



Enhancing Green Space

Monday 16th May 2016



Agenda

- Awards
- National awareness days/weeks
- Training and support
- Wider information





Awards: Green Flag

National award that recognises high quality green spaces the national standard for quality parks and green spaces.

Green Flag Award

- Provides a focus for groups on areas which can be improved as well as national recognition.
- The scheme realises that all green spaces are different so each site is judged on its own merits and suitability to the community it serves
- Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Community Award status.

Green Flag Community Award

Green Heritage Sites

Criteria for community award:

- Good and safe access
- Welcoming
- Signage
- Site safety
- Litter and waste management
- Overall standards of maintenance
- Conservation
- Community involvement
- Achievements





Awards: RHS Britain in Bloom



RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM

- Morecambe In Bloom, organised by Morecambe Town Council
- North West in Bloom
- Various Categories
- Provides recognition for the work which volunteers have undertaken

Awards: Volunteer Awards



- Volunteer awards



National Awareness Days/Weeks



- Keep Britain tidy are the main organisation for parks related awareness days
www.keepbritaintidy.org
- Such days often come with useful resources / toolkits and publicity information
- Big Tidy Up: The council also has litter picking equipment which can be borrowed by community groups
- 10th Anniversary of Love Parks Week will span 10 months in 2016!

All events taking place between February and November can sit under the Love Parks Week branding. The official dates will be 15 July to 24 July.

www.loveparks.org

- National Play Day – first Wednesday in August
- Have a field day, Fields in Trust





Training and Support

- Training
- Lancaster District Funding Fair 13th September

www.lancastercvs.org.uk

The Conservation Volunteers

- Training
 - Managing boundaries in conservation
 - Organising and leading conservation projects
 - Publicity and fundraising
 - The natural world
 - Tools and machinery
 - Traditional crafts
 - Trees and woodland
 - Welcome to conservation
- Insurance
 - Working with people and communities
- Risk assessments



North West Parks Friends Forum & Lancaster Green Space Forum

- Shared help and advice from other groups



Wider Information

Fields in Trust

- Toolkit including deeds and constitutions, insurance for play areas, improving the quality and use of outdoor recreation spaces and facilities

NESTA Management models

- Rethinking parks <http://www.nesta.org.uk/publications/learning-rethink-parks>

CABE

- Various studies <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110118095356/http://www.cabe.org.uk/public-space/parks>

Green infrastructure Partnership

- The GIP enables people to share research, innovation, news and best practice via newsletters and events

