Survey available on request)

Community Involvement

Objective

To actively pursue the involvement of the community, through consultation, events, activities and the Friends.

Community Involvement In addition to the numerous park users and visitors that use the park, the main interest group are the Friends of Starbank. The Friends group work on numerous projects alongside the Council and are actively involved in all park developments and consultations. They organise volunteer sessions every Wednesday and Saturday morning, undertaking mainly grounds maintenance tasks. The increasing involvement of local community groups and individuals with an interest in the park illustrates the importance of the site to local people. Public participation is essential to the success of Starbank Park and will be vital to the continuation of the park's development.

Group	Activity/Interaction
Friends of Starbank	General maintenance, planting plans, planting sessions, park development, community events, fundraising, publicity
Asda	Publicity, direct volunteering and general assistance from the Asda Community Life Champion.
Martin Currie	Company Away Day: Volunteer gardening
Rainbows	Planting in the Newhaven Heritage Boat.
Brownies	Snowdrop Planting
Newhaven and Wardie Churches	Poppy seed planting and brief youth service to commemorate First World War Centenary
Quintiles	Company Away Day: Volunteer gardening
Newhaven Heritage	Regular reports to Newhaven Heritage relating to Starbank Park by Friends Group Donation of plaque, plants and compost for boat planter Ongoing discussions between Friends Group and Newhaven Heritage regarding holding joint minor events aimed at increasing Newhaven and Trinity communities' involvement in the park.
Trinity Community Council	Regular reports to Community Council relating to Starbank Park by Council and Friends Group

Community Provision The park is not suitable for major events due to its size and access restrictions but it is suitable for small, local events and social gatherings.

Marketing and Promotion

Objective

To actively promote Starbank Park to all potential users

Marketing and Promotion The park is promoted through the Council website. The Friends advertise their details in the notice boards and on their website: <http://friendsofstarbankpark.org/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofstarbankpark> The Friends advertise their volunteer sessions in the local Asda, Johnstone's store, News Express, the Starbank, the Old Chain Pier and Porto and Fi and park notice boards.

Information Provision The two notice boards located within the park display current information on local events and park developments. The Friends have an excellent website and facebook page that are updated regularly. The City of Edinburgh Council has a dedicated webpage that highlights the parks facilities.

Education and Interpretative Provision Work to develop a history panel within the park was undertaken and it was installed in 2013. The Friends of Starbank are also working towards producing an information leaflet.

Management

Objective

To demonstrate that there is a balance between all the priorities, policies and partners and that there is a time scale for putting the objectives into practice.

Management Plan Implementation The Council acknowledges the effort and support of the groups that have an interest in the park and works closely with them, in partnership, to maintain and manage the park for the benefit of its users, residents and visitors. This Management Plan aims to provide a clear framework for making informed and planned decisions about the future plans for the park. The local Park Management Team aim to monitor changes in legislation, industry trends and constantly strive to provide relevant service improvements to develop the park to meet the needs of its local community. The formation of the Management Plan will also provide a framework for the Friends group and others to monitor our performance against agreed actions.

The adoption of the Green Flag Standard as a way of analysing the quality of parks and greenspace in Edinburgh and its self-assessment process (PQA) has been useful in identifying strengths and weaknesses for sites and the impact of our current management processes. The process results in a detailed plan of improvements that are in the interests of the community and the park. In 2014 137 sites were assessed across the city involving 69 assessors which included representatives from:

- Community group members
- External Partners
- Council officers
- Taskforce Managers
- Gardening staff
- Park rangers

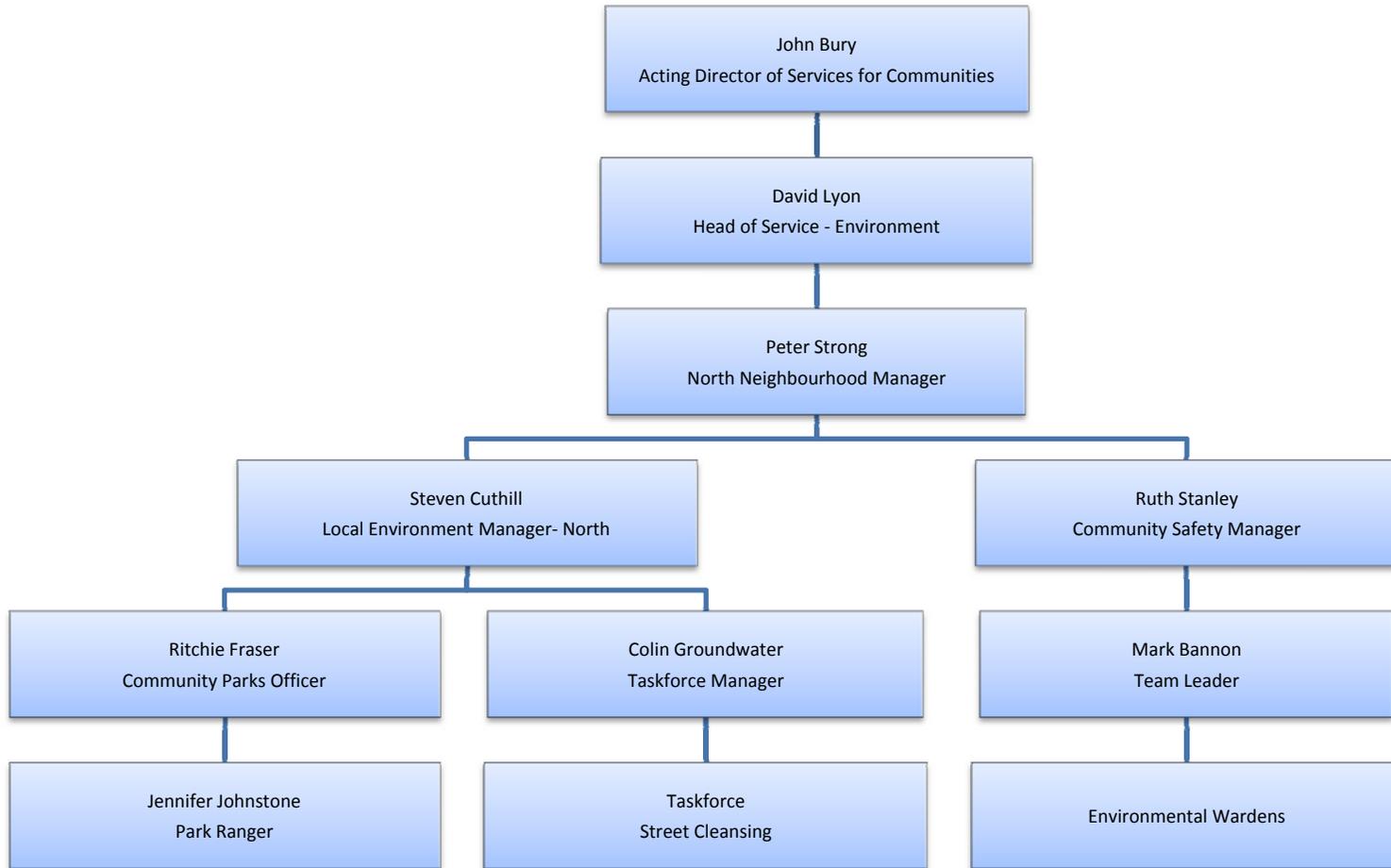
The Council also conducts a Parks and Greenspace Survey annually. It allows the wider general public an opportunity to air their opinions to the Council on what they think about their local park and green space. The survey is advertised in libraries, park notice boards and the Council website.

Management Structure

Starbank Park is managed by Services for Communities. Services for Communities, is structured to deliver services for the needs and priorities of local communities in each of the twelve Neighbourhood Partnerships with six neighbourhood areas. Starbank Park lies within the North Community Planning Area, also referred to as the North Neighbourhood.

The Neighbourhood Manager has responsibility for the local delivery of essential services such as libraries, community safety, road repairs, parks, housing and street cleaning. The Local Environment Manager within the North Neighbourhood team has day to day responsibility for the management and development of Environment Services, which includes maintaining and developing parks and green spaces, through the Community Parks Officer, Park Ranger and Open Space and Street Cleaning Task Force.

The central Parks and Greenspace Service support the Local Environment Team in delivering a quality greenspace service, offering specialist advice and assistance as necessary. Operational management of the park is undertaken by the Neighbourhood Task Force team. This team consists of a grounds maintenance team and street cleaning teams who are responsible for the day to day maintenance of the grass, annual flower beds, hedges, shrub beds and the servicing of the bins and litter collection throughout the park. This work is supported by the Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger who undertake small items of work to ensure standards are maintained.



How Will We Get There?

This section includes the development plan, setting out the aims and objectives for Starbank Park over the term of the Management Plan. This section also describes the maintenance regimes and proposed management structure to deliver the Management Plan.

Development Plan

It is expected that this section will be updated regularly and reviewed regularly. It may contain items that are out with the timescale of the Management Plan; this is to ensure that known future activities are recorded.

This section sets out the intended development actions and targets for the park under each of the Green Flag Award, aims allocating a time frame, responsibility and measures. Actions will include existing projects planned for the site.

The Action Plan covers a 10 year period from 2015-2025. It will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure future actions are added as required.

Definitions of initials:

FoS - Friends of Starbank Park
CPO - Community Parks Officer
PGS - Parks and Greenspace Service
EW - Environmental Wardens

LEM - Local Environment Manager
PR - Park Ranger
TFM - Taskforce Manager

Objective *The overall impressions for any member of the community approaching and entering the park should be positive and inviting, regardless of the purpose for which they are visiting.*

Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
A Welcoming Place	Repair paths	Edge and resurface	2014	CPO	£33,000	Complete
	Maintain paths	Inspect, edge, repair and resurface	Ongoing	CPO		
	Improve signage, make entrances obvious and welcoming.	Look at signage outside the park as general public are sometimes unclear it is a public park	2015	CPO/PR/FoS	£500	
	Repaint entire perimeter fence.	Repair and repaint	2015/2016	CPO	Quote required	
	Review number of benches in upper section of Park	Review and implement	2014	PR		Complete
	Improve access where possible	Investigate improving access at lower banking. Make suitable for wheelchair user	2016	CPO		

Objective <i>The park must be a healthy, safe and secure place for all members of the community to use.</i>						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Healthy, Safe and Secure	Control of dog fouling and damage caused by dogs.	Work alongside Environmental Wardens to encourage responsible dog ownership. Speak to dog owners/hand out leaflets/ patrol park as required. Improve signage.	Ongoing	PR/EW/FoS	N/A	Posters place in upper section of the park. Project by EW in Nov 2014.
	Ensure seating is in good condition	Repair as required	Ongoing	CPO/PR		
	Reduce litter	Improve signage, increase patrols as required.	Ongoing	PR/EW/FoS	N/A	
	Boundary Wall	Check condition of boundary wall	2014	PR		Met with Facilities Manager – awaiting report
	Consider fernery and small children's nature trail	Work with Friends Group to design and install fernery and nature trail with stepping stones.	2015	CPO/PR/FoS		

Objective For aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons, issues of cleanliness and maintenance must be adequately addressed.						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Clean and Well Maintained	Weed control	Cease use of herbicide as a routine weed control measure throughout park. Hoeing, raking and mulch.	Ongoing	TFM/FoS	TBC	Complete
	Improve maintenance standards	Improve maintenance standards within the resources available	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS	N/A	
	Improve grassland	Check drainage as lower part of Park very wet	2014	CPO/PR		Complete – no action required
	Increase Internal Park Quality Assessment Score	Continue to undertake annual internal assessments and increase score	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS	N/A	
	Planting Plan	Design Planting Plan for entire Park	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS		Some planting projects complete

Objective To ensure that the methods used in maintaining the Park and its facilities are environmentally sound and are based upon best practice. To increase biodiversity of the Park.						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Sustainability	Encourage bats	Place bat boxes throughout park	2015	CPO/PR/FoS	TBC	
	Encourage birds	Place bird boxes throughout park	2015	CPO/PR/FoS	TBC	

Objective Particular attention should be paid to the conservation and appropriate management of natural, landscape and structural features.						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Conservation and Heritage	Maintain history board	Regular patrols/Inspections	Ongoing	PR	N/A	
	Update notice board	Make more prominent and interesting. Update with conservation and biodiversity information.	Ongoing	PR/FoS	N/A	
	Undertake wildlife survey	Survey of all wildlife in the park. Consider involving local schools.	2016	PR/FoS	N/A	

Objective To actively pursue the involvement of the community, through consultation, events, activities and the Friends of King George V Park						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Community Involvement	Continue to work closely with FoS	Consult with FoS on all park developments.	Ongoing	CPO/PR/ FoS	N/A	
	Support FoS and volunteers	Provide tools for general maintenance, litter pick kits and organised uplift of waste.	Ongoing	CPO/TF M/PR	N/A	
	FoS Newsletter	Publish and circulate a newsletter to provide updates on park development, events, etc.	Ongoing	FoS	N/A	
	Local school involvement	Endeavour to involve local schools in projects and developments	Ongoing	FoS/PR	N/A	
	Events	Stage local events, up to 4 per year in or themed on the Park	Ongoing	FoS		
	FoS develop park through external funding	Continue to apply for external funding for park projects.	Ongoing	CPO/PR/ FoS	Variable	

Objective To actively promote Starbank Park to all potential users.						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Marketing and Promotion	Promote park events	Ensure notice board is up to date. Friends website and facebook page	Weekly	PR/FoS	N/A	Ongoing
	Promote Friends and community activities.	En Friends website and facebook page sure notice board is up to date	Monthly	PR/FoS	N/A	Ongoing
	Promote Green Flag success	Ensure notice board is up to date Friends website and facebook page	Annually	PR	N/A	Conditional on successful 2015 application
	Produce pamphlet on Starbank Park	Research and install leaflet holder	2016	FoS/PR		

Objective To demonstrate that there is a balance between all the priorities, policies and partners and that there is a time scale for putting the objectives into practice.						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Management	Update Management Plan	Review and update plan annually	Annually	CPO/PR		
	Increase Internal Park Quality Assessment Score	Continue to increase PQA score through continued improvements to the Park. Undertake annual internal assessments.	Annually	CPO/PR/FoS	N/A	
	Obtain and retain Green Flag Award	Green Flag Application	2015	CPO/PR	£1000	

Planting Plan

Objective To improve planting and maintenance whilst increasing sustainability and biodiversity						
Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Improve biodiversity	Encourage biodiversity	Consider biodiversity in all park developments	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS	N/A	
	Plant flowers which attract pollinating insects while maintaining the ethos of a Victorian Garden	Consider wildlife friendly plants in all planting projects.	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS		
	Cease the use of herbicides	No longer use herbicides in the park as a means of weed control	2015	TFM		Taskforce advised spraying no req'd
Grass maintenance	Regular grass cutting	Weekly	Ongoing	TFM		
	Regular edge trimming	Four weekly cycle	Ongoing	FoS		
General maintenance	Hoe bed with weeds	Four weekly cycle	Ongoing	FoS		Mulch has reduced the need to hoe beds
	Re-seed areas of grass along edge of new paths	Monitor and re-seed where necessary	2015	PR/FoS		
	Repair sunken area near Laverockbank Road entrance	Investigation required	2015	CPO/PR		
Sustainability	Build compost facilities	SE corner of Park, Waste Action Grant	2014	FoS	£850	Complete
	Compost all green waste generated in the park	Using composting facilities in the park	Ongoing	FoS/TFM	N/A	

Theme	Action	Where and/ or how	Year	Who	Cost	Status
Healthy Plants	To maintain healthy growth of plants	Fertiliser application as required using compost produced in Park where possible Prune and trim all plants as and when necessary Remove and replace diseased plants as appropriate	Ongoing	CPO/PR/FoS		
	Increase Spring colour with bulbs	Investigate suitable locations	Autumn 2015	FoS/PR		

Site Plan

The image below shows the locations of all beds within Starbank Park.



Finance

Revenue funding

The provision of revenue funding for the park consists of work undertaken at present by the local Parks team and Task Force.

There is no specific maintenance budget allocation for Starbank Park so it is difficult to determine the exact costs associated with maintaining it. As there are no up to date rates for grounds maintenance an approximate annual cost cannot be calculated.

The Community Parks Officer has a budget for small scale repairs and maintenance improvements. The annual budget for parks and open space development, including repairs and maintenance, for North Edinburgh is approximately £45,000 (2014/2015).

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 is to support better planning of the financial resources required, so that proposals can be developed and included in future bids. There was no capital allocation for the financial year 2014/2015.

Grants

The Parks and Greenspace Unit have a small grants fund that Community groups can apply to for small items or to assist in developing their group or the sites they have adopted. Some projects can attract other internal/external grants that are utilised wherever possible. The Friends have been successful in two funding applications to date.

How will we know when we have arrived?

This section describes how the development, maintenance and management Starbank Park will be monitored and reviewed.

Monitoring and Reviewing

The Local Environment Manager, Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger, as well as grounds staff and Taskforce Managers are all involved in managing and maintaining the Park supported and assisted by local interest groups.

Regular meetings with the Friends, Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger will enable any maintenance issues to be dealt with more effectively. The Friends hold committee meetings, which the Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger attend to receive feedback from the attendees relating to management issues.

Members of the public are encouraged to comment on the standards of maintenance and this is passed to all those involved with the management of the park. One method of doing this that is useful is through the ongoing Parks and Greenspace Survey, which can provide both quantitative and qualitative information on the levels of satisfaction of the management of the park. This will also reflect how successful we are in implementing the Management Plan.

The Green Flag Award Scheme itself will provide constructive feedback from independent judges. The value of this information will help shape further improvements, both to the Management Plan and to our management processes. In addition, it is expected that we will undertake another internal Green Flag Assessment, Parks Quality Assessments, in 2015. This will also provide evidence of the development and management of Starbank Park.

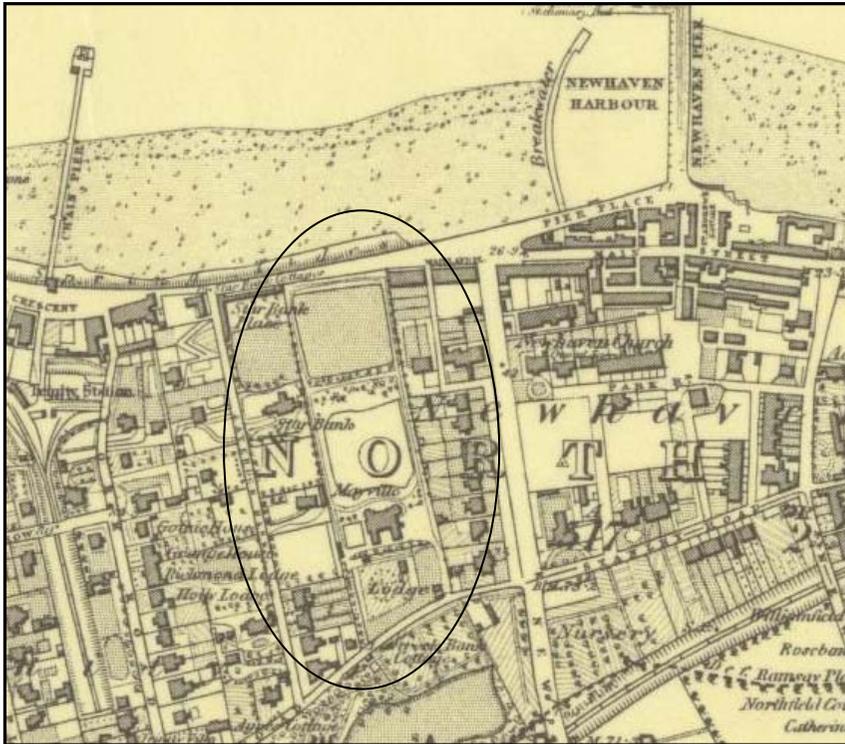
Measures of success

- Green Flag Award achieved in 2015 and the quality standards that are obtained in this process are constantly reviewed to check they remain at that level or above.
- The Council's internal Park Quality Assessments will continue to be used as a baseline to be improved upon annually.
- Biodiversity is considered in all park developments.
- History panels, notice boards and park facilities are well maintained.
- Continue to work with the Friends Group on all park developments. Ensure wider community are informed on park developments, events and activities through advertisement.
- Events, activities and developments in the park are publicised well and the community are involved in ongoing communication with local residents.
- Successfully deliver the management plan year on year.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Historical Maps



Edinburghshire, Ordnance Survey, Sheet 2 1885



Edinburghshire, Ordnance Survey, Sheet 001.15, 1896

The maps above illustrate the development of the land now known as Starbank Park. The original layout of the park in 1896 had changed little over the years.

Appendix 2

Management Rules

Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace

The City of Edinburgh Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 hereby make the following Management Rules for the Council's Parks, Gardens and open spaces:

Interpretation

In these management Rules the following words have the meanings given to them:

"Council" means The City of Edinburgh Council;

"Park" means any land provided, owned, leased, occupied or managed by the Council within the City of Edinburgh and used as a recreation ground, public playground, public open space, public walk, walkway, woodland, ornamental or pleasure ground or gardens and all buildings and works connected therewith;

"Council Official" means an employee of the Council or of Edinburgh Leisure, or any person authorised by the Council to enforce these rules;

"Code" means the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, the guidance on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

Summary

Any person who appears to be breaking, has broken or is about to break any of the following rules may be asked by a Council Official to leave the Park. Any person refusing to leave will be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level one on the standard scale.



1. No person shall in any park wilfully obstruct, interrupt, verbally insult or annoy employees or agents of the Council in carrying out their duties.
2. Any written permission required by these rules must be shown on request to a Council Official.
3. The Council may decide to waive any particular Rule at any time.

General

The following acts are prohibited:

- 4.1 Behaviour which causes (or in the opinion of a Council Official is likely to cause) annoyance, offence, alarm or distress to any other park user.
- 4.2 Any wilful or careless act which damages or removes any artefact, plant, tree, shrub, building, structure, equipment, furniture or fitting.
- 4.3 Depositing litter except in litter bins provided for the purpose.
- 4.4 Pursuing any activity which endangers (or in the opinion of a Council Official is likely to endanger) any person or property.

- 4.5 Ball games in Princes Street Gardens and Saughton Walled Gardens.

- 4.6 Fishing in any water course without permit.
- 4.7 Depositing or leaving any substance or article which is likely (in the opinion of a Council Official) to cause injury or damage to any person or property.

- 4.8 Metal detecting in any park without the written permission of the Scottish Detector Club, subject to an agreement between the Council and the Scottish Detector Club being valid.

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- 4.9 Entering into or wilfully remaining in a Park when it is closed to the public.
- 4.10 Selling, hiring or offering for sale or hire any items or goods or services.
- 4.11 Displaying or handing out advertisements, conducting surveys or giving any displays or performances.
- 4.12 Begging or busking.
- 4.13 Engaging in any commercial activity whatsoever (including, without limitation, dog walking services, photography, filming and fitness training services).

Dogs and Horses

The following acts are prohibited:

- 5.1 Allowing a dog to enter in or on a children's play area or area of the Park that is designated as a 'dog free area.'
- 5.2 Allowing dogs to foul in a public Park unless the person in charge of the dog immediately removes the fouling (within the provisions of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003).



- 5.3 Failing to keep a dog under close control in any Park.

- 5.4 Failing to keep a dog under close control, at heel or on a short lead when near young farm animals and at nesting time (April – July) in woodlands, grasslands, moorland and at the seashore.

- 5.5 Allowing a dog to run onto sports pitches when these are in use.

- 5.6 Leading, riding, training or exercising a horse in a manner which falls short of the responsibilities in the Code.

BBQs, Fire and Camping

The following acts are prohibited:

- 6.1 Lighting barbecues outwith designated barbecue sites, where these are provided, or in areas or in a manner likely to burn or scorch the ground or cause danger or nuisance to other Park users or neighbouring residents.

- 6.2 Failing to remove litter associated with BBQs and picnics.

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- 6.3 Lighting an open fire in any Park.
- 6.4 Camping within one mile of a public road.

Cycling

The following acts are prohibited:

- 7.1 Cycling in a manner which falls short of the responsibilities in the Code.
- 7.2 Cycling off the paths in woodland and other areas sensitive to environmental damage.



Motor Vehicles

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- 8.1 Driving or using or leaving any car, motorbike, quad bike, mini moto, or other vehicle, or parking a caravan, except on roads and in car parks provided by the Council for cars and vehicles, unless the Council's permission has been obtained first. This rule does not apply to prams and wheelchairs used for carrying children or people with a disability.

The following acts are prohibited:

- 8.2 Operating any motorised or mechanically propelled toy or model vehicle, aircraft or boat so as to disturb wildlife, endanger or give annoyance to other people or if asked by a Council Official not to do so.

Events and Other Activities

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- 9.1 Holding an event, performance, ceremony in any Park, or a demonstration or public meeting in any Park except East Meadows, Calton Hill or Leith Links.
- 9.2 Carrying, or discharging any firearm or firearm.
- 9.3 Playing any organised game or sport on pitches provided by the Council.

Short Hole Golf Courses

The following acts are prohibited for those not engaged in the game of golf:

- 10 Going onto playing surfaces when these are in use and onto greens at all times.



Expulsion and Exclusion from Parks

- 11.1 Where a Council Official has reasonable grounds for believing that a person has contravened, is contravening or is about to contravene any of these Management Rules, they may expel that person from the Park.

- 11.2 Where a Council Official has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is about to contravene any of these Management Rules, they may exclude that person from the Park.

- 11.3 Where a person has persistently contravened or attempted to contravene these Management Rules and in the Council's opinion is likely to contravene them again, the Council may decide to make that person subject to an exclusion order for a specified period of up to one year.

- 11.4 An exclusion order made under Rule 11.3 shall take effect on such date as the Council may decide, being not less than 14 days after the decision to make that person subject to an exclusion order. A person who has been made subject to an exclusion order:

i) shall be entitled to written notice of the decision to make the exclusion order, containing a statement of the reasons for that decision, and

ii) shall be entitled to make written or oral representations to the Council at any time up to the time that the order would have taken effect but for the representation being made.

Appendix 3

Tree Survey

Forth**Starbank Park**

Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
521	b08445	Turkey Oak	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Cavity - Large Cavities in main branch structure Dead wood - moderate Limbs previous failures
522	b08447	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Middle Aged	Cavity - Large
523	b08446	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Narrow forks with included bark
524	b08448	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Middle Aged	Dead wood - moderate
525	b08449	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	None recorded..
526	b08450	Laburnum spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	None recorded..
527	b08451	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	None recorded..
528	b08452	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	Over 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Dead wood - moderate
529	b08453	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Suppressed
530	b08460	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
531	b08459	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark
532	b08458	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark
533	b08457	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark

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Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
534	b08456	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark
535	b08455	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
536	b08454	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
537	b08461	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
538	b08462	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Minor bark/trunk wound
539	b08463	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Minor bark/trunk wound
540	b08464	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Epicormic growth - minor Narrow forks with included bark
541	b08465	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Basal wound Minor bark/trunk wound Raised roots/buttrressing
542	b08466	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark
543	b08467	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Minor bark/trunk wound
544	b08468	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark
545	b08469	Rowan/Whitebeam	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Crown - Imbalanced Suppressed
546	b08470	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Narrow forks with included bark

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Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
547	b08471	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
551	b08476	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
552	b08475	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	None recorded..
553	b08478	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme
555	b08479	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Crown - Imbalanced Suppressed
556	b08480	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Dead wood <30mm - minor Narrow forks with included bark
557	b08481	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	None recorded..
558	b08482	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	None recorded..
559	b08483	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	Over 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Dead wood <30mm - minor
560	b08485	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	None recorded..
561	b08484	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	None recorded..
562	b08486	Rowan/Whitebeam	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Dead wood <30mm - minor
563	b08488	Sycamore	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Middle Aged	None recorded..

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Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
564	b08489	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	Over 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Damage to pavement from roots Hanging broken branch Dead wood - moderate
565	b08490	Rowan/Whitebeam	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Semi-mature	Leader snapped out Damage to pavement from roots
566	b08491	Common Beech	15 to 20 meters	Over 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Cavities in main branch structure Damage to pavement from roots Fungal fruiting bodies Dead wood <30mm - minor
666	b08487	Elm spp	20 to 25 meters	Over 12 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Epicormic growth - minor Dead wood >30mm - major
667	b08492	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Raised roots/buttressing
668	b08494	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
669	b08493	Silver Birch	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	None recorded..
670	b08495	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
671	b08496	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing

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Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
672	b08497	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Ivy covered stem Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttreassing
673	b08498	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttreassing
674	b08499	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Ivy covered stem Raised roots/buttreassing
675	b08500	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttreassing
676	b08501	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Ivy covered stem Raised roots/buttreassing
677	b08502	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttreassing
678	b08503	Apple spp	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Mature	None recorded..
679	b08504	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	None recorded..
680	b08505	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Ivy covered stem Raised roots/buttreassing

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Tree No	Tree Loc	Common name	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition
681	b08506	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	None recorded..
682	b08507	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
683	b08508	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	None recorded..
684	b08509	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	None recorded..
685	b08510	Laburnum spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	None recorded..
686	b08511	Laburnum spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Crack in major limb/crotch/trunk
687	b08512	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
688	b08513	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	Over 12 meters	80 - 90	Mature	Dead wood - moderate
689	b08514	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Crown - Imbalanced Suppressed
690	b08515	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
691	b08516	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing

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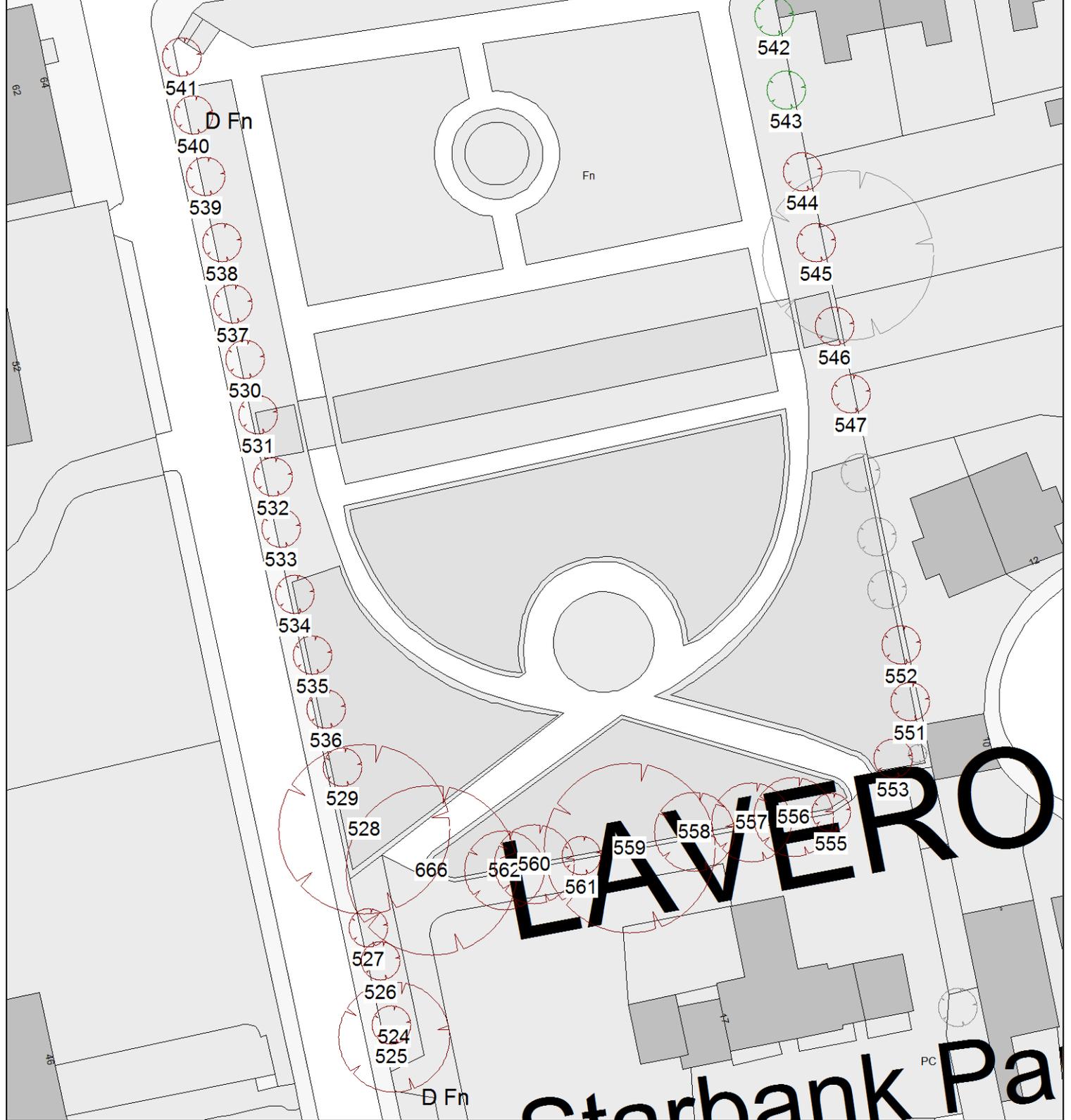
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692	b08517	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Crown dieback - moderate Regrown pollard
693	b08518	Apple spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Epicormic growth - minor Ivy covered stem & crown
694	b08519	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
695	b08520	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Narrow forks with included bark Raised roots/buttressing
696	b08521	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Branches infringing footpath/paveme Raised roots/buttressing
697	b08522	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Minor bark/trunk wound
698	b08523	Sycamore	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Cavities in main branch structure Dead wood <30mm - minor
699	b08524	Cherry spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Trunk or branch cankers
700	no tag	Common Ash	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	None recorded..
					Sub-total:	77 trees	
					Total:	77 trees	

Notes:-

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Overall total:	77 trees	-
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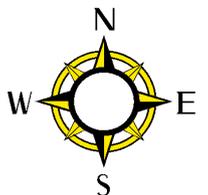
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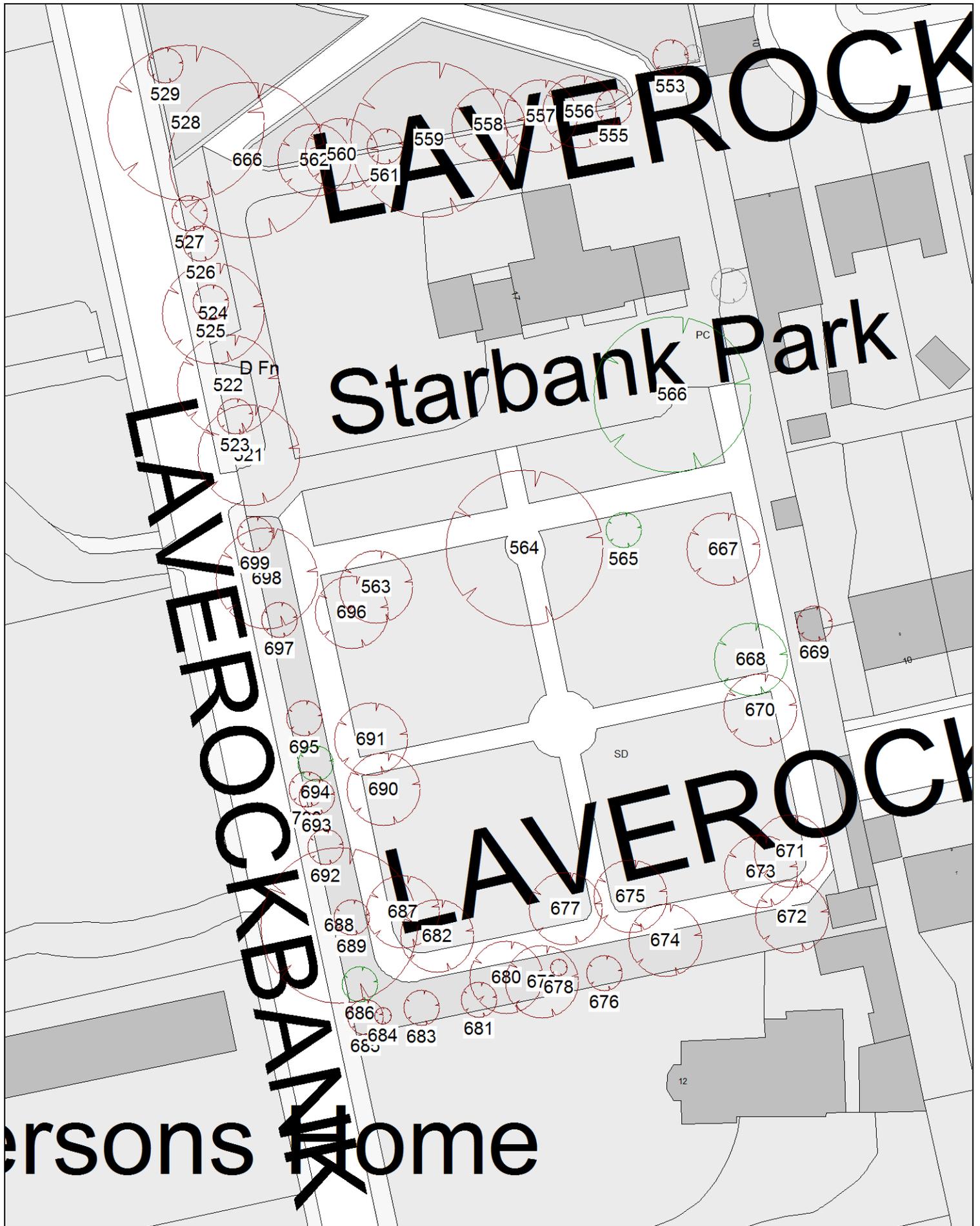
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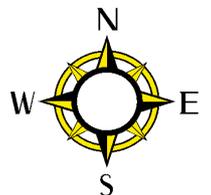
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