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1. RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1 It is recommended that council approves the submission of a Green Flag Award application for Stubbylee and Moorlands Park 2021.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this Report is to share the draft management plan document that will accompany Stubbylee & Moorlands Park entry for the Green Flag Award and to seek permission from Council to proceed with the entry for the award in January 2021.

The Green Flag award is an accreditation scheme that recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces. It raises the profile of green spaces by recognition of the value they have to the Community and rewards the hard work that goes into them by employees and key community groups and volunteers. It is the international benchmark for excellence in parks management, and if obtained, would be the first award achieved in Rossendale.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The achievement of a Green Flag Award for Stubbylee and Moorlands Parks would demonstrate to visitors to the borough and to residents that we have well managed and high quality parks. It also ensures that plans are in place to effectively manage the parks in an environmentally sustainable way and engage the community in this. In order to do enter the park for an award in 2021, a management plan is required to show how the park will be managed. In this case, it will be for the next 5 years.

The plan is formulated in a manner recommended by Green Flag in their guidance and begins by providing general information on the park, its facilities and history. The plan then looks at how the park performs in relation to the 8 Green Flag criteria. There are 3 key sections in the plan:

- Where are we now
- Where do we want to be
- How will we get there (action plan)

An audit of the park was carried out in summer 2020 to identify the park's strengths and areas for development. Some of these areas have been addressed and others are in the process of being addressed. Longer term improvements are included in the park's action

plan for the next 5 years. The plan then details how progress is measured and what is in place to monitor this progress.

The attached plan is the document that will guide the park's development over the next 5 years, and is a requirement of entry to the Green Flag Award. The deadline for entry is 31st January 2021.

There are a small number of elements that are still to be finalised. These will be added to the plan before submission in January and the final plan will be agreed with the portfolio holder.

4.1 **RISK**

Aborted costs maybe a risk if the Park fails to obtain the status after judging. There has been a lot of investment in the Park in recent years, therefore it is anticipated that levels of investment in capital projects will be relatively low. The feedback given if the bid fails will be used to re-enter and the lessons learned will help in attaining the award the following year.

5. **FINANCE**

5.1 The entry fee for the award is £360 which will be absorbed by the Green Spaces Team budget. Recent path inspections highlighted the need for some resurfacing on health and safety grounds. This has been addressed through capital investment of approximately £12,000 and will enhance the chances of success in the bid.

6. **LEGAL**

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7. **POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 At this stage there are no Policy and Equality implications. As schemes develop an Equality Impact Assessment will be completed where required.

8. **CONCLUSION**

8.1 Rossendale does not currently have a Green Flag park and it considered that the Stubblelee and Moorlands Park is of excellent quality and that this should be recognised through an award. The award of Green Flag status also re-assures Elected Members that there is a sustainable plan in place to ensure high standards of maintenance and environmental sustainability.

It is recommended that council approve a submission for a Green Flag Award for Stubblelee and Moorlands Park for 2021. It is also recommended that the attached management plan is approved and submitted as part of the entry, as required by Green Flag.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Stubblelee and Moorlands Management Plan	Attached



2020-2025

Stubbylee and Moorlands Park Management Plan



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Stubblelee & Moorlands Park Management Plan

The Council have made a commitment to apply for a Green Flag Award in 2021, with Stubblelee and Moorlands being chosen as the first park in Rossendale to be entered for the award. The Council recognises that all parks are unique and need different management and maintenance regimes employed within them. As a requirement for the Green Flag award the Stubblelee and Moorlands Management Plan will be the first of such documents, with the intention of using as a template for rolling out to other parks as resources allow.

The aim of this Management Plan is to outline how Rossendale Borough Council's Parks and Gardens will develop, maintain and manage Stubblelee and Moorlands Park over the next five years. The implementation of the action plan will be done in collaboration with key stakeholders and other partners to ensure the full involvement of the local community and create a sense of ownership from users. It will be introduced and shared with staff at all levels and the many different Park user groups, and will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. However, it should not be seen as the finished article and is intended to be a live, working document that management need to be flexible with, and as such will be subject to change as appropriate.

In addition to contributing to the Council's wider corporate objectives, the Section's aims and objectives and the Park issues most pertinent to the local community, this Management Plan has also been produced with a view to achieving Green Flag Award Status for Stubblelee and Moorlands Park, and as such, the management and development of the Park is in accordance with the key criteria of the Green Flag Award.

1.2 Process to produce the Plan

This Management Plan has been driven and developed principally by a core working group. The Group was set up to steer the plan's development, implementation and review, and consists of:

David McChesney- Green Spaces & Street Scene Manager
Jackie Flynn- Community Projects and Partnership Officer
Dorian Roberts- Technical Officer
Cllr Adrian Lythgoe- Portfolio holder for Operations

During the development process, the following persons or outside sources were consulted and have had some degree of involvement:

Friends of Stubblelee Park
Stubblelee Community Greenhouses
Citizen's Advice Bureau
Bacup Pride
Wildlife Trust
RBC Communities Team

RBC Green Spaces Team
Newground Together
The Environment Partnership
Bacup Bowling Club
Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival Organisation
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group

The Management Plan was fully supported by members of Council after it was approved at Cabinet in December 2019. This shows the commitment to achieving Green Flag status for a flagship Park.

2.0 Where are we now?

The aim of this section of the Management Plan is to give a brief introduction to Stubbylee and Moorland Park, its facilities, existing management of the Park and also the strategies, corporate policies, bye-laws, licences and covenants that may affect the management of the Park both at present and in the future.

2.1.1 Ownership

The following plan shows the precise area of the Park, boundaries and area of RBC ownership.

2.1.2 Grid Reference & Area Size



6 fig. grid ref: 386700, 421833

Area Size: 9.01 ha.

2.1.3 General

Stubbylee Park and Moorlands Park are two historically distinct areas and while separated by Stubbylee Lane and Olive House, do adjoin higher up by the playground and are now often referred to as all Stubbylee Park. The Park incorporates the historic Grade II listed Stubbylee Hall, with its cantilever staircase adorned with stag's head, a trophy from the Holt family hunting days and an echo from the past. The hall served as the ancestral home of the Holt family, and was more recently used as offices of Rossendale Council's Communities Team, it is now occupied by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The formulation of the Stubbylee Masterplan in 2012 proposed some fundamental improvements to the Park, with the help of funding from local projects this has seen the renovation of the fairy Dell and the Pond, a brand new play area and a café. These improvements have put us well on the way to a Park befitting of its former glory and the time to further our ambitions and hopefully achieve Green Flag status.

2.1.4 Current Uses

Stubbylee Park is used primarily by the local community for a variety of different reasons including informal recreation and sports, dog walking, bowling, children's play, as a shortcut and thoroughfare for local residents or for relaxation and well-being purposes.

2.1.5 Facilities & Features

The Park represents an important open space for local people, incorporating a lake and dell, two bowling greens, play area and outdoor gym, tennis courts and skate park. Historical garden elements such as the Italian and walled gardens can still be enjoyed and the Park now boasts the new addition of a BMX pump track to compliment the exciting wheeled sports associated with the Rossendale valley. The greenhouses surrounded by the Park are home to important community work with the Bacup Consortium.

2.1.6 Access

Main access into the Park is from New Line Road, this is via Stubbylee Lane which is vehicular access to the car Park between the Stubbylee and Moorlands Park sides. The road continues through to the top of the Park where it terminates, although pedestrian and cycle access continues up to the moors and Lee Quarry. There is another pedestrian access point from New Line Road into Stubbylee Park, here visitors pass through the historic stone columns with ornate gates bearing the Bacup coat of arms. There is another similar historic though less grandiose entrance into the Moorlands Park side from New Line Road.

2.2 History of the Park

The house we see today known as **Stubbylee Hall**, was not the first Stubbylee Hall; the first hall 1606-1750 was the home of the Holden Family, being demolished about 1808, and rebuilt by James Holt the following year. The drive opposite Park Road was the original carriage drive. The gatehouse stood just inside the gates, which came from Cliffe Castle, a large house near Horncliffe Mansion.



It is a myth that Stubbylee was bequeathed to Bacup Borough Council. The hall, cottage and farm buildings were purchased by Bacup Borough Council for the sum of £300.00, the actual parkland was purchased for £2,832.00 out of money provided in the will of Miles Ashworth of Holme Bank Stacksteads, the purchases being completed on the 7th May 1914. Postposed by the outbreak of the First World War, in December

1919, the council decided to convert the hall for use as municipal offices which comprised a council chamber, mayor's parlour, ante room and Retiring room. Other rooms comprised the Borough Surveyors Office, Town Clerk and Treasurer's Offices, along with the education and health departments, a committee room and caretaker's department with general office and waiting area.



In 1923, the Maden Memorial was removed from Irwell Terrace and placed in the Park. The Council began laying out what became known as the Mitchell Dell, now colloquially known as the Fairy Dell, in 1924 followed by a suggestion in January 1926, by the Borough Engineer Mr Frederick Mozley, that the lodge, as it was termed, which

had once supplied the water to the hall, should be transformed into an ornamental lake and garden.

By April the surrounding wall and water channel carrying the stream had been completed, soil excavated from the construction of the Blackthorn Estate was used

to construct the banking of the lake and, by July 1927, the lake was completed and had become home to two swans, given as a gift by Lady Maden.

At the same time as the trustees of Miles Ashworth met members of the council to discuss the purchase of Stubbylee Hall and grounds, Moorlands Park was being conceived. On 30th of April 1912, following a family meeting after the death of John Holt, one of the trustees of Edward Hoyle, namely his son Joshua Craven Hoyle wrote to the Bacup Town Council offering to gift the Moorlands Estate to the Council,



which was described as being made up of seven acres (830 square yards), including the hall, cottage, gatehouse, laundry, stable and other outbuildings. A



letter had also been sent to the Trustees of the late Miles Ashworth of Holme Bank House, suggesting that the gift should be assisted from funds which were at their disposal under Mr Ashworth's will.

The Rose Garden — Stubbylee Park.

Following the letter, the Miles Ashworth Trustees agreed to give the sum of £1,500.00 from the estate to lay out and ornament the grounds with the agreement that it would be called Moorlands Park, shown on a suitably inscribed tablet that the laying out of the grounds had been paid for by money left by Mr Miles Ashworth. By July 1914 both parks were open to the public and, the following month, tenders were invited for the purpose of pulling down Moorlands House. The remains which included fixtures, fittings and scrap were sold for £688.19s.9d. A month later the bowling greens and tennis courts were laid out, with the children's playground positioned at Bull Field, Moorlands.

The bowling greens and grass tennis courts were officially opened on Saturday 16th June 1915, by the Deputy Mayor, Mr J.H.Lord and his daughter Mrs Arnold Rothwell Taylor who described the green as being like "Green Velvet". The first game of bowls was played by Councillor Lord and Mrs James Ashworth, the Chairman of the Parks Committee. Additional hard tennis courts were added in 1924. Bacup began its celebrations of the coronation of George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon as King and Queen of the United Kingdom on the 15th May 1937 by planting fourteen sycamore trees in Stubbylee Park. Twenty children, a boy and a girl from each of the nine Bacup Board schools, had been chosen to take



Italian Garden, Stubbylee and Moorland Park, Bacup.

part in the tree planting ceremony. Over the years the Parks have been used to house the Bacup Carnival and, in 1960, the Park played host to the Caravan Club of Great Britain rally.

-History of the Parks has been generously supplied by Wendy A. Lord from her book 'Bacup Back to Back'.

2.3 Existing Management and Maintenance

2.3.1 Current team structure

The responsibility for the maintenance and development of the Park lies within the Operations Team, but more specifically within this, The Green Spaces and Street Scene Team (GS & SS).

The GS & SS Team delivers a wide range of the Council's Operational Services including Grounds Maintenance, Parks and Open Spaces, Playgrounds, Cemeteries and Bereavement Services, Street Sweeping, Litter Bins, Sports Turf maintenance and Town Centre cleansing. The Team consists of a Manager, a Supervisor and 25 front line employees who work towards delivering a 'Clean and Green Rossendale'.

There are three members of the team located within Stubblelee Park and these are the Playground Inspector, and the Fine Turf team, which consist of a Charge Hand Gardener and a Gardener. Despite being based within the Park, they are a mobile team and their duties are not solely focused on Stubblelee & Moorlands.

A diagram of the Team Structure can be seen as Appendix 1.

2.3.2 Current Maintenance Regime

The Park grounds and bowling greens are maintained by the Fine Turf Team, with the play areas being maintained by the Playground Inspector. The Sports Turf Team perform mowing of the football pitch.

Litter bins are emptied by the Fine Turf Team and any refuse is collected by The Refuse and Recycling Team based at Henrietta St, Bacup.

'The Friends of Stubblelee and Moorlands Park' are a Community Group who assist with maintenance within the Rose Garden with planting and weeding, and Bacup Pride assist with litter picking. Bacup Pride also maintain a Community Allotment within the Park.

The table below list the various tasks carried out by the GS & SS Team throughout the year and displays the frequencies.

Task	Qty	Unit	Frequency per annum
Grass cut (medium maintenance)	20883	M2	15
Grass cut (high maintenance)	2809	M2	30
Bowling Green cut	3070	M2	30

Bowling Green close season maintenance	3070	M2	1
Bowling Green pre season maintenance	3070	M2	1
Herbaceous bed maintenance- weed	127	M2	12
Herbaceous bed maintenance- stake and tie plants	127	M2	4
Edge maintenance (edging knife)	1662	LM	1
Edge maintenance (edging shears)	1662	LM	30
Rose bed maintenance (weed)	57	M2	30
Rose bed maintenance (dead head)	57	M2	15
Rose bed maintenance (prune)	57	M2	2
Rose bed maintenance (cut back)	57	Item	2
Hedge cut	335	M2	3
Empty litter bins	17	No	156
Clean Gullies	1	Site	3
Site litter pick	1	No	52
Inspect Play Area	1	No	24
Inspect Pump track	1	No	24
Inspect Skate Park	1	No	24
Treat hard surfaces for moss	1	No	2
Clean signage	1	Item	2
Clear Duck Pond trash screen	1	No	52
Inspect footpaths	1	No	4

The road and footpath mechanical sweepers cleanse the park throughout the year, with visits increasing during autumn and winter during leaf fall and when storm debris is frequently present.

The Community Greenhouses have a team of volunteers registered to their programme that carry out horticultural and maintenance tasks within the Greenhouses premises and beyond.

Bacup Pride maintain and operate the Community Allotment located near the Bowling Greens. This grows vegetables and plants for use within the Community, with many plants providing stunning displays in the Town Centre. Bacup Pride also carry out many organised litter picking sessions within the Park at weekends.

2.4 Recent developments

The Council is under ever increasing pressure to reduce costs of delivering services to residents, which in turn reduces the resources the Green Spaces Team has at its disposal for improvement of Green Spaces. In 2018, the Team lost 2 gardeners from its structure which has impacted on front line resources. This has been offset in recent years by the presence of the Stubblelee Masterplan Group, which was formed in 2012, but really began making a difference to the Park in 2015.

The Stubblelee Masterplan was formulated in 2012 when the Council, in Partnership with Newground Together, carried out extensive consultation with residents on things they liked and disliked about the Park. This resulted in a Masterplan being created, which gave a clear wish list of projects to deliver over the next 5 years.

The visual Masterplan can be seen in Appendix 2.

The Group, which is still in existence and meeting regularly, consisted of a combination of Council Officers, Officers from Partner Authorities such as LCC, Site Stakeholders, Community Groups representatives and Local Councillors. This became a steering group which looked for sources of funding in order to deliver the projects the residents had identified. This model has since been rolled out in 2020 to Edgeside Park in Waterfoot, and will be carried out at Victoria Park in Haslingden in 2021. Over the past 5 years, the following improvements have been made within Stubblelee and Moorlands Park:

- Refurbishment of Gates and stonework at Stubblelee and Moorlands Entrances. This included intricate painting of metal work and recreation of pillar sections to match the original designs. Some resurfacing work was carried out to the footpath at the entrance and a bench installed.
- New directional signage installed to clearly show where each area or facility is within the Park.
- New Signage at entrances to welcome visitors.
- Installation of plastic grass matting on corners of grassed areas. This was as a result of vehicles driving over tight corners and leaving tyre marks.
- £40k worth of path and road resurfacing in the Park to replace deteriorating and defective areas identified through Officer Path inspections.
- Installation of a brand new £30k pump track. This is on the route of the Borough's Cycleway which links to Rochdale and Bury. It is also based next to Lee Quarry Mountain Biking Centre which has helped to gain Bacup a reputation as key Mountain Biking Destination. This was achieved through funding from Lancashire Environment Fund, secured by Bacup Pride.

- A £20k improvement project to the footpaths and water course within the Fairy Dell. This is Phase 1 of the project, with phase 2 looking to stabilise the banking and improve access. This project was carried out using funding secured by Stacksteads Countryside Park group from the Postcode Lottery.
- £40k redesign and improvements to the Duck pond. This was previously enclosed, overgrown and full of silt and sediment. The Council worked with Groundwork Landscapes Ltd. to remove the fencing and overgrown vegetation and thin the tree coverage to open the area up to visitors. The pond was dredged of sediment and a walkway was installed which extends out over the water to facilitate feeding ducks and pond dipping. This is now popular attraction.
- £80k refurbishment of the Play Area in Moorlands Park- This occurred in 2019 after Bacup Pride helped to secure the funding from Viridor and Lancashire Environment Fund. This is now one of the Borough's most popular play areas and was designed to be sympathetic to the rural location, using natural materials throughout.
- Installation of a 1 mile way-marked walking route as part of the 'Up & Active' scheme.
- Interpretation boards installed on the old Aviary to give the Park's features historical context.
- Installation of Notice Boards in Stubbylee and Moorlands Parks for Community use.
- Removal of rhododendrons along Moorlands section of the mile walk route to make it less shaded and more welcoming to users.
- Creation of an additional 15 Parking spaces in Stubbylee Park to provide for the increase in visitor numbers in 2017.

2.5 Strategic context

Rossendale Borough Council Priorities

The Council has 3 Corporate Priorities which guide the work that every Department carries out. These priorities are as follows:

- A Clean and Green Rossendale
- A Connected and Successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth
- A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale

The Green Spaces Department and the Parks that we maintain feed into all of these priorities in different ways in helping the Authority to achieve its goals. The improvement of our green spaces in Rossendale through better maintenance methods and investment in facilities will not only makes the Borough Cleaner and Greener, but will attract people into the Borough. It will enable us to provide a first

class venue for leisure and recreation, ultimately encouraging and facilitating healthier lifestyles for its residents.

Climate change strategy

After declaring a Climate Change emergency in 2019, Rossendale Borough Council has developed the Climate Change Strategy (2020-2035) in order to reduce the Council's carbon footprint to neutral by 2050.

There are certain aspects of this strategy that affect the Borough's Parks. Green Spaces have committed to achieving certain objectives within the Strategy Action Plan and these will translate into actions with Stubbylee and Moorlands Park. This includes the transition from petrol powered tools to battery and use of peat free compost in horticultural activities.

Clean and Green improvement Plan

This is a corporate project which takes its name from one of our corporate priorities. The plan consists of 5 elements, one of which is 'Love Parks'. This has an overriding goal of raising standards within Rossendale's Parks. This has led to the council entering Stubbylee and Moorlands Park for a Green Flag Award. If this is successful the council may look to enter other main parks for the award.

The Operations Team Service Area Business Plan 2020/21

This plan sets out what the Team wants to achieve over the coming year and addresses all areas of the Operations Team, such as Refuse & Recycling and Green Spaces and Street Scene.

This plan drives the Team's work and there are several key aspects to be delivered by the GS & SS Team which are centred around our Parks. Most notable of these are producing a Play Strategy for investment in play areas and improving standards in our parks, playgrounds and open spaces via in-house teams, assisted by 'Friends of' groups and other parties, such as Civic Pride.

RBC Play Strategy

This emerging strategy provides an overview of play provision in the borough, and seeks to provide a framework for investment in facilities over the next 10 years. This takes into account current distribution, quality and accessibility of current provision, and future development and pressures resulting from the Local Plan.

3.0 Where do we want to be?

3.1 Vision

The Council is committed to providing residents with parks that they feel 100% safe and secure in, and that become a part of their lives due to the many special memories made within them. We want our Parks to be enjoyed by all visitors irrespective of age and abilities and we will make them accessible to everyone who wishes to use them. We strive to provide first class facilities that are maintained to a high standard and that keep people coming back to use.

We recognise the park's history and heritage and have a passion for celebrating and preserving this, whilst looking at new and innovative ways to manage the park that fulfil our duties to the environment and fight against climate change. We aim to

maximise and enhance its biodiversity whilst ensuring sustainability in managing and developing the Park.

We recognise that the Park should reflect the needs and aspirations of local people; both now and in the future. Therefore, we will regularly seek user feedback which will be used to shape the park's future. The park is a learning tool for visitors of all ages and we will look to build on the current offer in creative and innovative ways.

By developing a management plan for the park, we will have a blueprint that we can roll out to our other parks, raising standards for the entire district and its residents. Stubblelee and Moorlands is the first Park entered for a Green Flag award by Rossendale Borough Council, and we feel that it satisfies many of the criteria required. In addition, we acknowledge there are aspects that require development in order to get where we want to be. This section analyses what we have at present and which areas need to work on. This will then form the action plan in the following section, which explains how we will get there

3.2 Site Assessment and Analysis

To enable us to achieve our vision and realise our aspirations, we need to assess Stubblelee & Moorlands Park's current position in relation to the key criteria laid down by the Green Flag plus Partnership's Green Flag Award Scheme. As part of the Green Flag Award assessment, judges produce a feedback report detailing strengths and weaknesses and provide recommendations as to what we can improve upon, from both a management Plan and Parks based point of view, in the future.

Subsequently, we need to analyse the information derived from both these assessments, identify where we have gaps, weaknesses and issues that need to be resolved, and then develop an action plan to address those issues. During June 2020, the Park was visited by Parks Officers and a fully trained Green Flag Award judge to assess the current standard of the Park. The aim of this exercise is to use the Green Flag Award Assessment Scoring sheet to determine how the Park measures up to the criteria as set out by Green Flag.

This assessment, in addition to taking in to consideration comments made by independent Green Flag Award judges, issues raised by the Friends Group, past experience and working knowledge of the Park (through our internal Officer's Working Group), informs the production of the action plan.

The following section looks at the current status of Stubblelee and Moorland Park and highlights aspects of the Park that need to be developed in accordance with Green Flag Award key criterion.

3.2.1 A Welcoming Place

Stubblelee and Moorlands Park is a popular, welcoming and attractive park to visit. The Park's appeal is due to the semi-rural setting with the stunning backdrop of the hills, and the many historical features it boasts. The central feature of the Park is Stubblelee Hall, which is currently the subject of a Heritage Lottery funded project which seeks to determine the best future uses for the building. In addition to the hall, the Park has a Woodland Dell which incorporates a nature walk along the stream that runs through it. This leads down from the duck pond which has recently been

renovated and is now a major attraction of the Park. Due to its sloped nature at the far western edge, some areas have been left wild and unmanaged and are home to a variety of wildlife such as foxes, badgers and deer.

The Park is a mixture of hard and soft landscaping, some of which are formal and informal elements. Most of the Park is maintained in some form, although there are areas of unmaintained land as mentioned previously, which are left to thrive as natural ecosystems.

Within the Park there is a lot of woodland, which adds to the naturalistic charm. In the absence of a Tree Officer, a full tree management survey has been commissioned on the Park to assist the Council with a logical management regime for the woodland areas. This will allow us to manage the tree stock and make it safe, whilst also allowing healthy trees to thrive.

The accessibility in the Park is very good, with a large proportion of the footpaths and roads being resurfaced in the past 5 years. This allows for good access to all of the Park's features. The Dell, which was created in the 1920's, is the only area that is not 100% wheelchair accessible, due to the topography and stepped nature. The steps rising back out at the end of the walk are quite steep. For this reason, a handrail was installed in 2020 to improve accessibility to this area. The Dell has been highlighted in the Action Plan for the Council to explore ways of making the area wheel chair accessible, and this will be pursued when funding becomes available. Phase 1 of the improvement work in the Dell was completed in 2018 and resurfaced the paths which had deteriorated. Phase 2 will be to look at accessibility and repairing the watercourse to reflect its original design.

Prior to the improvement project to the Duck Pond in 2017, the area was inaccessible to all. The creation of a path leading to a viewing platform which extends over the water now means the Pond is a usable feature for all, with pond dipping and wildlife spotting being popular activities.

Vehicular access to the Park can be gained through the Stubbylee Lane entrance off New Line. The other access routes in to the Park are pedestrian, two of which are also on New Line. One of these entrances leads into Stubbylee at the far west, whereas the other takes you into Moorlands Park. There is an additional entrance from the bridleway that runs from Lee Quarry to the South of the Park and which takes you into either Stubbylee or Moorlands sections of the Park from Stubbylee Lane.

The Park has Parking for 60 visitors, mainly in the area adjacent to and in front of the Hall. There is additional Parking on grass matting spaces, installed to accommodate the increased visitor numbers in 2018 as a result of the Masterplan improvements. There is a desire to add to this in the next 18 months through the Parks Action Plan.

There are several bus route services that can transport visitors to the Park, with the nearest stops to the Park being located outside and opposite Oliver House on New Line. These stops provide easy access to Stubbylee Lane and Moorlands Park entrances. There are additional stops located in both directions at Stubbylee Bridge which is located a short distance from the lower New Line entrance to Stubbylee Park. The 464 Service runs through Bacup from Accrington to Rochdale, and the number 8 service travels along New Line when travelling from Waterfoot to Todmorden and eventually connecting with Burnley. This gives people living in

neighbouring borough the opportunity to reach the park using public transport with relative ease.

The Park offers cycle racks for those wishing to visit on bikes and try the Pump Track. These are located at the entrance to the Rose Garden from Stubblelee Lane, and allow people to secure their bicycle whilst they look at other areas of the park.

The Park has 17 Lighting columns on the main drive from the lower New Line Entrance. The lighting continues on up to the Hall and car park. The lower New Line Entrance is surrounded by trees and was highlighted in consultation as being quite dark and unwelcoming. In response to this we have carried out tree thinning and crown raising to lighten the area up and allow more light to illuminate the entrance in hours of darkness.

There is a desire within the Park's action plan to fully review the provision of lighting within the Park to make it seem more welcoming to visitors. This review will include the number, style and positioning of the columns to ensure an even distribution, without making it too bright. The erection of more strategic lighting in the Park would have the positive effect of improving visibility, instilling a greater sense of security and encouraging people to use the Park at all times of the year. There is a desire to introduce more lighting beyond Stubblelee Hall and into Moorlands Park.

The majority of pathways in the Park are of a good quality and are mostly suitable for wheelchair users and mobility scooters. Major improvements were made to the pathways throughout Moorlands Park in 2017 and further improvements have been made in Stubblelee Park in 2020. There is a desire to resurface the path that runs along the Eastern border of the Park and that forms part of the Up and Active walking route. The car park was remarked in 2016 give much better clarity for drivers, with clear disabled spaces marked in key locations.

The pathways will be enhanced further when the Cycleway Route 101 created from the Park. Discussions are currently ongoing with Lancashire County Council and local landowners on the best possible route into and out of the Park. This will then link up with existing cycle routes that lead to Rochdale and Bury in either direction, therefore increasing the accessibility. The Drains within the Park are cleared of debris throughout the year, with a thorough cleanse using mechanical equipment taking place 3 times per year. The paths and roads are of sufficient width to allow vehicle, pedestrians, bikes and scooters pass safely. Path inspections take place quarterly within the park and are carried out in line with our Path Defects Procedure, which has a tiered approach to repairs dependant on severity.

The Park has public toilets with facilities for disabled and baby changing, and the newly installed Play Area accommodates children of all abilities. It has been noted that there may be a lack of more challenging equipment for older children in the play area, which is a consideration for the future in the action plan.

An issue that was highlighted in recent consultation was that the park would benefit from a higher number of areas to sit and eat. There are currently benches at the following locations:

- 1 at lower New Line entrance
- 1 on the green in front of the hall

- 1 at the top entrance into the Dell
- 6 in the Rose Garden
- 11 around the Bowling greens
- 3 in the play area
- 2 in the sunken garden

Although this is a high number in total, there are areas of the park which lack seating provision, therefore the distribution of these benches will be reviewed. There are currently picnic benches at the following locations:

- 1 at the play area
- 2 adjacent to the Rose Garden

The capacity for picnics will be increased by installing 2 new benches on the site of the old animal pens near the rose garden, and an additional one next to the play area in January 2021. A further picnic bench will be added in front of the hall at a later date.

There are currently two interpretation boards installed within the Park, one in each Moorlands and Stubblelee sides. These boards are at the following locations:

- In front of the Public Toilet in Stubblelee Park
- At Moorlands Park entrance from New Line

The notice board are for both Council and Community use and are an excellent way of advertising events and classes at the greenhouses. They are also used for public consultation, and have been used recently for this purpose when refreshing the Stubblelee Masterplan in 2020.

3.2.2 Healthy, Safe and Secure

Rossendale Borough Council recognises the importance of ensuring that Stubblelee & Moorlands Park is a safe and secure site for staff, visitors and the local community as well as contributing to improving the health and well-being of Rossendale and developing a better quality of life for its residents.

The Park offers a wide range of high quality and free recreational activities to visitors to assist people in developing a healthy lifestyle. The Play Area offers a wide variety of equipment offers physically challenging play to Children. Play provides the main source of exercise to Children, and the recently installed Play Area offers an extremely attractive facility that keeps children interested and wanting to come back time and again. This is vital in combating child obesity, with the trend being that children who are obese in their younger years are more than likely to carry this through into adulthood.

Adjacent to the Play Area is the outdoor Gym Facility which again offers a selection of equipment which is designed to encourage people to exercise; offering gym-style equipment that targets all areas of the body and that is free to use.

Another feature of the Park that encourages healthy lifestyles is the 1 mile way marked walking route which takes you on a scenic walk through both sides of the site. This was introduced in 2016 in partnership with the 'Up & Active' Programme, and is well used by both Dog Walkers and people out for a stroll.

The paths throughout the Park have been resurfaced over the last 4 years as necessary after routine path inspections meaning they offer visitors a safe and clear route for exercise. A path inspection procedure is in place that categorises any defects that are identified and attaches a priority level with regard to the urgency of any repairs. This allows us to keep the paths and roads within the Park in a perfectly safe condition for users, creating an environment that people feel comfortable in.

In the Moorlands section of the Park there is a football pitch that is used for kick about purposes all year round. The pitch is well drained meaning there is rarely a time of year that it can't be used, unless the weather has been particularly inclement. This space is also used each June to host the annual Bacup Carnival, organised by Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival Organisation (BASCO). This attracts hundreds of visitors to the Park and is an extremely popular Community Event.

The Park is host to an Operational Depot for three Council Staff; The Fine Turf Team consisting of a Charge Hand Gardener and Gardener, and the Playground Inspector. Although all are mobile, our Park Gardener spends approximately 80% of his time working within the Park to maintain the high standards. This also gives people a sense of security when visiting.

There is no Council presence after hours within the Park, however the Council does let a house located next to the Hall. This means that there is someone within the Park at night that would detect any unwanted activity at the time and report anything necessary to the relevant Authority.

The Park is a major destination for local dog owners to take their pets for exercise in a beautiful and tranquil setting. This is one of the main daily uses of the Park for our residents. On the small number of occasions that we experience issues with dog fouling being left, we inform the Council's Public Protection Unit. Any information we receive is passed to them which gives them the evidence base to perform targeted patrols at key times to attempt to solve any problems. The team have authority and powers to issue fixed penalty notices for littering, dog fouling and antisocial behaviour, which contributes to the safe and secure environment we have strived to create.

All Rossendale Borough Council staff are uniformed and vehicles are sign-written to provide a highly visible presence. All Employees are attentive to any defects and issues as they go about their work, and there are systems in place to report this to Supervisors and Managers. In addition to weekly work sheets on which any non-urgent issues are reported, all staff have smart phones that in addition to voice calling, allow staff to send photos and use social media apps such as 'Whatsapp' to report back. The Council also runs a 'Report It' system where employees each have a supply of cards that are intended to record near misses and verbal abuse. It is vital that near misses are reported to allow Managers to put measures in place to prevent the near misses becoming major incidents or accidents. The cards have a section for Managers to then record any feedback and actions taken in response. The Council also has incident reports forms and Accident Books at every depot.

The Playground Inspector has over 50 sites to inspect and visits each site twice per month. Any urgent defects are repaired at the time of detection, otherwise they are taken out of use or removed until repaired. Any routine maintenance is carried out the week after the first round of monthly inspections is carried out. This helps to keep accidents in Play Areas down; with zero instances being reported in the past 5 years.

All staff are issued with the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the tasks that they carry out as part of their day to day duties. In addition to this, staff are trained to use, inspect and maintain any tools and machinery that they require to complete their roles. All tasks are individually risk assessed and the assessments are freely available to staff. Both hard copies and electronic copies of all risk assessments are available at the main depot at Henrietta Street and each subsequent satellite Depot. An example of a risk assessment used can be seen in Appendix 3.

Green Space and Street Scene recognises the importance of having staff with a broad skills base. With this in mind, Employees are encouraged to undertake personal development through professional qualifications and vocational training in line with the service area needs and demands. This makes the Service more flexible and resilient, and allows us to continue providing high quality services to residents.



3.2.3 - Well maintained and clean

The Green Spaces Team recognises that weekly maintenance plays a key role in attracting people into the park. This is reflected in the good work that has taken place over the past 5 years under the Stubblelee Masterplan.

There are three Employees based in the Park that maintained the majority of the features and landscapes. The Fine Turf Team maintains the Bowling greens, Tennis Courts, Grassed areas and Rose Garden. They also carry out minor tree work in the winter. The team is responsible for a further 5 bowling greens around the Borough, the maintenance of which is carried out by the Charge Hand Gardener, whilst the Gardener spends 80% of the time in Stubblelee and Moorlands Park to carry out the various maintenance tasks.

The Play Area, Pump Track and Skate park are inspected and maintained by the Playground Inspector twice per month to ensure they are safe to use. The Tractor Gang carries out the mowing of the football pitch due to the size of the area.

The tasks carried out by the Green Spaces Team are extremely varied and technical, often requiring specialist equipment to carry them out. Some of these machines can, if not used or maintained in the correct manner, be hazardous to both user and the public. They are therefore subject to annual servicing by the council workshop, which also carries out ad-hoc repairs. The vehicles used by the team are on a strict service schedule depending on their classification to ensure that we satisfy the criteria of our Operators Licence. The team are trained to carry out minor maintenance such as belt and blade changes as necessary to minimise downtime. The team based in the Park have a small workshop facility with the necessary equipment for this purpose.

The Fine Turf Team carry out daily litter picking and litter bin emptying on a minimum frequency of twice weekly, or as required. Street Furniture is inspected for defects weekly and these are reported through for repair. There are 17 litter bins that also take dog waste within the parks and these are emptied 156 times per year or more as required by the Fine Turf Team.

An audit of bins was carried out in November 2020 to determine the suitability of design and number in the park. As a result, several were replaced with new, larger capacity containers to reduce any litter issues experienced.

The routine maintenance and repairs of built facilities such as the Hall and toilets is carried out by the Council's Property Services Department and specifically, the Facilities Manager. Any major works within the Park that go beyond what normal budgets would allow, yet that are critical, are dealt with via the Council's Capital Contract. This is determined following the Council's Procurement guidelines, with a tender for the work being issued on an annual basis.

Since the inception of the Stubblee Masterplan, the roads and footpaths have been subject of major improvements. Through inspections which have identified any defects, the Council has improved the majority of the routes through the park, with over £50,000 being spent on this. The paths continue to be inspected routinely by employees based here, and quarterly by a Supervisor or Manager.

The Park is heavily populated with trees as you would expect from such a venue, and this is one of the aspects increases its charm. However, with such a stock of trees, it is important to ensure there is a system in place to manage them, both in the short term and long term. Employees working in the Park will report any defective trees as they find them as a matter of course. Depending on the nature of the reports, the Team Supervisor will then programme this in based on the priority level. The Council recently had a comprehensive survey of the entire tree stock of the Park, both in terms of stock management recommendations and health of the trees. From this, an action plan of work has been formulated for the Tree Team.

The Sunken Garden is an area that has been earmarked for improvements. Whilst the layout is preserved and the grass is maintained weekly, the planting in the beds surrounding the lawn would benefit from redesigning to make the garden even more attractive. This is a project that we intend to explore in 2021 and produce a plan to take forward in terms of funding and design.

The Stubblelee Masterplan Group meet on a quarterly basis and this consists of Park users who feedback on any issues. Community consultation was carried out in November 2020 the form of a questionnaire and provided additional feedback on different areas of the Park.

3.2.3.1 Stubblelee & Moorlands public consultation results (November 2020)

This exercise was carried out throughout November 2020 with the intention of providing quality feedback from the users of the park and what they like about it, and what we could do better. The survey asked questions which related to the Green Flag Criteria, and also asked the public what they would like to see when we review and update the Stubblelee Masterplan.

A full summary of the responses to each question can be reviewed in Appendix ?, but this sections will look at the information that is most pertinent to the Green Flag criteria.

3.2.4 – Environmental Management

Rossendale Borough Council declared a climate change emergency in 2019 in response to the alarming trends in climate change on a global level. The Council recognises the part it plays in reducing the carbon footprint of the range of services we provide.

As a result of this, the Council has created the ‘Climate Change Strategy 2020-35’. This deals with a variety of measures in the action plan. Within Green Spaces, we have already begun the transfer of hand held power tools from petrol to battery powered. This will be a rolling programme over the next 3 years. Not only will these reduce the consumption of fuel and reduce the effects of HAVs for our employees, but will also reduce the levels of noise that Green Spaces activities produce. This will have a positive effect on the ecosystem within the park and the quality of life for nearby residents and visitors.

Similarly, within the Park, any compost used on beds and formal areas is free from peat. The Council procures large amount of bedding plants each year for the formal beds and these must be grown in peat free soil.

Rossendale Borough Council stopped the use of Glyphosate based herbicides on Council-owned sites in 2018 due to growing concerns over the adverse effects on health and the environment. Several products have been trialled since including acetic acid and foamstream plant enzyme products. The product currently being used by the Green Spaces Team is Katoun Gold, an organic herbicide derived from pelargoniums. Any other chemical is only used on the completion of a COSHH risk assessment for staff to refer to when required. An example of the COSHH risk assessment template

The Green Spaces Team attempts to minimise waste at source, thus reducing the need for recycling and the use of landfill. Parks produce three main types of waste, these being litter, green waste and refuse and fly tipping. Waste generated by visitors to the Park is generally put in to the litter bins provided. The waste is wide and varied and often contains animal waste and can contain sharp objects. As a

result, this type of waste is not sorted due to the risk to the litter pickers and is disposed of via the municipal waste systems.

Much of the woodchip from tree work is reused on sites around the Borough for paths or weed control. Waste that cannot be reused will be, where possible, recycled in the Depot recycling bins. Two litter bins with options to recycle have recently been introduced to the Park and are located near the main entrance at the Public toilets and near to the Play Area.

3.2.5 – Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage

The Park has a variety of features which display the rich heritage it offers, as described in an earlier section of this Plan.

The Hall in Stubbylee Park is a Grade 2 listed building and is currently the subject of a Heritage Lottery funded Project, which is aimed at finding the best future use for the Building. The Hall was mainly Council Offices until around 2010, but since then it has been used on an ad-hoc basis by Community organisations. The Citizen's Advice Bureau is now the main occupant. The Council still retains a small section for welfare facilities for the staff based there.

There has been increasing concern from residents and community groups that the hall, which is a focal point of the park, is not being used to its full potential and could be a much greater asset to the park and the local community. The Stubbylee Masterplan Group took this on board and in 2019 worked with local charity Pennine Heritage to successfully apply for support from the Heritage Lottery Resilience Fund.

The 'Unlocking the Future of Stubbylee Hall' project aims to assess the condition of the building and look at potential long term uses for the hall as well as possible sources of funding to carry out any required improvements and restoration.

The project is still underway, but progress to date has included:

- Engaging the local community in a Heritage Open Day
- Workshops with local groups to look at options for future use
- A 3D tour of the building
- Condition Survey and Statement of Significance
- Legal support to research and translate the restrictive covenant of the building
- Bat survey
- Architectural feasibility study
- Social/community and heritage asset mapping
- Community archive training

The project group is now considering all of the suggested future uses of the building, and looking at how these can be funded to really maximize the building's potential.

The park has a variety of features that add charm such as the Fairy Glen or Dell, created as a magical walk from the Duck pond following the stream via a landscaped woodland route. The footways through the route were resurfaced in 2018 to make it much more accessible, and an aim of the Masterplan in future is to create access for wheelchair users.

A major improvement project on the duck pond was completed in 2017, and transformed the area into the facility it is today. Prior to the improvement works the duck pond was enclosed by high chain link fencing whilst being surrounded by overgrown rhododendrons. These were cleared which allowed the pond to be dredged. An elevated walkway was installed which allows people to walk out above the water and has turned the pond into a real attraction. There are further plans for the pond aimed at improving the biodiversity with the introduction of oxidising water lilies in 2021. An interpretation board was installed overlooking the pond, providing information on bird and aquatic life that people may be able to spot when visiting, which enhances the educational value of the feature.



The Sunken Garden in the Moorlands side of the Park lies on the site of Moorlands Hall, and was once an Italian Garden. This is now being maintained by the Greenhouses Recovery College on an ongoing basis. There are historical interpretation boards which provide information and photos about the park's history and how it once looked. These are currently located at the old Aviary building within the Rose

Garden.

Although these boards provide relevant and interesting information, they were produced as a temporary measure in 2017. As the Aviary may be put into community use in the coming years, there is a desire to seek funding for an interpretation project

for key heritage features within the parks which will deliver permanent interpretation boards at each site.

Adjacent to the Duck pond at a central location in Stubblelee Park lies the Maden Memorial, which was relocated to the Park from Irwell Terrace in 1923. This is a record of appreciation for the generosity of Henry Maden and his family to the Borough of Bacup, and was once a functioning drinking water fountain.

Green Spaces have recently started work with the Wildlife Trust to provide a comprehensive ecological study of the Park. This will provide us with a base of knowledge regarding the flora and fauna present, and how our actions and maintenance effect the Park's ecosystem. This is due to take place in February 2021 with phase 1, and the findings will help the Team shape the future maintenance regimes to ensure our activities have as little effect as possible so a wide variety of species can flourish. Phase 2 and 3 of the survey will follow in July and September 2021 to capture the full ecological picture throughout the calendar year.

Stubblelee Rose Garden has an impressive showing of perennial plants in its borders that help to attract pollinators and encourage a rich biodiversity. These are carefully selected to provide a colourful display whilst being an attraction to a variety of bees and insects. The theme of roses remains throughout the garden to mimic traits of the original layout and this part of the park provides a pleasant and tranquil area for people to walk, sit and relax.



You can see the evolution of the garden in these photos. Unfortunately, a large reduction in the number of employees working within parks on a national scale means the Garden cannot exactly mirror its historical layout, however, the Green Spaces Team endeavour to maintain some of the original features, and much of its charm.

3.2.6 - Community Involvement

One of the key factors in the recent success of the Park is the level of involvement from the local Community. There is an active Friends of Group that help in minor maintenance tasks in the Rose Garden, and the Greenhouses Community College have also begun to maintain parts of the Sunken Garden.

The Park has had a steering group around 'The Stubblee and Moorlands Masterplan', which has existed since 2012 and aims to improve and raise the profile of the Park. This group consists of Officers, Councillors and key members of the community, decides on priorities for improvements, and then follows and action plan for delivery. Through this group and the consultation it carries out, the community is guaranteed a huge say in the Park's development.



Recent projects have all had a major input by the Community as they have raised funds that make them possible. Bacup Pride was involved in the refurbishment of the Play Area, which was subject of £90,000 worth of improvement works in 2018. This has made it one of the Borough's most popular play areas. There is a desire to expand on the current play area, to further broaden what it offers with special consideration for provision for older children.

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group secured £20,000 from the Postcode Lottery in 2017 and this was spent on resurfacing the walkways of the Fairy Dell, making it a much safer and accessible feature. Phase 2 of this project seeks to improve accessibility to the Dell and to repair some of the water course.

In 2016, Bacup Pride successfully applied to Lancashire Environmental Fund for £30,000 which was spent on providing a top class cycling pump track; the best of its kind in the Valley. This has close links with Lee Quarry Mountain Biking trails and confirms Bacup as a first class biking destination.

Bacup Pride maintains a presence within the Park as they occupy the community allotment site. This is a base for the group and they have both an allotment patch and a poly tunnel for growing and preparing various plants and vegetables for the use of the community. In addition to horticultural tasks, Bacup Pride carry out regular litter picks in the Park and beyond, and regularly target grot spots and transform the appearance through minor maintenance and planting projects.

Stubblee Community Greenhouses is a charitable trust which has its base at the greenhouses which lie within the Park. The greenhouses were established in 2004 and have approximately 12,000 attendances each year. The greenhouses support the community with a particular focus on rehabilitation for individuals who have physical or mental health needs, or have long term unemployment issues. The

centre offers a range of activities for attendees such as woodwork, construction, gardening, mentoring and creative artistic activities.

The greenhouses also run a café in the old barn and stables part of the Park which provides refreshment and meals for the park's visitors. The café has been operational since 2016 and enables visitors to lengthen their stay rather than leaving at meal times they can eat within the Park and then continue their visit afterwards. This has consolidated the Park as a destination site for people living in the borough and beyond.

The greenhouses also host a range of events throughout the year which varies the offer of Stubblelee and Moorlands. Many of these events have now become annual events, with the number of attendees growing each year. Such events include the Fairy Festival, Mad Pride, the Dog Show and the Soap Box Race.

The Park is the venue for many other annual events throughout the year. Lee Mill Fell Race is organised by Rossendale's only athletic club, Rossendale Harriers. This takes place every November and the race HQ and start/ finish line is located within Stubblelee Park. This is an event that averages around 300 runners each year and is a firm local favourite on the fell racing calendar.

The Northern Grip mountain biking event has occurred for the past 3 years in Bacup, with its main base being within Moorlands Park. This is an event that attracts people to Rossendale from all over the country and is basically a mountain biking festival. Spanning over a weekend, there are guided rides, equipment and clothing stalls, food and drinks stalls and live music available to attendees. The event also allows people to camp within the park which adds to the festival feel.

The Park has been the host to a variety of other activities that benefit local people including Forest Schools, orienteering events and outdoor fitness classes.

The Stubblelee Masterplan Group will continue to meet on a regular basis, and the updated Masterplan document will provide a refreshed range of key projects for the group to work towards delivering. The wide representation on the group will ensure that all of the Park's users are listened to and any projects are sensitive to their needs and aspirations.

3.2.7 - Marketing

The Park has two large noticeboards for community use. They are located at the main gates at Moorlands entrance and next to the public toilets at the main car park. These are updated by the Council regularly and used by the community to advertise local events.

The Green Spaces Team provide updates and features such as drone footage of new projects on the various social media platforms so that residents are kept informed of the Park's development. This has become a key medium in getting messages to large numbers of people in recent years.

The Green Spaces Team have recently carried out consultation through this method to gain vital feedback from the community so we can update the Stubblelee & Moorlands Masterplan. The survey also aims to obtain feedback in relation to Green Flag Criteria so that we can help the park evolve towards achieving this benchmark.

Events are a direct way of marketing the Park to the local community through engaging with local residents, children, etc. They are an opportunity to give people a taste for the Park and the features contained within them with a view to gaining repeat visits from people who have previously not used the Park before.

The council website has a page dedicated to Parks in Rossendale and can be reached at www.rossendalebc.gov.uk. This provides generic information around parks and gives key contact details, and provides people with a mechanism to report any issues within our parks. Plans are afoot to improve the parks section of the council website and are included in the action plan.

3.2.8 - Management

This Management Plan will form the basis for the future management and development of Stubblelee & Moorlands Park that can be shared by staff at all levels and by the different park user groups.

It is envisaged that when the plan is in place, it can be used as a framework that can be adapted for our other parks whilst addressing their individual needs and intricacies. A uniform approach to the management of parks across Rossendale is one of the aims of the Council, with Stubblelee & Moorlands being the beginning of this transition.

It is through this document and framework that any key decisions on the development of the Park will be made. As it is a working document, the plan will be subject to change and reviewed on an annual basis to maintain its flexibility, whilst monitoring progress against the action plan.

In the future, the Council will be exploring the potential for local bowling clubs taking responsibility for the upkeep of the greens they play on. This will be done with the support of the council in the transitional period by loan of machinery and provision of materials. This will build the confidence of members in maintaining the greens before becoming independent in doing so. This model of self-management will allow clubs to access additional funding that is not available to Councils; this will give them the opportunity to raise the standard of the facilities even further for the community, whilst raising the profile of the park as a quality bowling venue. Initial discussions have taken place with clubs across Rossendale and there is some initial interest. This route will be explored further in 2021.

3.3 Aims and Objectives

The aim of this section of the management plan is to outline the Section's main objectives in relation to the development and improvement of Stubblelee & Moorlands Park.

These objectives take in to the park's current features and facilities and issues highlighted in Section 3 and provide future direction for management and partners to help to fulfil our overall vision for the Park.

The action plan in Section Four, developed in accordance with the Green Flag Award's eight key criteria, will put forward a number of actions with a view to achieving the following objectives:

- To provide a park that is well-used and loved, and instils pride in residents of Rossendale.
- To provide a park that reflects the needs and aspirations of all of its user groups and stakeholders, both now and in the future.
- To provide a park that is maintained to a high standard and that provides first class facilities for visitors of all ages and abilities.
- To promote and preserve the park's heritage.
- A park that promotes health and well-being and increases the quality of life of the local community.
- Ensure the park is managed to maximise and enhance its biodiversity.
- Ensure the park is managed in a sustainable manner with the effects on climate change in mind at all times.
- Ensure the park is managed in a cost effective and efficient manner.
- A park that provides a learning opportunity for all visitors.
- To continue to raise the profile of the park as a venue for recreation, play, education and events.

4.0 How will we get there?

4.1 Action Plan

The following section relates to the action plan and how Parks & Recreation will look at addressing areas for development and any challenges facing the Park in accordance with the eight key criteria.

The action plan lists the various projects in priority order. High priority projects are ones that are to be actioned over the next 12 months, by the end of 2021. Medium priority projects have an anticipated completion date in 2022/23. We will look to progress the long term projects in 2024/25. The timeline for many of these projects, however, remains somewhat fluid. The reason for this is that we will rely on external funding for many of them. This means that if an unexpected source of funding becomes available, this may shorten the period of time before that specific project is progressed.

For all items on the action plan, the table identifies which Green Flag criteria it relates to, priority level, resource implications, who is responsible for overseeing the action, and partners involved.

Each year the Green Spaces Team will carry out a review of the management plan, and more specifically, the action plan. This will look at and document the achievements from the past year, removing these from the timeline. It will also take on board new requirements and where appropriate add them to the action plan.

During the period of October to January, the review process will include gathering of information from the following sources:

- Green Flag Award feedback
- Stubblelee Masterplan Group feedback
- Customer Satisfaction Survey feedback
- Green Spaces Officers

The information from these sources will then be analysed and will form the update of the action plan for the following year. This keeps the development of the park as a continual, and more importantly, a relevant and meaningful process. The monitoring and review process for the management plan is discussed in more detail in Section Five.

Green Flag Criteria	Project/ task	Action required	Resource required	Priority status	Timescale	People responsible	Key Partners
Environmental management	Carry out Ecological Survey-Phase 1	Wildlife Trust to carry out the survey	Team budget	High	April 2021	GS & SS Manager	The Wildlife Trust
Environmental management	Carry out Ecological Survey-Phase 2	Wildlife Trust to carry out the survey	Team budget	High	July 2021	GS & SS Manager	The Wildlife Trust
Environmental management	Carry out Ecological Survey-Phase 3	Wildlife Trust to carry out the survey	Team budget	High	September 2021	GS & SS Manager	The Wildlife Trust
Well maintained and clean	Repair collapsed culvert near tennis courts	Rebuilding of collapsed land drain	Team budgets	High	December 2020	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Well maintained and clean	Resurface defective paths in Stubblelee	Identify and resurface defective paths	Capital budget	High	September 2020	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Department
Landscape and Heritage	Research History of the Sothern part of Moorlands Park, and look at possible projects	Liaise with the Bacup Nat for any historical info and assess potential for interpretation, and opening area up	Officer time	Medium	2021-22	GS & SS Manager	Bacup Natural History Society
Well maintained and clean	Redesign Sunken Garden planting	Plan new planting scheme	Officer time, input from staff and partners	High	Planning from January 2021	GS & SS Manager, Green Spaces Team	Greenhouses, Friends of Stubblelee
A welcoming place	Handrail for steps out of the Dell	Installation of handrail on either side	Team Budgets	High	February 2021	GS & SS Manager	
Management/ well maintained and clean	HAVs Policy	Introduce policy for staff	Officer time	High	August 2021	GS & SS Manager/ Green Spaces Officer	
Environmental management	Pesticide Policy	Introduce policy for staff	Officer time	High	October 2021	GS & SS Manager	
Well maintained and clean/ a welcoming place	Path Inspection Procedure	Review and renew	Officer time	Medium	January 2022	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Department
Well maintained and clean	Continue to work alongside	Provide intel about peak times for dog	Staff patrols	High	Continuous	GS & SS Manager/ Green Spaces	Public Protection Unit

	PPU Team to enforce PSPOs around dog fouling and littering	fouling and irresponsible ownership				Officer	
Management	Employ Green Spaces Officer	Recruit to the position	Interviews	High	January 2021	GS & SS Manager/ Green Spaces Officer	
A welcoming place	Explore improving accessibility into the Dell	Explore funding options and carry out feasibility exercise for the route	Officer time, landscape architect to design	High	To begin May 2021	GS & SS Manager/ Green Spaces Officer	
A welcoming place	Renew park signage	Audit current signage condition and content	Officer time	High	February 2021	Green Spaces Officer	Stubblee Masterplan Group
Community involvement	Transfer maintenance of greens to Bowling club	Consultation with clubs, Cllrs	financial handover support package	High	Discussions summer 2021	GS & SS Manager	Bacup Bowling Club, Communities Team, Legal Department
Community involvement	Refresh Stubblee Masterplan Consultation	Consultation with residents on new priorities for the Park	Team budgets Officer time	High	To begin in August 2020	GS & SS Manager	Newground Together, Stubblee Masterplan Group
Community involvement	Increase interest in Friends of Stubblee Park group	Work with the group to attract new members	Officer time, surveys	High	Begin in September 2020, ongoing	GS & SS Manager/ Communities Team	Friends of Stubblee, Newground Together
Well maintained and clean	Replace defective litter bins	Installation of litter bins	Capital budget	High	February 2021	GS & SS Manager	
Well maintained and clean	Introduce Recycling litter bins x 2 for Play Area and Car Park Notice board	Purchase and installation of new bins	Team budgets	High	January 2021	GS & SS Manager	
Landscape and Heritage	Interpretation boards at the Fairy Dell and Sunken Garden	Purchase and installation of interpretation boards	Team budgets/ external funding	Medium	2021/22	GS & SS Manager/ Communities Team	Bacup Natural History Society
A welcoming place	Removal of barriers at lower entrance	Removal and resurface as necessary	Team budgets	Medium	2021	GS & SS Manager	
Environmental Management	Tree work in the Fairy Dell	Pruning of trees over pedestrian areas of the Dell	Staff Time	High	October 2020	Operations Supervisor	
Healthy, safe and secure	PSPO Signage	Remove old Dog Control signage and install new PSPO signage around the park	Signs already purchased	High	August 2020	Operations Supervisor	Public Protection Unit
A welcoming place	New signage and replacement of old/ defective	Design and purchase of new signs, installation	Team budgets	High	October 2020	GS & SS Manager	
Healthy, safe and secure	Develop Picnic area at old animal pen site	Purchase of inclusive benches, creation of path and	Team budgets	High	September 2020	GS & SS Manager	

		installation					
Healthy, safe and secure	Improve accessibility at Middle and Upper entrances and the Dell	Accessible paths to be installed. Hand rail installed.	Capital Budgets	High	October 2020	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Environmental Management	Tree Survey	Consultant to assess the majority of trees in areas of pedestrians. Formulate work schedule	Team budgets	High	November 2020	GS & SS Manager	The Environment Partnership
Well maintained and clean	New Planters at Upper Entrance	Purchase and installation of planters	Team budgets	Medium	2021	GS & SS Manager	Friends of Stubbylee and Moorlands Park
Environmental Management	Increase bee friendly planting	Research and plant new species	Team budgets	Medium	2021	Fine Turf Chargehand	Friends of Stubbylee and Moorlands Park
Marketing and Communication	Develop Facebook Page	Developing and updating site	Officer Time	High	Early 2021	Green Spaces Graduate	Stubbylee Masterplan Group
Well maintained and clean	Play Area drainage Scheme	Install French drain above play area	Team budgets	Medium	2021	GS & SS Manager	
Well maintained and clean	Complete Path resurfacing	New paths on section of 1 mile walk route	Capital budget	Medium	2021/22	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Healthy, safe and secure	New Lighting columns	To replace dated columns	Capital budget	Medium	2022	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Healthy, safe and secure	Refurb of Skate Park	New equipment and fencing	External funding, Section 106	High	When funding becomes available. 1-2 years.	GS & SS Manager	Masterplan Group
Healthy, safe and secure	Refurb of Tennis Courts	New Surface, marking and fencing	External funding, Section 106	High	When funding becomes available. 1-2 years.	GS & SS Manager	Masterplan Group
Healthy, safe and secure	Play Area Phase 2- youth provision	Additional area with more challenging equipment-purchase and installation	External funding, Section 106	Long term	When Funding becomes available. 3-5 years	GS & SS Manager	Masterplan Group
A welcoming place	Improve/ increase the number of public toilets	Extend the current building and increase the number from 1.	Capital budget	Long term	5-10 years	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Environmental Management	Dredge Duck Pond	Contractor to remove silt and debris	Capital budget	Long Term	3-5 years	GS & SS Manager	
A welcoming place	Increase grass matting Parking	Identify suitable area and appoint contractor	Capital budget	Long term	As funding allows	GS & SS Manager	Facilities Management Team
Well maintained and clean/ a welcoming place	Clean stonework at both entrances	Contractor to clean	Team budgets	High	April 2021	GS & SS Manager	
Well maintained and clean/ a	Repaint gates	Contractor to paint	Team budgets	High	April 2021	GS & SS Manager	

welcoming place							
Well maintained and clean/ a welcoming place	The Dell-Phase 2	Improve accessibility to parts of the Dell, repair water course	External funding	Medium	2022	GS & SS Manager	Masterplan Group

5.0 How will we know when we get there?

5.1 Plan monitoring and review

The plan has been developed as a framework for improving the Park over the next 5 years; however, progress against the action plan will be monitored throughout this period. Overall responsibility for this will lie with the Green Spaces and Street Scene Manager.

This consistent monitoring will help us ensure we are on track with our aims and objectives, and will take the form of regular progress meetings with key employees and stakeholders. A Green Flag working group consisting of RBC Officers will update the plan and progress work as required, and the Stubblelee Masterplan Group will meet quarterly, or more regularly should it be required for a specific project. This will ensure stakeholders are involved and having regular input.

The management plan document will be reviewed every year, with progress and achievements being recorded within it. Any new projects will also be added at this point. The review and update process will take place between October and February each year, giving stakeholders an opportunity to input before the updated version is officially produced each April. The responsibility for this task will lie with the Green Spaces Manager and Technical Officer, with input of all stakeholders.

The information gathered in the review period will be collated to produce an annual report that will allow us to analyse the work we have carried out over the last twelve months and what we need to do to improve in the forthcoming year. The results of this exercise and the review of the action plan will then determine the points of action for the following year taking in to account staff levels, budgetary constraints and other commitments.

5.2 Measuring Performance & Quality

To measure how well we are performing and to provide the public with confidence we are committed to ensuring the Park is developing and improving on a continual basis, the following performance management tools will be used.

5.2.1 Green Flag Award Status

The Green Flag Award standard recognises the quality of individual sites and is generally recognised as the national standard for Parks and Green Spaces. To gain a Green Flag Award involves satisfying a rigorous and wide variety of criteria and Councils are strongly recommended to manage Parks in accordance with the

standard. The securing of a Green Flag Award for Stubblee & Moorlands Park and the subsequent maintenance of Green Flag status is used as an annual independent external review mechanism for measuring performance management and the general quality of the Park. As part of the annual Green Flag assessment undertaken by the Green Flag Plus Partnership, independent judges carry out desk and field research which involves scrutiny of the park's management plan and assessment of the Park, against a set list of eight criteria, to obtain a combined final score.

By striving to meet the eight criteria throughout the year, we are adhering to the international benchmark set by Green Flag. The achievement of the award alone is a major acknowledgement that the park is being managed in a way that benefits all of its users, both now and in the future due to the presence of action plan for improvements.

5.2.2 Visitor Surveys

It is our intention to carry out visitor surveys on an annual basis that will then be used as a performance management tool. A survey has been carried out in November 2020, the responses of which have fed into this plan. The intention is to do this on an annual basis at the end of summer from now on, so refreshed consultation can inform each updated plan. The surveys will be an integral part of Green Spaces annual monitoring process to measure performance, quality and visitor satisfaction rates at Stubblee & Moorlands.

Green Spaces & Street Scene Structure 2020

**Green Spaces and Street Scene
Manager- Grade 7**

**Operations Supervisor-
Grade 6**

**Sports Turf Arborist
Charge Hand- Grade 5**

**Cemeteries Charge
Hand x 3- Grade 4**

**Chargehand Gardener
x 4- Grade 4
Grade 4**

**Arborist Gardener x
2- Grade 4**

Gardener x 4- Grade 3

**Town Centre Care
Taker x 3- Grade 3**

**Sports Turf Tractor
Driver x 2- Grade 3**

**Non- LGV Mechanical
Sweeper Driver x 2- Grade 3**

**Green Spaces
Graduate- Grade 3**

**Apprentice Gardener x 2 (Funded
until 28th October 2020)**

STUBBYLEE MASTERPLAN

YT2146M01 SCALE 1:1000 AT A1



THE SITE
The site is a large, irregularly shaped area with a mix of natural and built-up areas. It is bounded by the A1 road to the north and the M1 motorway to the east. The site is divided into several distinct zones, each with its own specific characteristics and potential for development.

THE VISION
The vision for the site is to create a sustainable, high-quality environment that provides a mix of residential, commercial, and recreational uses. The plan aims to preserve and enhance the natural landscape while providing modern infrastructure and services.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
The plan is based on a series of strategic planning principles that guide the development of the site. These principles include sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience, ensuring that the site meets the needs of the community for many years to come.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT
The plan identifies several key areas for development, including residential housing, commercial offices, and recreational spaces. Each area is carefully planned to ensure it fits within the overall vision and strategic goals of the site.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
The landscape architecture is designed to create a beautiful and functional outdoor environment. It includes a network of paths, green spaces, and water features that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.



WATER MANAGEMENT
The plan includes a comprehensive water management strategy that focuses on sustainable water use and flood risk reduction. It features a network of waterways and drainage systems designed to handle rainfall and maintain water quality.

BIODIVERSITY
The plan aims to protect and enhance the site's biodiversity by creating a network of green spaces and habitats. This includes planting native species and installing wildlife-friendly infrastructure.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE
The plan incorporates climate resilience measures to reduce the site's carbon footprint and prepare for future climate change impacts. This includes energy-efficient buildings and sustainable transport options.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
The plan was developed through a process of community engagement, involving residents, businesses, and local organizations. This ensures that the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

IMPLEMENTATION
The plan provides a clear roadmap for the implementation of the site's development. It includes a timeline, a list of key milestones, and a budget to ensure the plan is realized in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Symbol	Description
[Green square]	Green space
[Blue square]	Water feature
[Red square]	Highway
[Yellow square]	Commercial area
[Purple square]	Residential area
[Grey square]	Public realm
[Light green square]	Ecological enhancement
[Light blue square]	Water management
[Light purple square]	Climate resilience
[Light yellow square]	Community engagement
[Light grey square]	Implementation


Appendix 3: Risk Assessment and COSHH Risk Assessment

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ROSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

OPERATIONS TEAM

RISK ASSESSMENT

ROSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM								
SERVICE: Operations Team		SECTION / TEAM: Green Spaces & Streetscene			REF. NO: OPS 001			
Task / job / area: Use of pole saw								
Location: open spaces, Carriewarths, Parks								
Person(s) involved in assessment process: David McClellan, Michael Forrest, Steve Barton, Ethan Mulvaney and Stefan Haworth.								
Date of assessment: November 12th 2020					Review date: November 2021			
Mandatory PPE / other info.				PPE required at some time during task.				
								
Hazard / task	Hazardous event and Consequences	People affected	Current Precautions	Assessment of risk			Further controls?	Action by (date and name)
				L	C	Level (LC)		
Curved blade.	Contact with blade. Deep cuts and scratches.	Operative	Wear gloves. Do not use pole saw to cut branches at ground level.	2	2	4		
Dust and woodchip falling from height.	Contact with debris / dust. Eye injury or skin irritation. Inhalation. Breathing difficulties.	Operative or person stood nearby.	Wear eye protection and safety helmet with visor.	2	2	4		

L = Likelihood (score 1 to 5) 1) Very unlikely 2) Unlikely 3) Slightly likely 4) Likely 5) Very likely
 C = Consequence (score 1 to 5) 1) Negligible (no injury) 2) Minor 3) Moderate (0.5 to 3 days absence) 4) Major (more than 3 days absence) 5) Catastrophic (death)
 LC = L x C (max 25) LC = 10 = acceptable for further action 5-9 = allocate task to employee at own (review)
 10-15 = suitable task for employee with (limited) training 16-25 = consider competence, safety and risk (review) (assessments)

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ROSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

OPERATIONS TEAM

RISK ASSESSMENT

Branches removed from above head height.	Branch falls on to person or property. Head / face injury – cuts / bruises. Damage to property.	Operative	Wear eye protection, steel toe capped boots and safety helmet. Only the saw user to stand in the area. Avoid standing directly below where possible. Support and direct falling branches if size likely to cause harm / damage.	2	2	4		
Sectional fittings	Sections become loose / fall part during use and parts fall on to person. Cuts / bruises.	Operative and other person on site near tree.	Ensure sections are securely fitted prior to use. Wear safety helmet.	2	2	2		
Manager/Supervisor Name :		Signature :			Date :			
Operatives Name :		Signature :			Date :			
Unions Name :		Signature :			Date :			

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Control Measures (to ensure infection prevention supervision, include special measures for water quality such as treated pools and treated waters)

Is health surveillance or monitoring required? Yes No

Personal Protective Equipment (use size and amount)

<input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Respirator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Goggles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Footwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Details	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

First Aid Measures

Storage

Disposal of Substances & Contaminated Containers

Hazardous Waste Skip Return to Depot Return to Supplier Other

(If Other Please State) _____


Is exposure adequately controlled? Yes No

What further action needs to be taken


By Who	By what date

Assessed by: _____

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COSHH Risk Assessment



Service Area: _____ **Sections/Area:** _____

Describe the activity or work process.
(include how long and how often this is carried out and the quantity of substance used)

Location of process being carried out?

Identify the persons at risk: Employees Contractors Public
(including trainees)

Name the substance involved in the process and its manufacturer.
(A copy of a current safety data sheet for this substance should be attached to this assessment)

Classification (give the category of danger)

	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute toxicity Cat 1-3		<input type="checkbox"/> Serious health hazard		<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Environment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute toxicity (cat 4)		<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable		<input type="checkbox"/> Explosive
	<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosive		<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidising		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas under pressure

Hazard Type

Gas Vapour Mist Fume Dust Liquid Solid Other (State) _____

Route of Exposure

Inhalation Skin Eyes Ingestion Other (State) _____

Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) please include unit where not applicable
 Long-term exposure level (8hr/TWA): _____
 Short-term exposure level (15 mins): _____

State the Risks to Health from Identified Hazards:

New Pictogram	Number	Hazard Class (CLP)	Old "CHIP" Symbol
	GHS-06	Acute toxicity (Cat 1-3)	 Toxic/Very Toxic Harmful
	GHS-07	Acute toxicity (Cat 4) Skin and eye irritation, Skin sensitisation, Specific target organ toxicity, Respiratory tract irritation, Narcotic effects	 Harmful/Irritant
	GHS-08	Respiratory sensitisation, Germ cell mutagenicity, Carcinogenicity, Reproductive toxicity, Specific target organ toxicity, Aspiration hazard	 No current specific symbol Use either
	GHS-09	Hazardous to the aquatic environment	 Dangerous for the environment

Appendix 4: Bylaws

New and old CLP symbols

New Pictogram	Number	Hazard Class (CLP)	Old "CHIP" Symbol
	GHS-01	Explosives; Self-reactive substances and mixtures, types A, B Organic peroxides, types A, B	 Explosive
	GHS-02	Flammable gases, aerosols, liquids or solids; Self-reactive substances and mixtures; Pyrophoric liquids and solids; self-heating substances and mixtures; Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases; Organic peroxides	 Highly/extremely flammable
	GHS-03	Oxidising gases, liquids and solids	 Oxidising
	GHS-04	Compressed gases, liquids and solids; Liquefied gases; Refrigerated liquefied gases; Dissolved gases	No current symbol
	GHS-05	Corrosive to metals; Severe eye damage	 Corrosive

B O R O U G H O F R O S E N D A L E

BYLAWS RELATING TO PLEASURE GROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES

Bylaws made by Rosendale Borough Council under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1975, section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, with respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces.

Interpretation

1. In these bylaws:

"the Council" means Rosendale Borough Council;
"the ground" means each of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 attached to these bylaws.

Opening times

2. On any day on which the grounds listed in Schedule 2 attached to these bylaws is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

Vehicles

3. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle in the ground, or bring or cause to be brought into the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(2) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground for use by vehicles of any class, this bylaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the ground.

{ } This bylaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

Grazing

8. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc

9. No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:

- (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
- (b) any part of the ground where the Council, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.

10. No person shall in the ground enter upon:

- (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
- (b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notices to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

Games

11. Where the Council has, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, set apart an area in the ground for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:

- (a) play in such an area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart;
- (b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already using that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart; or
- (c) play any game so specified in any other part of the ground in such a manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.

12. No person shall, in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the ground.



BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE

BYELAWS RELATING TO PLEASURE GROUNDS

Savings

18. (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.

(2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

Removal of offenders

19. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

20. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

21. Byelaws 2-17, 14-18 and 21 of the series of byelaws made by Rosendale Borough Council on 11 November 1981 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 8 July 1982 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

(4) In this byelaw:

"cycle" means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

Climbing

4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Removal of structures

5. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

Erection of structures

6. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

Trading

7. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

- 13. (1) No person shall in the ground play any game:
 - (a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - (b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
- (2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

Golf

- 14. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball except on land set aside by the Council for use as a golf course, golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course.

Childrens play apparatus

- 15. (1) No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall use any apparatus in the ground which, by a notice placed on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years.
- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to the grounds listed in Schedule 3 attached to these byelaws.

Bathing and pollution of water

- 16. No person shall in the ground:
 - (a) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water; or
 - (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

Obstruction

- 17. No person shall in the ground:
 - (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

SCHEDULE 1

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

BACUP

Britannia Playground
Change Recreation Ground
Cutler Greene Playground
Karnshaw Road Open Space
Gordon Street Playground
Heath Hill Playground, Stacksteads
Maden Lodge Playground
Maden Recreation Playground
Moorlands Park
Rockcliffe Playground
Rosedale Crescent Playgrounds
Stacksteads Recreation Ground
Stubylee Park
Thorn Gait Playground
Wunstead Playground
Weir Playground

CHAWSWOOD

Hawthorns Playground
Hill Street Playground

EMENFIELD AND STUBBINS

Chatterton Park
Edenfield Memorial Gardens
Edenfield Recreation Ground
Sparrow Park
Stubbins Memorial Gardens

HASLINGDEN AND HELMSHORE

Cled Lane Playground
Greenfield Park Memorial Gardens
Helmsshore Park and Memorial Gardens
Hays Street Playground
Houghtons Road Playing Fields
Leicester Avenue Playground
Leam at Lound Bey
Marsden Square Playground
Ratcliffe Street Playground
Rising Bridge Playground
St Peter's Avenue Playing Fields
Victoria Park
Worsley Park

LOVECLOUGH

Loveclough Park
Loveclough Playing Fields

LUMB

Lumb Recreation Ground

NEWCHEURCH

Staghills Playing Fields
Staghills Playground

RAWTESTALL

Barlowfold Playing Fields
Cloughfold Recreation Ground
Fairview Recreation Ground and Playground
Fallbarn Crescent Playground
Hell Carr Playground
Hareholme Playground
Karl pits Sports Complex
Newhallhey Playing Fields
Rawtenstall Library Gardens
Whitaker Park

TURN

Turn Recreation Ground

WATERFOOT AND WHITEWELL, BOTTOM

Cowps Memorial Gardens
Cowps Recreation Ground
Dean Lane Playground
Edgeside Park
Mullards Playground
Shadlock Cote Playing Fields
Tricketts Memorial Ground

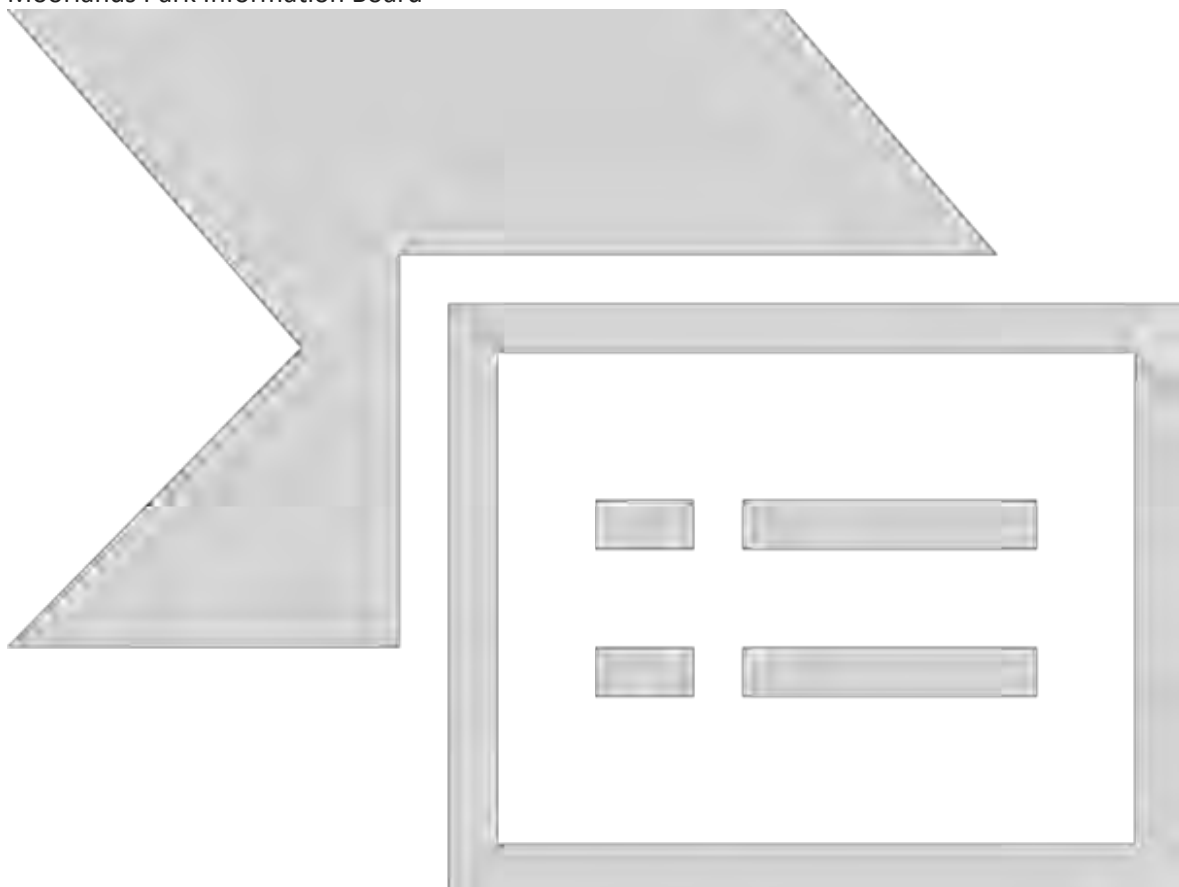
WHITWORTH

Knott Hill Playground
Leavengreave Playground
Naseycroft Playground
Wallbank playground

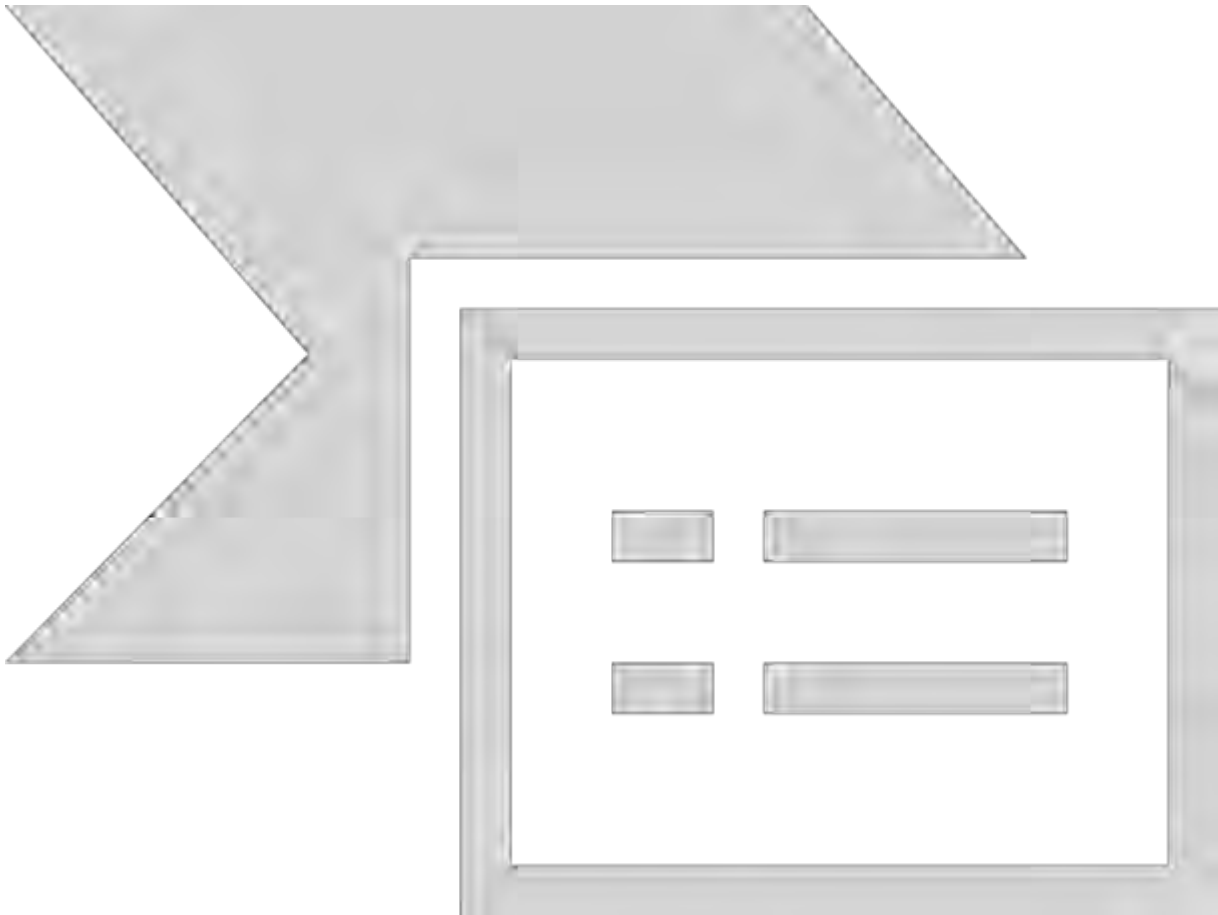
Appendix 5 : Images



Moorlands Park Information Board



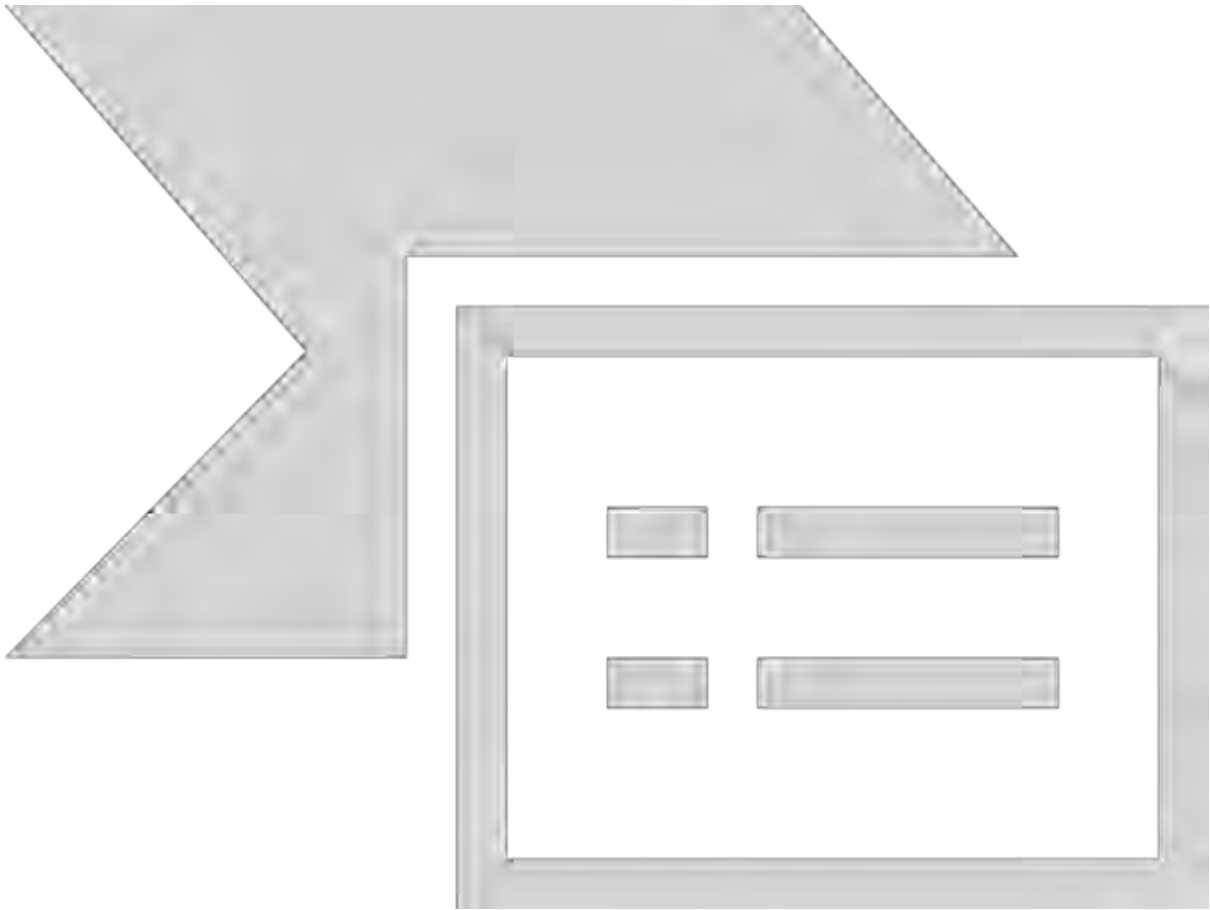
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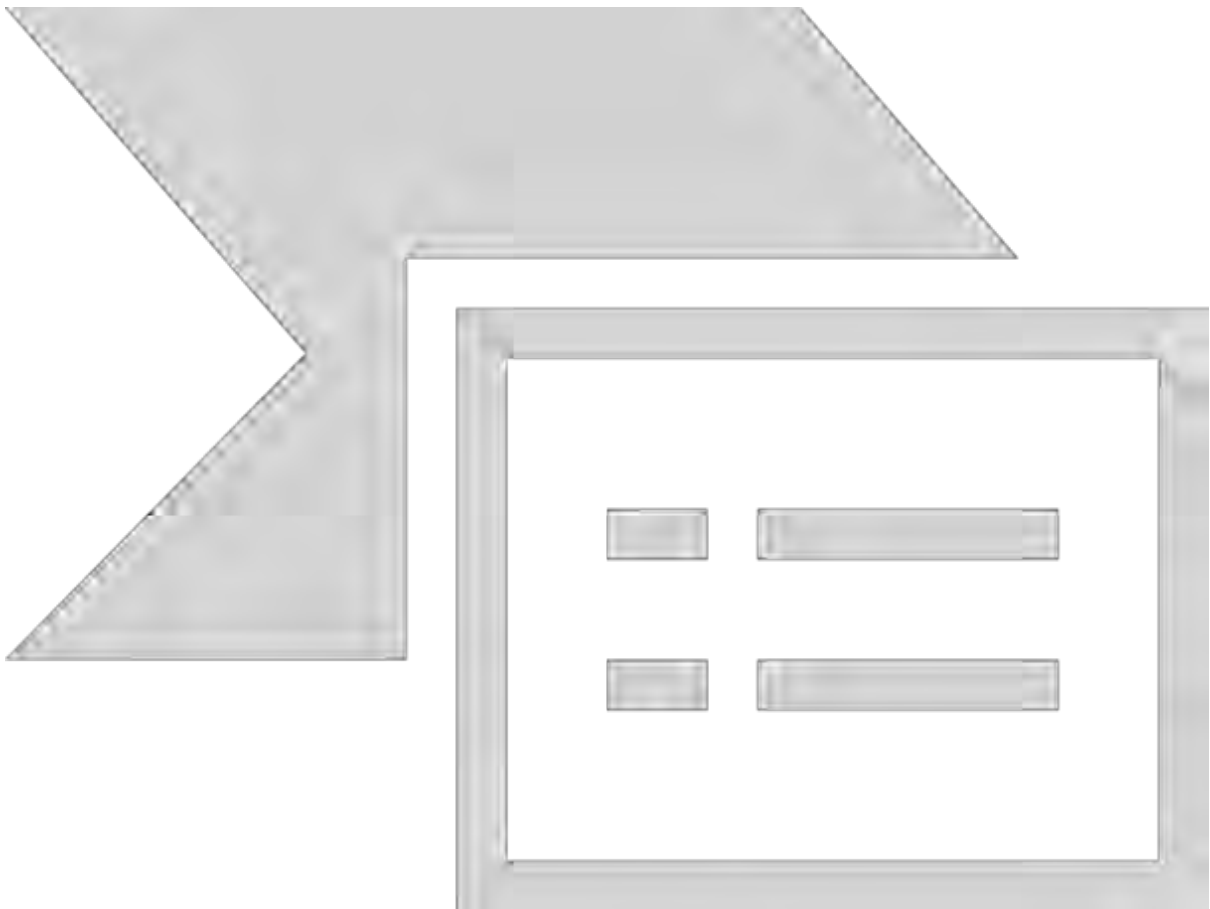
UP and Active route sign



Moorlands Park, play area and outdoor gym entrance



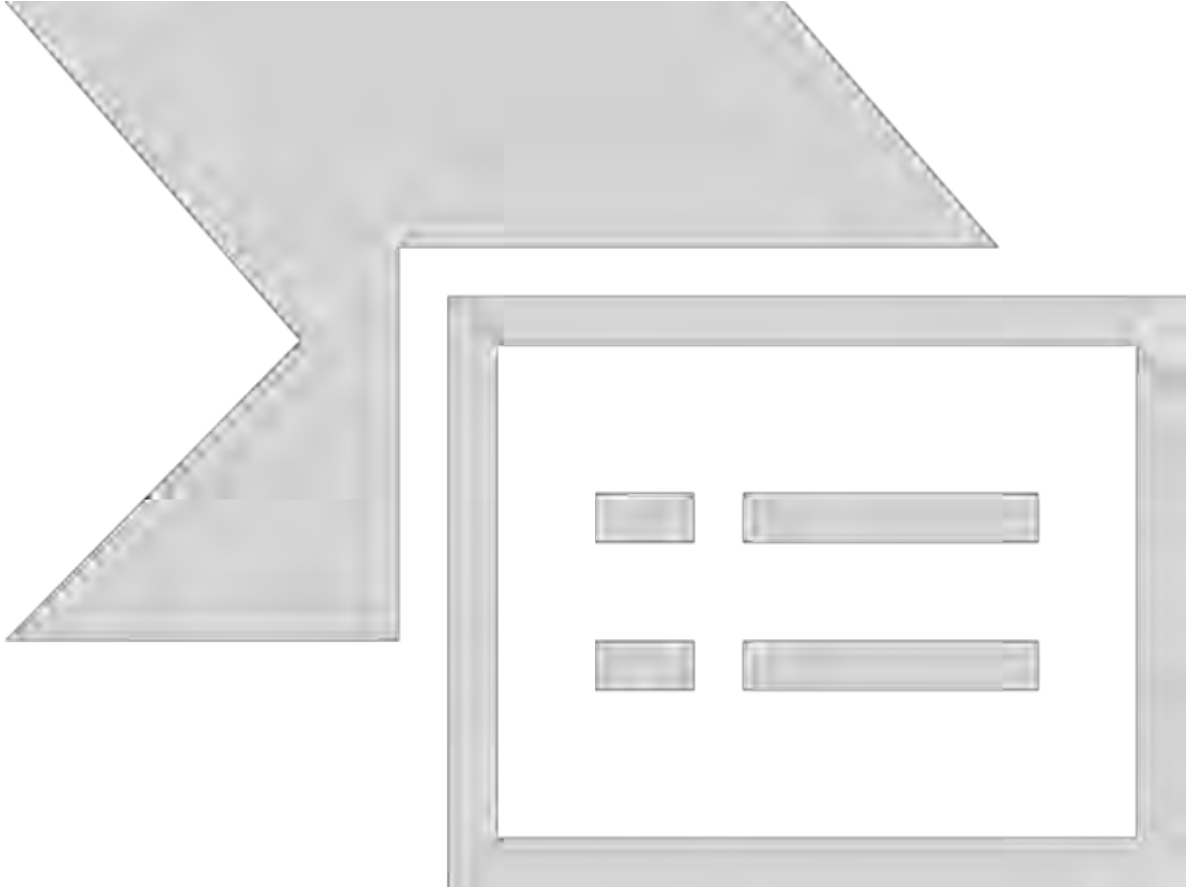
New Play Area



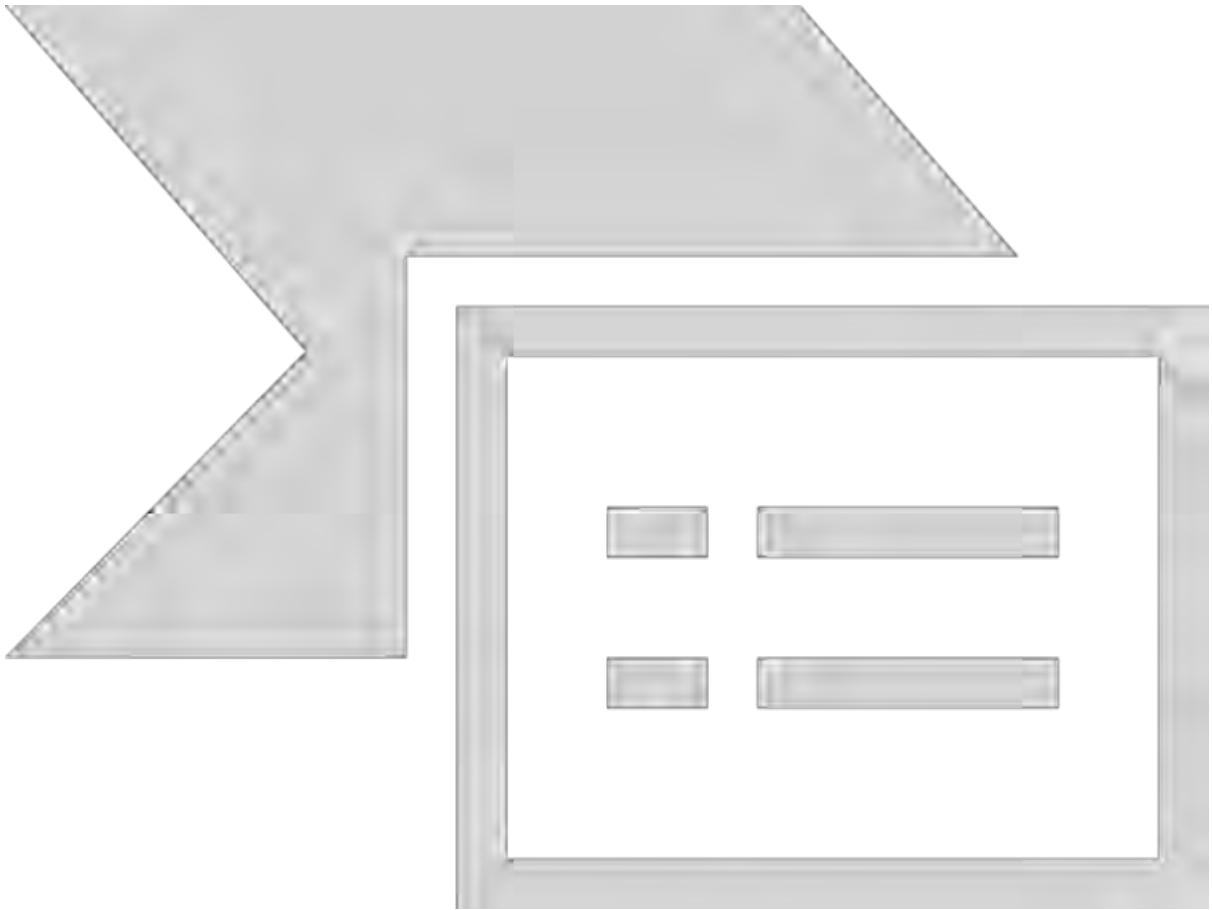
Outdoor gym and the 'snake'



Italian Garden Stonework



Play Area top view



The Fairy Dell



Skate Park



THE DELL STUBBLEE PARK, BACUP No. 27

Historic picture of The Dell