

GREEN FLAG MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020-25

Inwood Park

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Foreword

The London Borough of Hounslow has some superb greenspaces that everyone can be proud of. They are places where people can relax, enjoy nature, play, or take part in cultural and historic activities and recreation. They are essential for the health and well-being of our residents, and they are vibrant spaces that provide a borough-wide green infrastructure for our communities.

In Hounslow, we are committed to stimulating a strong and robust green recovery related to our Greener Borough Framework and Climate Emergency. The Council's Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy plays a major role in delivering the Greener Borough Framework and sets out key priorities for our greenspaces in areas such as health and wellbeing, regeneration, climate change and nature recovery.

The London Borough of Hounslow considers the Green Flag Award process as a tool towards positively developing our greenspaces within this strategic framework and in partnership with our communities. It contributes to providing a vision, with clear objectives and priorities for how the Council and its partners would like to see greenspaces managed in future years.

This plan is not only the commitment from the Council to improve our greenspaces but is an important recognition of the support and commitment of the friends of parks, community groups, local clubs, third sector and partners who share our visions and work with us to respond to our green agenda.

Acknowledgements

This plan has been produced by Lampton Services Greenspace* (GS) and the London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) Parks Team with input from the Friends group. In addition, it is important to acknowledge the great contribution from the Friends of Inwood Park group for their commitment and dedication in supporting the development, promotion, and management of Inwood Park.

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Purpose of the Plan

The Management Plan for Inwood Park has been prepared by LBH and Lampton Services Greenspace with input from the Friends of Inwood Park. The plan is specifically developed for the individual site with a dedicated Green Flag Action Plan.

This plan has been developed following detailed assessment of the Green Flag Award criteria and a comprehensive collaborative review of the existing uses, management, and maintenance of Inwood Park. As part of the development of the plan, detailed consultation has taken place with the Lampton Services Greenspace parks maintenance and management team, LBH officers and Friends groups.

The Management plan is a 'working document' that brings together all the information relating to Inwood Park and will be updated, revised, and annually reviewed. This plan has been developed based on the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) Space document "*A Guide to Producing Park and Greenspace Management Plans*" and the "*Green Flag Award Guidance Manual*" guidelines.

Policy & Strategic Context

Actions and aims within this management plan are both guided by, and relate back, to wider Council strategies. The development of parks and open spaces are a vital component of the Council's Corporate Plan 2022 – 2026. Our work during this period is focused on six priority ambitions for a borough that is greener, healthier, cleaner, thriving, safer, and liveable. Green infrastructure contributes in many ways to helping us achieve these priorities.

A key approach of Hounslow Council is working under the concept of "One Hounslow" where services are delivered without silos, working for specific outcomes with several internal council departments, community groups, NGOs, and government bodies.

Parks and open spaces play an important role in the approach highlighted in the Council's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy with start, live and age well, preventing ill-health, which in turn has an impact on reducing costs within the wider economy, the Council, and the NHS.

The Council's Equalities and Diversity Strategy 2023, created to improve equality, diversity, and inclusion - sets out an ambitious approach to target policies and funding to the areas which need them most to thrive. The strategy is based on three pillars - Equality by Place, Equality by Group, and Equality as Employer. Hounslow Council has committed to transform the opportunities and life-chances of communities in the borough's 30 most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

The Council approved the Greener Borough Framework 2020-30 which seeks to provide a high-level framework to deliver on the Council's ambition and aspirations for the borough through enhancing our environment and reducing our use of resources. The framework is part of a wider ambitious green agenda bringing different people and organisations together to discover, engage, innovate, and deliver.





The adoption of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Nature Recovery Plan are the pillar of the strategic framework for the development of our parks and open spaces and their management plans through the Green Flag Award process.

Useful Links:

- [Corporate Plan 2022-26](#)
- [Climate Emergency](#)
- [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#)
- [Greener Borough Framework](#)
- [Nature Recovery Action Plan](#)
- [Equalities and Diversity Strategy](#)

Parks Funding

The Council's Parks service is funded by an annual salary and contract revenue budget for base line ground maintenance activities, and provided by our service providers, Lampton Services Greenspace, to maintain all of Hounslow's parks and open spaces, including allotments, cemeteries, trees, countryside and other workstreams.

Current capital funding has been allocated through a parks improvement project, and sites which require improvement will be prioritised. This funding will cover 2 years of project delivery and staff resourcing 2023 – 2025. Other capital funding is obtained via Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); S106, the Council's Thriving Communities fund (local CIL) and other grants and initiatives. These are applied for annually or as necessary and are based on need and strategic investment required by both the Council and local communities.



Where are we now?

Site Description & Facilities

Inwood Park is one of the borough's key parks. It consists of amenity grassland, dispersed with native woodland belts and a small wildlife area set up with deadwood and rough grassland. There are more formal gardens toward the western entrance to the park. The main entrance to Inwood Park is located on Inwood Road. The park borders Inwood Avenue, Livingstone Road and James Street and is in the centre of a large area of residential properties. The park is located a short walk from Hounslow town centre.



Site Information

Name: Inwood Park

Address: Inwood Road, Hounslow TW3 2QG

Contacts: 020 8583 5555

Email: parks@hounslow.gov.uk

Web: www.hounslow.gov.uk

Designation: Open Space

Ownership: London Borough of Hounslow

Size: 5ha

Byelaws: A copy can be downloaded at www.hounslow.gov.uk

Access: open access at all times

Transport: Train: Hounslow Station

Tube: Hounslow East

Buses: 110/111/H20/H28

Parking: Street pay and display parking

Local Facilities: Play area, Multi Use Games Area, pitch, woodland edge, seasonal cafe and toilets, All Ability cycle hub, Waterplay.

Detailed History

Inwood Park was formally meadowland, and the land was acquired by a Mr J F Pownall alongside the Isleworth Brewing Company. Inwood Park was first laid out in 1905 and was the borough's first public park. A meeting Heston & Isleworth UDC in March 1897 had agreed to provide a recreation ground in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and the site of the new park was one of two suggested.

It was only partly completed at the inauguration, which took place to coincide with a children's fete on 26 June 1902, as a celebration of the coronation of Edward VII, the Jubilee now forgotten. It was planned to call the new park Coronation Park, but this was then decided against when the King became ill and was instead named Hounslow Recreation Ground. The land purchase was not completed until September 1903; by July 1905 it was '*practically completed*' by which time the c.5.5 hectares were divided into two roughly equal portions, laid out by Mr. Abrams, the Parks Superintendent, using unskilled labour.

Historically, the front portion of the park had '*lawns, flower beds and ornamental walks*', presenting '*a blaze of colour*' from the large entrance gates on Inwood Road with the park superintendent's house surrounded by flowering beds and borders. Beyond were '*large beds laid out with double carnations, Shirley Poppies, Nasturtiums, Sweet Peas, and Mignonette, with borders of Godetia and Clarkii elegans - some of which present a very striking appearance. In front along the railings, the plants are mostly herbaceous and half-hardy annuals. Under the trees are rustic shelters where old gentlemen read their papers secure from the heat of the sun and nursemaids and tired mothers do their knitting while they keep one eye on the romping children*'. (text taken from the Middlesex Chronicle Jan 1901 and July 1905)

The back portion of the park had a central line of elms under which it was proposed to lay a pathway, with a football ground on the left and cricket pitches on the right, as well as tennis courts. At that time a piece of ground to the left of the entrance was intended for a children's playground if funds allowed. In the summer of 1905, the park was well used with 400-500 daily visitors and the first band concert by Hounslow Town Band attracted some 1,000 people. However, in 1907, problems with 'vagabonds and loafers' were reported in the local newspaper. By 1933 the park was described as having floral displays, a children's playground, rustic shelters, 6 grass tennis courts, and a football pitch.

A boating lake was installed in the park in the 1940s, in 1992 this was filled in. The island remains and is now the area where the water and sand play area are.



There is a large air raid shelter buried under the park, and vents are still visible in the MUGA section of the play area. The grass tennis courts were transformed into a garden of horticultural excellence in the 1990s, which is still used as an area for the public to relax and reflect. The park still has some of its original railings along the right side of the main entrance and some mature trees.

Recent Developments

Future for 2025

- Addition of bird and bat boxes
- Exploration of conversion of community café into community hub
- Application London Marathon Sports Fund for path improvements and perimeter pathway

Achievements 2024

- Surface track improvements completed for cycle hub
- Barrier development at cycle hub
- Cycle hub relaunch
- Woodland works have taken place

A new bike track has been created at Inwood Park's Cycling Hub since Autumn 2024. It includes new surfacing, block paving and a barrier between the water splash play area and the cycle track to allow both facilities to operate and exist separately. This new feature will allow for more cycling sessions to be run throughout the year, as well as allow for parents to teach their children how to cycle outside of the sessions.



The Parks team have been working with Friends of Inwood Park, Greenspace and Traffic and Transport to explore the refurbishment of the old café facility and turning it into a community hub/café that could have a cycle workshop attached to it.

Woodland works have taken place in Inwood Park to increase natural surveillance, footfall, activation, and appreciation of ecology. Trees have been cut along the boundary to remove dead and dying trees. Some hazel trees have been coppiced and some have been stump ground. Reductions have been made to undergrowth and blackthorn. Tree canopy has been raised and ivy reduced on some trees.



The park is surrounded by community facilities The Triangle Centre, who support disabled people in the area. It was previously surrounded by the Hounslow Toy Library which has now closed. The park is well used, popular and in previous years has hosted several annual events over the summer months. Such as the Hounslow Concert put on by the Hounslow Music Service as part of the Summer of Culture 2022.

The park has been improved in recent years, most recently with the installation of a trim trail funded by the London Marathon Trust. There has also been an emphasis on increasing sightlines across the park to deter ASB. As part of this woodland copses have been reduced and crown lifted.



The main play area in the park offers play features for toddlers to teenagers and a table tennis table. There is a large pitch area and path through the park.

There is a refurbished toilet block located on-site which is currently limited to use for community events, sporting facilities and assisted cycling activities. There is also a yard area used by the Site Attendant.

The waterplay areas has now been renovated and opened in the summer 2023 which has provided an exciting new facility for residents. A bike track for under 8's and All Ability cycling sessions is under way.

Achievements 2023

- Water play opened and used during the summer months.
- New signage installed.
- Work underway for cycling track renovation.





Achievements 2022

- Water play project delivered, providing new facility for the park.
- Work begun towards cycling track renovation to be completed in 2023.
- Use of the site by Hounslow Town Primary School during a school rebuilding project
- Installation of a Trim Trail funded by the London Marathon Trust
- Award of £100K towards water play and bike track improvements.
- Continued use of the park by Let's Go outside and Learn (see events [here](#))
- Boundary fencing/railing repairs
- Joint Task Force Enforcement to tackle ASB.
- Reduction of woodland copses to increase park site lines.
- Extra funding – received etc. for cycle track improvements and barriers.
- Cycle hub have purchased more adapted bikes.

Achievements 2021

- Playground equipment repaired.
- Water play project out to tender January 2022
- Green Gym remained active in the park until Autumn 2021

Achievements 2020

- Installation of CCTV cameras in activities area
- Cease of nighttime locking
- TCV Green Gym active in the park
- Water play project design prepared.
- Use of cycle track by managed inclusive cycling session.
- Gate repairs
- Park Attendants welfare facility power supply upgraded.





Where do we want to go?

Green Flag Analysis

The ambition for LBH in partnership with GS and community groups is to continue to work to improve standards and develop parks and opens spaces strategically according to corporate priorities and local needs.

A clear connection between the criteria identified by the Green Flag Award Scheme and the main points gained from the SWOT analysis and site review completed with the Friends of Inwood Park has helped to establish a comprehensive management plan for this site.

The management plan process is described below the section “How do we get there?”.

Consultation & Co-design

The Council has a strong partnership with the Friends of Inwood Park. Co-designing the future of the park together in most initiatives and opportunities.

Continuous dialogue is in place through regular communication and a quarterly forum where Friends discuss wider issues and learn from each other to improve overall management standards.

LBH works in close partnership with GS with monthly project and development team meetings where the monitoring and progress of these plans are discussed.

LBH engage annually with Friends groups and community groups in compiling these management plan and their progress.

Ward Councillors and the Lead Cabinet Member for Recreation, Public Spaces and Parking are regularly updated on parks development projects and strategies.

Liaison with the Hounslow Met Police and the Councils Enforcement Team on matters around ASB and public safety.





SWOT Analysis

A SWOT analysis is a management critique to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to help shape future improvements.

STRENGTHS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play area.• Trim Trail• Multi Use Games Area• Renovated water play• Nature area• CCTV cameras x1• Site Attendant• Toilet Block• Cycle track improvements.• Signage• Friends group new membership established and actively supporting the park through planting, activities, and community events.• Winter woodland works therefore more natural surveillance.	WEAKNESSES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced bench provision to prevent ASB.• Lack of benches for elderly, disabled and pregnant mothers.• Closed cafe facility• No path to trim trail• Toilet block locks are broken.
OPPORTUNITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCTV• Tree planting• Wildflower meadows• Habitat enhancement/creation• Creation of a community hub• Bird and bat box installations• Creation of a natural bug hotel• Recognition of species through interpretation boards• Personalization of park through celebration features i.e., memorial for old boating lake.• Perimeter walking path• More community activities run by the Friends.	THREATS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-social behaviour• Climate change/disease/drought/pests and invasives• Vandalism or weather induced activity could affect signage.• When water play area is closed could reduce the use of the park and therefore provide the impression it is not working.• Damaged paths near to the playground and ornamental garden.• Tree roots disrupting path.





How do we get there?

Vision & Objectives

Vision for Inwood Park:

“The Friends of Inwood Park, the London Borough of Hounslow and Lampton Services Greenspace will work together to create and maintain an exemplary centre for community involvement and enjoyment which is wildlife friendly, sustainable, resilient to climate change, and safe and accessible to all.”

Key objectives for Inwood Park are:

- To continue to work closely with the Friends group and users of the facilities so to adequately maintain and improve the facilities.
- To ensure that Inwood Park is a place that is secure, safe to use and is clean and well maintained.
- To ensure that the management of the landscape maintains the heritage character of the park.
- To ensure that the park is promoted and managed to provide a high-quality service for the people using it.
- To continue to encourage and promote community involvement in the management of the park.
- To ensure that the management of the park protects and enhances the biodiversity of the site and borough.
- Provide and improve opportunities for good health and well-being.
- Creating opportunities for connecting green spaces for wildlife and increasing the boroughs ecological resilience and connectivity





Meeting the Green Flag Award Criteria



Management of Inwood Park

This sets out guidelines and general principles to be followed in delivering the vision and objectives outlined above.

Management of the open space needs to deliver high standards of maintenance of all aspects of the soft and hard landscaping of Inwood Park within existing revenue budgets and through capital infrastructure funding opportunities.

Delivery Partners

The Council works pro-actively with the Friends of Inwood Park in consulting with local people regarding their views of the facilities and any impact that is made on their lives. Continuing this relationship is a very high priority for the management of the open space.

GS are responsible for maintaining all the parks and open spaces within the LBH Parks Service. Maintenance is carried out by the contractors' operatives who have the necessary skills to achieve high and consistent horticultural standards. We also work with environmental volunteering groups, such as the Environmental Champions and others, see the "Community Involvement" section below for more information.



A Welcoming Place

The following management regimes all play a part in ensuring that Inwood Park continues to be a welcoming area.

Graffiti Removal

As a part of our aim to make the borough safe, green, and clean we are committed to reducing and removing graffiti. The site will be regularly inspected for graffiti. All graffiti will be removed within 7 days of notification, where the graffiti is racist or offensive it will be removed within 24 hours of notification.

Signage

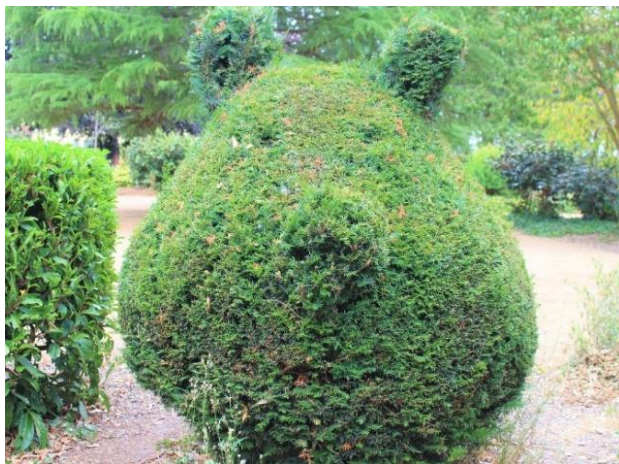
Park signage will be kept clean and is regularly inspected, any repairs will be carried out promptly. For more information, please refer to the “Marketing Section” below.

Pathways

All paths and hard surfaces will be inspected annually. Any necessary repairs will be reviewed, and funding opportunities explored with the aim of rectification as soon possible.

Visibility

Vegetation will be reduced so that where possible site lines are achieved across the site.



Healthy, Safe & Secure

The following management regimes all play a part in ensuring that Inwood Park continues to be a healthy, safe, and secure place.

Health & Wellbeing

We recognise the benefits that our green spaces can make to the health of our residents.

We are committed to developing active environments that enhance leisure, sport, physical activity and play opportunities in priority areas.

The Councils [Playing Pitch Strategy](#) in particular, identifies needs for sports facility improvements and sets out priority projects for delivery in partnership with key stakeholders. We work with Council services to ensure that our approach supports the broader Council strategies around health and wellbeing and together with Active Travel team, Leisure Services, Transport, Public Health, Community Development team and the local community we aim to deliver these improvements.

Useful Links:

- [Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-26](#)
- [Data Hub](#)

Healthy Hounslow

Healthy Hounslow is a partnership between several organisations supporting people in leading healthier lifestyles; to become more active, eat well and stop smoking. The partners that make up Healthy Hounslow are Hounslow Council, Hounslow, and West London Trust, Feltham & Bedfont Primary Care Network, MoreLife, Maximus/BeeZee and Lampton Leisure. The services and support offered by Healthy Hounslow are: Smoking cessation, Health and wellbeing coaching, Healthy weight management, Exercise on referral, Cook and eat sessions, and Community NHS Health Checks.

You can find out all about Healthy Hounslow at our website www.healthyhounslow.co.uk

Move More Hounslow Activity Map

- Available online to be downloaded [here](#).

Map shows most parks in the borough that have a multitude of free activities available.





Site Safety

All GS staff and contractors play an important role in terms of a visible staff presence. All are uniformed and where necessary will wear highly visible clothing. All works will have been risk assessed to ensure the highest level of public safety.

Control of Dogs

Most dog owners act responsibly and keep their pets under control. However, the council continues to receive comments and complaints from residents about the behaviour of some dogs and irresponsible dog owners within parks and open spaces.

In response to this, the council is holding a public consultation process to gather residents' opinions about a variety of dog control related issues. The feedback will help us decide whether to introduce a dog control public space protection order (PSPO).

PSPOs are aimed at ensuring public spaces can be enjoyed free from anti-social behaviour. They are not about stopping the responsible use of public spaces - but they do provide councils with a tool to tackle persistent issues that are damaging their communities.

For more information on the status and findings from the dog PSPO consultation please see the webpage [here](#).

Inwood Park welcomes responsible dog owners. The play area, fenced sports areas, waterplay and cycle club area are already dog exclusion zones, and this has been reflected in the PSPO consultation.


Community Safety

Hounslow Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) is responsible for reducing crime, disorder, and substance misuse in the London Borough of Hounslow. Along with other supporting partners, HCSP brings together key local agencies including:

1. London Borough of Hounslow – Safer Communities Team
2. Metropolitan Police Service (Hounslow Division)
3. Hounslow district of the National Probation Service
4. Hounslow NHS Trust
5. London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
6. www.hounslow.gov.uk/community-safety

The Council's Enforcement Team have responsibility for overseeing Community Safety in the boroughs' parks and open spaces. They walk through parks to show presence and work with the Parks Team and GS to target regular occurrences of ASB. Occasionally a joint task force operation including those above is required i.e., rough sleeping, food dumping, drinking and drug misuse.

In 2024, Hounslow Council established a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Steering Group focused on addressing VAWG issues in parks and open spaces. This group identifies short term and long term strategies and opportunities for partnership development. Key approaches include clearing sightlines, encouraging natural surveillance, and fostering a sense of ownership within these spaces through vegetation removal, raising tree canopies, encouraging volunteering in parks, and organising police walk and talks. The team have also been working closely with:

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1. London Borough of Hounslow – Domestic Violence Reduction Unit
 2. London Borough of Hounslow – Rough Sleepers Unit

Additionally, they contribute to the WA – BCU (West Area – Borough Command Unit) meetings, which include boroughs of Hounslow, Hillingdon, and Ealing.

Well Maintained & Clean

The following regimes are designed to ensure that Inwood Park is clean and well maintained.

Grass Maintenance

GS employ several different management approaches to maintain grass areas within our parks and open spaces. Generally, grass areas are managed either as amenity grassland, rough grassland, or as wildflower meadow. Within many of our larger parks, the grass is left uncut as part of the annual No Mow May campaign which was also referred to as [Hounslow's Natural Summer](#) in 2024. For more information see the Council's webpage [here](#).

Inwood Park consists mainly of amenity grassland, with some boundary and scrub areas managed as rough grassland. Along the western boundary there are also areas actively managed as wildflower meadow. Further to this, there is also a formal garden lawn area in the northwest of the park, near the to the main entrance from Inwood Road.

Amenity Grassland

Amenity grassland consists of areas used for general recreation, and formal and informal sports, and can include wide-open spaces or those areas planted with trees and shrubs. These areas are regularly cut during the growing season, to ensure they can continue to be used for recreation throughout the year (see Annual Maintenance Work Schedule). Grass edges, whether they are against paths, fences or walls will be cut at the same time as the rest of the grass using strimmers in most areas.

Rough Grassland

Rough grassland consists of areas which are cut less frequently generally 2-3 times a year. These are usually areas which are less accessible to the public and help support beneficial insects and small mammals, as well as protect features such as boundaries, hedges, and ponds.

Wildflower Meadows

Wildflower meadows are areas which are actively managed and promoted as wildlife areas. They are suitably prepared, sown and protected by GS, to ensure they establish and flourish to help promote pollinators, and to increase the biodiversity within the open space.

Our meadows provide a rich floral display during spring and summer with plants including Ox-eye daisy, Common Birds-foot-trefoil, Black Knapweed, Field Scabious, and Yellow Rattle, though there is a change in the mix of species in flower through the months. These flowers are an important source for nectar feeding species.

As part of the council's commitment to invest in green infrastructure, GS help identify additional areas within our parks and open spaces, which can be managed as wildflower meadow, where suitable and in consultation with Friends groups and other stakeholders.

For more information about wildflower meadows and how we manage them, please see the Council webpages [here](#).



Trees

Tree Maintenance

Trees within parks and open spaces are subject to inspection by suitably qualified and experienced GS Arboriculturists. This is to identify and remedy any unacceptable risks to people using the sites, or the removal of trees that are extensively decayed compromising their structural integrity. Tree pruning is only carried out where necessary for risk management purposes or where formative pruning is necessary; this approach allows Hounslow's parks to retain a natural landscape with well-formed specimens.

Hounslow Council works closely with Friends, Councillors and Lampton Services Greenspace tree team to consider the tree population within Inwood Park to make improvements and ensure that there is continuity in the way that the trees are managed.

Tree Planting

Between 2020 and 2024 the Council set ambitious tree planting targets, successfully planting over 25,000 new trees and whips in parks and open spaces. This formed one of the main ongoing targets set out in the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#). Several of these were planted in Inwood Park.

Since 2020, Inwood Park has had 14 trees planted around the site.



For more information on tree planting locations and species, please see the Council webpages [here](#).



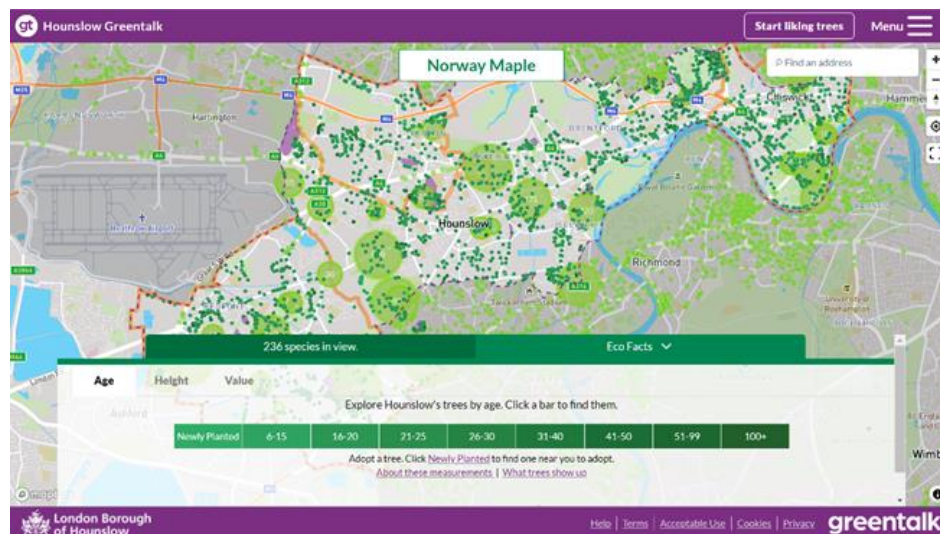
Greentalk

Hounslow Greentalk is an innovative new platform developed as a bespoke resource for Hounslow residents. It has lots of clever features to help explore public trees and make a positive difference to the environment. The platform provides a unique opportunity for Hounslow residents to adopt newly planted trees and help their borough become greener.

Anyone who wants to find out about trees in the borough can use the Greentalk interactive map to explore their area through a tree focused perspective.

Other features include but not limited to:

- Adopting a tree
- Watering notifications
- Green walks
- Tree giveaways



Over 120,000 trees have been mapped, and around 33,000 can be liked by registered users. Liked trees are saved as favourites and can be accessed through the user profile. The data used to display all the information on Hounslow Greentalk is derived from the council's tree partners who manage the trees in the borough and regularly provide up-to-date information to keep the system as relevant as possible. If a resident is aware of a problem with a tree, Hounslow Greentalk can help them report the exact tree with the right information to the relevant tree partner.

For more information, please visit [Hounslow Greentalk](#)

Wetland Management

Sustainable Urban Drainage Design

The Parks team work closely with the Flood Risk team, to help inform on Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) features and design during parks development projects. This approach helps provide ecological and sustainable solutions, to help alleviate flooding within urban areas.

Ponds & Rivers

There are no areas of open water within Inwood Park.

Waterplay

The waterplay area has now been renovated and opened in the summer 2023 which has provided an exciting new facility for residents. The facility is managed by GS to ensure its safe use and maintenance.



Cleansing

The collection of litter is extremely important in maintaining the appearance of Hounslow's parks and open spaces and has a direct effect upon how people treat and respect the site. Litter is collected and bins emptied daily by the GS cleansing crews. Any occurrences of fly tipping are cleared by GS within 48 hours of notification, and we work closely with the Enforcement Team to investigate fly tipping issues where possible.

Furniture & Fittings

GS ensure that all furniture is clean and will check benches, notice boards and bins on a regular basis. Items will be cleaned when necessary. Any necessary repairs will be reviewed, and funding opportunities explored with the aim of rectification as soon possible.

Playgrounds

All playgrounds are visually inspected a minimum of once per week (based upon site usage), a recorded quarterly operational inspection, and an annual inspection carried out by an independent inspector to ensure the playground meets ROSPA standards. Any hazards identified are dealt with accordingly and where necessary equipment will be cordoned off whilst repairs are scheduled.





Hard Surfaces

Hard surfaces will be kept clean with litter and leaves removed. Hard surfaces will be maintained in a weed free state with spot treatment weed spraying. Paths will be kept in a good state of repair and all paths being inspected annually and any repairs Any necessary repairs will be reviewed, and funding opportunities explored with the aim of rectification as soon possible. Drains and gulley's are inspected regularly as part of the Annual Infrastructure Survey.

Buildings & Structures

GS manage and maintain most buildings and structures within our parks and open spaces. There are three buildings in Inwood Park. The toilet block which is used for the assisted cycling project, Pavilion café that is not in use and a Welfare/Storage building which is in use.





Environmental Sustainability

The following regimes are designed to ensure that Inwood Park is managed in a sustainable way.

Litter Recycling

All litter is taken to Transport Avenue, the West London Waste Authority site within Hounslow borough. It is then loaded onto trains and taken to an energy waste site in Avonmouth, where it is used as a renewable energy source.

Green Waste Recycling

All green waste is either reused or recycled. Grass clippings are spread and left in situ in the park. Wood chippings are used on flowerbeds to provide a compost and a weed control. Other green waste (shrub pruning etc.) is taken to Transport Avenue Waste Disposal Site, where it is then transferred by road to a composting facility for processing.

Pesticides

As a part of our commitment to ensuring a cleaner and greener Hounslow, the use of chemicals to treat weeds was stopped in 2020. This decision supports the Council's ambitions for a cleaner and greener borough and promotes biodiversity and encourages wildlife. This approach is now fully supported by GS in parks and open spaces, enabling the borough to become even more hospitable to plants and animals.

The use of specific herbicides will only be considered when it is not viable to use non-chemical alternatives, for example, controlling the spread of an invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed, as they are especially damaging to the environment.

Removing the use of herbicides does present operational challenges, herbicides have always been considered a cost-effective solution due to their less labour-intensive results. As such GS continue to assess and review their operational schedules to ensure that an adequate resource and suitable approach is applied to control weed growth.

Peat Use

GS do not use peat, or any peat-based products within Hounslow's parks and open spaces.

Infrastructure

GS follow the Council's procurement guidelines when sourcing replacement or new infrastructure items. This includes prioritising products made from recycled and environmentally and sustainably sourced materials wherever possible and financially feasible.

For example, using trees felled onsite for seating and fence work, and sourcing fibreglass heritage litter bins to replace ironwork bins. Products made from tropical hardwoods and other unsustainable sources are not used.



Fuel, Fleet & Power Tools

Fleet

As part of an ongoing trial within the Lampton group, the GS fleet use an alternative diesel product, Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil Fuel (HVO). HVO meets OEM fuel specifications and is certified to be a 90% CO₂ saving on normal diesel. This efficiency is better than current electric vehicles and is a great stop gap to future technologies given the age of the HGV fleet. It is hoped that a switch to HVO will help GS transition to low carbon technologies in a systematic way, giving time to manage various operational constraints limiting early adoption of electric vehicles.



Power Tools

GS are continuously trialing the use of electric power tools as alternative to 2 stroke machinery. They currently utilise several battery powered trimmers and blowers and continue to evaluate the effectiveness and development of the technology, and replacing older traditional machinery as it reaches end of life.





Biodiversity & Heritage

We manage our parks and open spaces by ensuring that where possible we maintain a diverse range of age, species and structure in the canopy, understory and herb layers and aquatic spaces. This is achieved by:

- Managing site specific habitats such as acid grassland, mature veteran trees, rivers, ponds, and woodlands.
- Supporting the borough's wildlife through interventions such as birds and bat houses, stag beetle loggeries, aquatic ledges and educational signage.
- Enhancing existing aquatic and terrestrial habitats to support a diverse range of flora or fauna.
- Exploring opportunities to create new habitats such as wildflower meadows, native hedge planting, aquatic ledges, and copses.
- Consider introducing sympathetic mowing regimes where suitable, for example leaving areas of rough grassland around trees.
- Recognising the effects of climate change e.g., drought, wildfires, floods, disease, biosecurity.
- Prioritising sustainability through resilient planting e.g., drought tolerant trees and plant
- Managing invasive non-native species (INNS) e.g., Japanese Knotweed, Pennywort, Himalayan Balsam. In 2021 LBH commissioned a baseline report of Invasive species Parks and open spaces portfolio, surveying 195 sites. This information was used to procure a specialist contractor to remove targeted species over a five-year period beginning in April 2025 and running for 5 years. This will seek to eradicate: Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, and floating Pennywort, and provide advice on how to deal with Himalayan balsam.
- Biosecurity – Anyone responsible for plant supplies must ensure that all plants and associated soil are supplied free of pest and disease at all points in the supply chain. To achieve this, GS consider the latency period and life cycles of all pests and diseases. Special attention to biosecurity is given to imported stock.
- GS procurement will always prioritise suppliers that are able to demonstrate a supply chain audit trail (for example, are part of a recognised Plant Health Assurance scheme) that ensures plant material sourced within the UK is under a regime of biosecurity-aware production and follow nationally agreed good practice guidelines.

The Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) is a part of Hounslow's Greener Borough Framework and was adopted in 2023. A stakeholder board -Nature Recovery Stakeholder Board (NRSB) was launched in February 2024 and is led by the Nature Recovery Manager with quarterly meetings held in various locations across the borough. Currently planning the 4th meeting to be held in February 2025. More information can be found [here](#).



Ecological Survey 2023

Inwood Park is 5.5. ha in size. The major features include a play area for toddlers and older children, a water play area (spring/summer), table tennis, pitches, mowed grassland, pathways, and tree lines. The park holds community events and offers all-ability cycle training facilities.



Figure: Red boundary depicts Inwood Park.

Inwood Park is an urban family park, and on its western edge has wildflower meadows, shrubberies, and scattered tree lines along its eastern boundary. Common knapweed-a firm favourite of pollinating insects, as being a source of excellent quality nectar and oxeye daisy were seen at the site during the site visit.

Tall hedgerows along the boundaries and tree lines – oaks, ash, wild cherry, silver birch, hazel, and sycamore, provide good foraging opportunities for birds and bats. No other birds besides pigeon and grey squirrel were seen during the site visit. Butterflies like holly blue, speckled wood, painted lady has been recorded in the past at this park.

Minor changes as to how to manage these urban parks could create habitats for wildlife and nature corridors that connect existing habitats. This allows species to move between habitats, maintain or increase populations and be resilient to climate change.

Considerations

- Using native trees when planting
- Leaving dead wood safely in place in woodlands to provide additional habitat for invertebrates.
- Maintenance and monitoring of trees to give them the best chance of survival.
- Reducing the use of herbicides, pesticides which can otherwise kill butterflies and bees and other invertebrates.
- Implementing measures to prevent the spread of invasive species and diseased plants.
- Installation of bat and bird boxes
- Placement of log piles, artificial hibernacula, and bug hotels for habitats for stag beetles, invertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians.



Community Involvement

This is crucial to the management of Inwood Park and will continue to be of the utmost importance.

Friends Groups

The Council works closely with Friends of Inwood Park and encourages them in their efforts to apply for grants and to organise volunteer days and events. We also engage with other community groups and third parties to encourage and ensure opportunities for the needs and requirements of a diverse borough population.

The Parks Team provide support for applications to the Council's Thriving Communities Fund. More information about the scheme can be found on the Council webpages [here](#).

Hounslow Friends of Parks Forum holds quarterly meetings. The forums are facilitated by [Habitats & Heritage](#) who are a west London based organisation who help support new and established Friends Groups. The Friends of Parks provides a support network, and to provide opportunities to build relationships that are based on collaboration.

Friends of Inwood Park

A new Friends of Inwood Park is in place (re-introduced with a new committee). The Friends of Inwood Park are a voluntary organisation led by residents to help with new initiatives and the day-to-day management of the park. They are currently in a transitional period as new leadership comes into the group and are exploring options to help make use of the cafe and other facilities within the park.

Achievements:

- Re-introduction of Friends Group (Friends of Inwood Park)
- Introduction of water park
- Cycle Hub
- More people using the park daily.
- Improvement of wildflower meadow
- Coronation picnic
- Football / cricket practice taking place at weekends.
- 5 New trees planted.
- Static gardener working to maintain a clean and inviting park.
- Planting and looking after the flora to encourage more fauna.
- Friends group starting activities.



Friends Aspirations:

- Improve on the wildflower meadow and other plant life.
- Community activities run by the friends group.
- Encourage more community groups, schools etc. to use the park.
- Improve the dog park, make it a more interesting area for the dogs, i.e., an agility course.
- Plant native plants in landscaping to support local biodiversity.
- Reinstall Ornamental Gardens near the main entrance.
- Use social media and the new Friends website to promote the park.

Volunteering

The Council and GS work with the public to inform, educate, and volunteer in managing habitats through event opportunities and specific projects such as school planting in greenspaces, green gyms, tree planting and habitat surveying. Community involvement and engagement in nature conservation projects helps to increase the health and wellbeing of our residents.

The GS Countryside Team help manage and coordinate several volunteer groups across the borough. More information can be found on the Parks Hub webpages [here](#). The Council also has an Environmental Champions Scheme, more information available on the website [here](#)

Marketing

Promotion and marketing of Inwood Park is carried out by means of a range of measures to ensure that local people and visitors to the borough are aware of the facility.

Entrance Signage

Noticeboards on site are used to promote work in the park and activities and events held by Friends of Inwood Park.

Signage Refresh

In 2021, the Parks Team secured significant funding for a borough-wide refresh of all parks and open spaces signage.

The signage was designed in partnership with Friends, local community groups and other stakeholders to ensure they are designed in consultation with our park's users. The design principles focused on inclusivity, using pictograms and maps to illustrate the facilities available in the park and the surrounding area. This programme was completed in Autumn 2024.

For more information and examples of the new signage please visit the Council webpages [here](#).

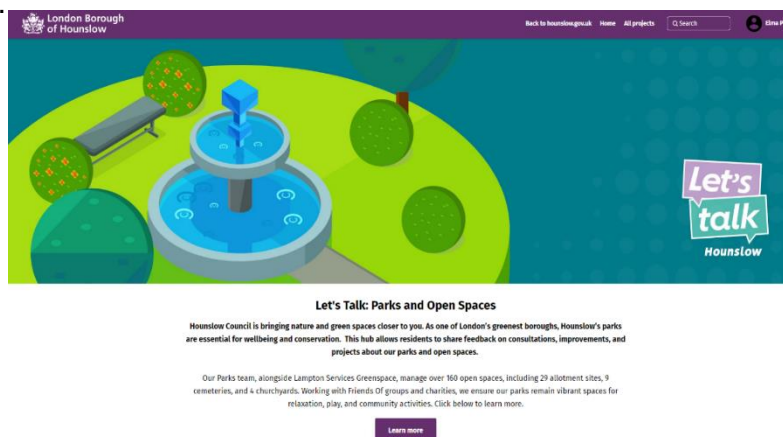


Web & Press

The Council's website has a dedicated Parks and Open Spaces section which can be found [here](#). You can find general information about the service, with useful links, advice, and reporting channels for customers to use.

Parks Hub

The Consultation and Engagement platform Let's Talk Hounslow has a new dedicated Parks Hub which includes current consultations, surveys, and live projects, as well as a digital noticeboard. Since the launch in February 2024, the site has had over 10,000 visitors to the homepage. To view the hub, visit [here](#).

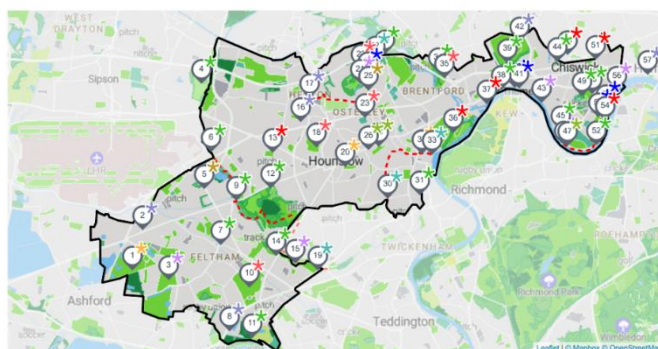


Hounslow also has several other websites which are designed to engage with the wider community about our services and the opportunities available in Hounslow. Please visit, [HounslowConnect](#) and [InHounslow](#) for more information.

- Promotion through the London National Park City www.nationalparkcity.london
 - London National Park City Mini-Guide for Hounslow, celebrating Hounslow's great outdoors
- [Hounslow's Mini Guide](#)

LONDON NATIONAL PARK CITY Hounslow Mini-Guide*

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The Council also has an active social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) with the handle @LBofHounslow.

To create community awareness for all its facilities the Council regularly produces articles and press releases about activities and facility development. The Council publishes a regular newsletter, Hounslow Matters, which is provided to all residents and includes news and information



about our services, including parks and open spaces. To download the latest publication please follow the link [here](#).

Events

The Council encourages the hire of parks to appropriate organisations for commercial and community events. Events are held in accordance with the Parks and Open Spaces Events Policy found on the council webpages [here](#).

The Friends held a successful Macmillan coffee morning and other various events.





How do we know we have arrived?

Monitoring & Review

This management plan has been designed as a live document that will guide development in Inwood Park over the next five years. Progress will be subject to monitoring and review to measure success and delivery of aims.

Members of the LBH Parks team regularly visit the site to monitor progress against the action plan; the results of these visits will be discussed at monthly management meetings and meetings with Stakeholders.

LBH Parks Officers work closely with GS and the Friends of Inwood Park to monitor progress and discuss future plans.

This includes:

- Performance against the requirements of the Management Plan
- Provision and analysis of infrastructure surveys
- Provision and analysis of asset surveys
- KPI's and Performance monitoring

An annual SWOT analysis will be carried out by all stakeholders and, together with the information gathered from all the monitoring methods will be recorded and fed into annually updated management plans.

GFA Judges Feedback and award outcome will enable continuous learning, development and improvement by all partners involved in the award process.

Action Planning

Our action plan for Inwood Park is provided in Appendix 1. This plan is based on an evaluation of the SWOT analysis together with other projects and plans raised by the Friends group. The action plan lists actions and categorises based on timescales and the Green Flag award criteria. The plan will also allocate ownership for each task to the key stakeholders.





Appendix 1

Inwood Park | Green Flag Award | Action Plan Updated 2025

Key to Action Plan

Green Flag Award Criteria

W Welcoming Place
H Healthy, Safe and Secure
VM Well Maintained and Clean
S Sustainability
BH Biodiversity and Heritage
C Community
Mkt Marketing
Mgt Management

Stakeholders

LBH Parks Service Management Team
GS Lampton Greenspace
FoIP Friends of Inwood Park

Delivery Timescales

S Short term (less than 1 year)
M Medium term (1 to 3 years)
L Long term (3+ years)
O Ongoing

MANAGEMENT ACTION	STAKE-HOLDER	GREEN FLAG CRITERIA	TIME-SCALE	STATUS 2025
Review of all infrastructure	LBH	W, H, WM	S	Infrastructure plan to be prepared for 2022/23
Review of closed buildings	LBH, FoIP	BH, W, C	L	Looking into the development of the community café into a Community Hub with Friends of Inwood Park which will incorporate a workshop for cycle hub.
Review parks signage	LBH	W, S	M	New signage installed.
Recommission and upgrade the waterplay facility and surrounding landscape	LBH, GS	W, H, WM, S, C	S	Project successfully delivered in 2022. Water play facility seasonally operating – recommissioned in Spring/Summer, decommissioned Autumn/Winter.
Improved surface around old boating lake for junior and all ability cycle track	LBH	W, H, WM, S, C	S	Project successfully delivered in 2024.
Continue to work with LBH Road Safety team to deliver All Ability bike sessions on the track	LBH	W, H, WM, S, C	O	On-going
Continue to consult and engage with the local community	LBH, GS, FoIP	C	O	Ongoing



MANAGEMENT ACTION	STAKE-HOLDER	GREEN FLAG CRITERIA	TIME-SCALE	STATUS 2025
Continue to work with the Friends of Inwood Park. Continue to provide support to other Community Volunteers/Services to promote greening activities	LBH	C	O	Ongoing. New Friend Group active and engaging park users. They have developed a walking group – Woof Pack since COVID.
Continue to consult and engage with the local community	LBH, GS, FoIP	C	O	Ongoing
LBH to facilitate opportunities for Education and Heritage at the site	LBH, GS, FoIP	C	O	Support Hounslow Town School use the park for sports days
Support Fitness activities in the park with promotion of the new fitness trail facility	LBH, GS	O		Increased positive use of the park
Continue to publicise the park through LBH website, social media platforms and notice board. Also, borough wide campaigns, including achievements, initiatives, and announcements.	LBH, FoIP	C, Mkt	O	Ongoing
Support other positive promotion of the park through various media platforms.	LBH, GS	Mkt	O	Ongoing
The management plan to be reviewed annually and the action plan to be updated annually	LBH, GS	Mgt	O	Ongoing
Work with the Friends of Inwood Park and other community groups to advertise and link in community events.	LBH, FoIP	C, BH, W, M	O	Ongoing

Appendix 2

Annual Maintenance Work Schedules

The following table provides an overview of the annual maintenance work schedules. All frequencies are subject to seasonal variations, resource, and specific horticultural requirements. They are reviewed annually by the Operations Manager at GS to ensure they remain suitable and reflect any significant site changes. See “Meeting the Green Flag Criteria” section for more detailed management information.

Service	Frequency/Management information
GM Summer works (March - October) <i>Amenity grassland cutting</i> <i>Rough grassland cutting</i> <i>Wildflower meadow cutting</i> <i>Hedge & shrub cutting</i>	Managed by the Grounds Maintenance Teams Once every 3 weeks 1-2 cuts per summer season 1-2 cuts per summer season 1 “reduce cut” dependent on horticultural requirements
GM Winter works (October – March) <i>Hedge & shrub cutting</i> <i>Pond clearance</i> <i>Leaf clearance</i>	Managed by the Grounds Maintenance Teams 1 “hard cut” dependent on horticultural requirements As required, dependent upon size and conditions As required, from hard surfaces and grass areas
Cleansing <i>Litter collection & bin emptying</i> <i>Non-offensive graffiti removal</i> <i>Offensive graffiti removal</i> <i>Fly tip removal</i>	Managed by the Cleansing Teams [site specific] Daily, including bank holidays Within 7 days of notification Within 24 hours of notification Within 48 hours of notification
Playgrounds <i>Safety inspections</i>	Managed by the Playground Inspectors 1 visual inspection per week minimum (based upon site usage), quarterly “operational” inspections, recorded, annual independent inspections by the Royal Soc. for the Protection of Accidents (ROSPA), recorded.
Infrastructure <i>Cleansing (bins, benches, signs etc).</i> <i>Lighting</i> <i>Buildings</i>	Various teams/management As required, based on visual inspections and reports Inspections and repairs managed by Hounslow Highways All H&S checks conducted, electrical, fire, water, etc.
Trees <i>Tree inspections</i> <i>Tree maintenance</i> <i>Tree watering</i> <i>Tree planting</i>	Managed by the Tree Team Annually Based on previous inspections, prioritised by H&S Summer: May – September (for trees under 3 years) Winter: October – March
Site Specific Features & Services <i>Site Attendant</i>	Daily general cleansing and horticultural tasks and to report issues when found



Monitoring the Annual Maintenance Work Schedules

Members of the Parks Team conduct site visits to ensure that the work schedules are being adhered to and report issues to GS to resolve where necessary. Customer enquiries relating to maintenance issues are also routinely assessed to ensure they are rectified in a suitable and timely manner.

The Parks Team are currently working with the Ward Improvement Team to develop a new monitoring program, which we expect to be deployed in spring 2025.

The program will rely upon the Land Audit Management System (LAMS), developed by the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE). This is an industry recognised approach, which many local authorities use to monitor the performance of their park services.

The program will also make use of and refer closely to the guidance provided by Parks for London in their recently updated Green Space Quality Manual. This provides valuable insight and understanding as to “what good looks like” and will help to ensure a consistent approach is taken during routine monitoring.

The new monitoring program will be periodically reviewed to help measure its success in improving the parks services. We expect it to help identify where there are issues and trends in performance to inform how best to deploy resource in the areas which require it the most.

For more information regarding the tools and approach that will be used for the monitoring program, please visit the [APSE LAMS](#) page and download the Parks for London [Green Space Quality Manual](#).





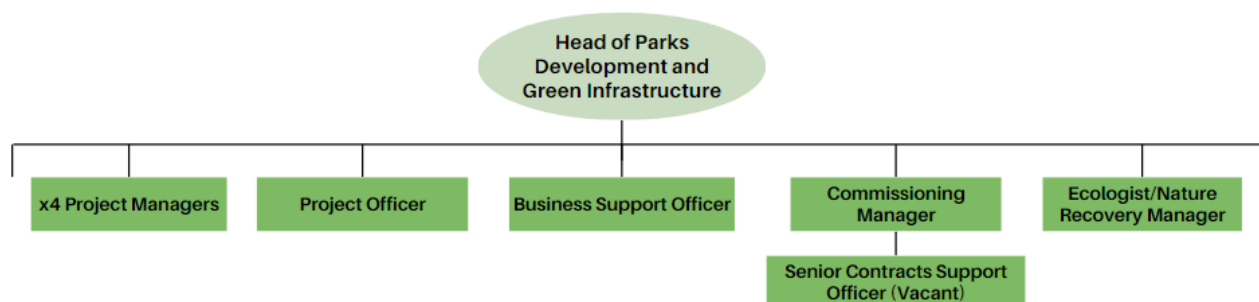
Appendix 3

Management Structure & Responsibilities

Inwood Park is owned and managed by the LBH and maintained by the GS. Information below sets out the management structure and describes the roles and responsibilities of the key personnel involved in managing and maintaining the site.

LBH Parks Service Management Structure

The Environment and Culture Directorate provide the following roles who are responsible for the management, and associated roles, of Hounslow's parks and open spaces:



LBH Head of Parks Development & Green Infrastructure

Senior commissioning role for the management and partnership with GS, senior advisor in relation to parks and open spaces, strategy and policy development, Member's liaison.

LBH Parks Project Managers (x4)

Project development and management, fundraising, community engagement and consultation, implementation, strategy, and policy setting.

Parks Project Officer

Development and delivery of projects, fundraising, community engagement and support Head of Parks.

Commissioning Manager

Supplier performance governance and relationship management, Legal and contracts, Planning/Commissioning, Operational Service delivery and business processes/systems.

Senior Contracts Support Officer

Supplier performance, customer service and casework, community engagement and consultation, project support.

Parks Business Support Officer

Assistance with finance; administration, project support and communications.

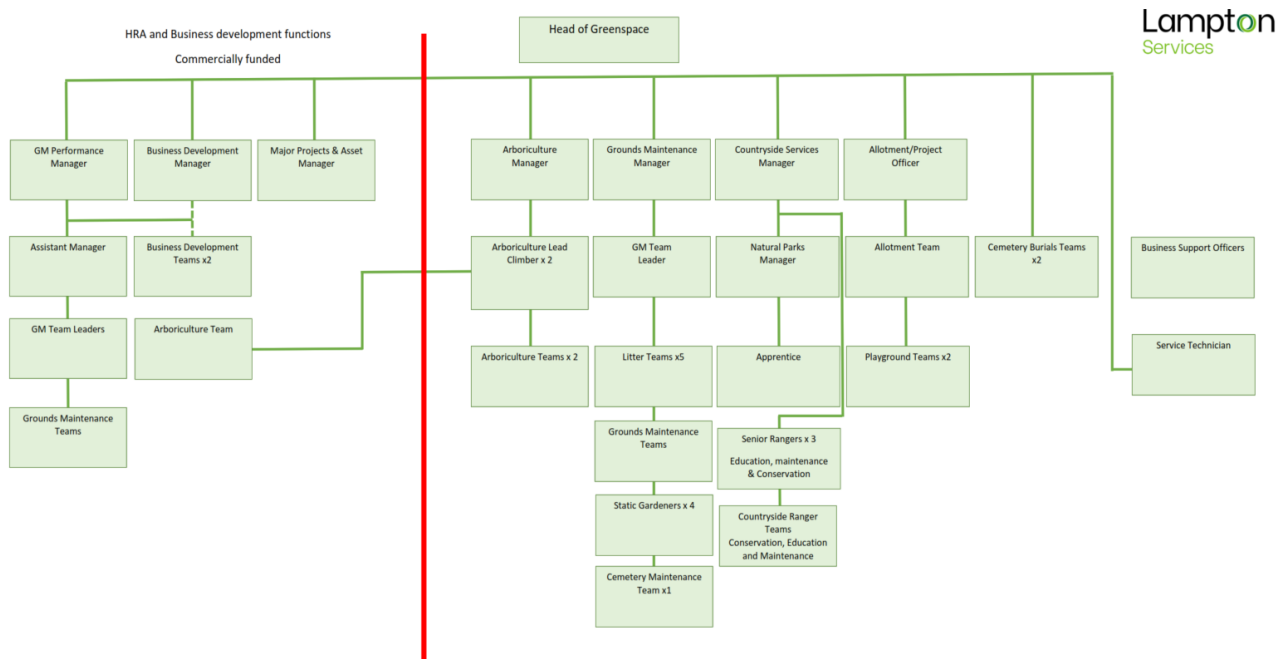
Ecologist and Nature Recovery Manager

Responsible for providing expert ecological advice relating to the management, protection and enhancement of important habitats and species within the borough.



Greenspace Management Structure

The following GS roles are responsible for the management of Hounslow's parks and open spaces:



Head of Service

Responsible for the ground's maintenance service provision. Oversees the delivery of the specification which includes infrastructure.

Projects Manager including the Allotment Service

Responsible for the development of park infrastructure, management of the allotment service, overseeing horticultural standards, schemes, and developments. Main contact for contractors (CDM). Friends and Member liaison.

Countryside Manager

Responsible for the management of the borough's countryside service. This role includes the management of the Ranger team and educational, animal husbandry, environmental and wildlife operations/programs associated with these locations.

Planned Maintenance Manager

Responsible for the management of the operational resources to deliver the ground maintenance services for the parks and open spaces sites.

Performance & Support Officer

Customer Service functions- Freedom of Information (FOI), customer enquiries, councillors' enquiries, and monthly statistics; technical project support.



Tree Team Manager

Responsible for the teams that carry out the inspections and maintenance of the boroughs 85,000 park trees. Oversees all tree planting schemes for the council and community groups in parks. Managing and mapping/recording of invasive species. Planning application guidance to LBH.

Playground Inspectors x2

Visual, operational, and minor repairs of playgrounds. Inspected annually external contractor.

Operational Teams

Grounds maintenance is delivered using mobile teams. These teams provide the Grass cutting, horticultural tasks, general maintenance, litter bin emptying and litter picking.

Business Support Officer

Provides administration for fleet, handles finances and overtime schedules.



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